

**Town of Nahant
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen and Board of Health
Wednesday April 20, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom
Meeting Minutes**

**Joshua A. Antrim, Chairman, Eugene Canty, Vice Chairman
Mark P. Cullinan, Recording Secretary, Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

Attendance: Joshua A Antrim (JA), Eugene Canty (GC), Mark P. Cullinan (MC), Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening

JA: Opened the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health at 6:32pm on Wednesday April 20, 2022.

Coronavirus Update:

TA: Total case count (since beginning) 600

Total PCR tests 18,709

Current cases for April= 13 (home tests are not included)

Current positivity rate for Nahant = 2.11%

Current positivity rate for MA=4.20%

Tests last 2 weeks 4/3-4/16

221 tests/11 positive

TA: We received notice that the expiration date for the at home COVID tests that we have has been extended to July 2022.

1. Opening Comments

- 2022 Resident Parking Stickers now available
- Compost area open on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Curbside leaf pick up Recycling for metal/white goods/tv/computers begins April 30th
- Annual Town Election is Saturday April 30, 2022.
- Vacancy on the Town owned Land Study Committee

2. New Business

a. Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation

JA: Read the Children's Mental Health Week Proclamation which recognizes and supports children's mental health.

b. Approve Appointment of COA Assistant

Motion:

MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to Approve the Appointment of Michele Marshall as the Assistant to the Executive Director of the Council on Aging".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

c. Approve BOS meeting minutes

GC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from February 2, 2022 and February 16, 2022".

MC: Seconded the motion

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

d. Approve Event Requests:

MC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Event Requests for the following:

- Nahant Little League April 30, 2022-June 23, 2022, week nights 5:30PM-7:00PM and weekends starting at 10:00AM at the Flash Road Baseball Fields.
- Coolidge Middle School, Reading, MA, Kite Days May 23, 2022 and May 24, 2022 from 12:00-1:30PM at Short Beach
- Johnson Elementary School 6th Grad and Scholarship Award Ceremony on June 16, 2022 at 6:00PM in the Main Hall at the Nahant Town Hall.
- HOOMPA Nickel 5 Mile Road Race September 17, 2022 starting at 2:00PM at the American Legion Post 215, Nahant.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

e. Approve One Day Liquor Licenses

GC: I move that the Board of Selectmen Vote to Approve an All Alcohol One Day Liquor License to the American Legion Post 215, 96 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908 for the following days and times:

- April 24, 2022 from 12:00PM-3:00PM for a Celebration of Life for Fred Gove
- May 7, 2022 from 1:00PM-10:00PM for a Kentucky Derby Party and Fundraiser
- May 30, 2022 from 12:00PM-9:00PM for a Memorial Day Celebration
- June 10, 2022 from 4:00PM-9:00PM for the Flag Retirement Ceremony

And authorize the Town Administrator to sign the One Day Liquor Licenses for approved events"

MC: seconded

Discussion: Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): To be clear these are four different separate licenses

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

3. Ongoing Business

a. 2022 Town Administrator Goals- Continued to future meeting

b. Approve Employment Contracts for NPD Chief, NFD Chief and DPW Superintendent – continued to future meeting

c. Vote to Open and Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee

JA: I move to open the annual town meeting warrant

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

TA: shared his screen to show the annual town meeting warrant for May 21, 2022 and the track changes that are presented to be voted on. On Article 17: Today we got approval from the State Revolving fund that \$2 million dollars, as part of the borrowing article back in 2018, would be eligible to be used through the sewer revolving fund, so therefore we can reduce this total borrowing article by \$2million because it was already approved in 2018. So once we got approval from bond counsel and from DEP's counsel we were able to make this change. This allows us to borrow this sum of money through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, which is a long term low interest loan. This amount of money sets us up for projects that will occur over the next 10 years.

TA: Explained edits to Articles 20, CPC Articles, Article 29, Article 32.

MC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the changes to the town meeting warrant as presented

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

Motion:

MC: I move the Board of Selectmen vote to close the town meeting warrant.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

d. Vote to approve FY23 budget changes- No changes and no need for vote at this time

4. Preserving East Point

-Attorney Jeff Blake joined and gave update

5. Town Administrators Report

TA: Preparing for Town Meeting. This week I completed first phase of Procurement Management Training this week with Alison and Zach. We have been having continued conversations with FEMA, MEMA, CZM, to continue to make strides towards the outstanding damage projects that we received funding for from FEMA. Leading up to town meeting I will have informational public sessions. Village church community breakfast returning.

Discussion on Lowlands Drainage.

6. Citizens Forum

Brendan Barnanek Olmstead (2 Summer St.): Asked about the survey being done with drones

Bob Fields: Thanked the DPW and spoke about upcoming events at the American Legion

7. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion:

JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to executive session

- a.** In accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy as to impending litigation against HUD regarding 9 Little Nahant Road; and **b.** In accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(6) to consider the value of 9 Little Nahant Road if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and will not return to an open meeting”.

MC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to executive session

GC: seconded the motion

JA: And we will not be returning to open session

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **MC:** yes **JA:** yes

Meeting adjourned at: 8:02pm to executive session on Wednesday April 20, 2022

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on May 25, 2022

Meeting Minutes approved by: the Board of Selectmen on the ____15th____ day of ____June____ 2022