**Town of Nahant**

**Joint Meeting**

**Board of Selectmen, Board of Health and Nahant Housing Authority**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday January 19, 2022 at 6:30pm via Zoom**

**Joshua A. Antrim, Chairman**

**Eugene Canty, Vice Chairman**

**Mark P. Cullinan, (MC)**

**Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

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

***Housing Authority***: Mickey Long (ML) David Wilson (DW) Susan Bonner (SB) Kelly Collins (KC)

1. ***Meeting Opening***

***JA***: Opened the joint meeting of the board of selectmen, board of health and Nahant Housing Authority at 6:31pm on Wednesday January 19, 2022

***Coronavirus update:***

***DM:***  15 new positive COVID cases in town come in today. 116 positive cases in January. That doesn’t include any at positive at home tests. From 1/2/22 to 1/15/22 606 residents were tested and 89 positive. The Governor announced testing changes in school beginning 1/31/22, there will be no more test and stay programs, rather pool testing once a week at school and at home testing once a week.

***MC****:* Asked Town Counsel if the Housing Authority should open their meeting

***ML***: Opened the meeting of the Nahant Housing Authority

1. ***Opening Comments:***

***JA:***

**\***Winter parking ban in effect until March 20,2022. All vehicles must be parked off the street from 12am-6am

**\***Nahant seeking snow plow drivers

**\***Open seat on the COA Board

***JA:*** Going a little out of order. Attorney Jeff Blake to give update on legal status with Northeastern

-***Preserving East Point***

***Jeff Blake (Attorney KP Law)***: Gave updated status of 6 pending cases regarding litigation to Northeastern University

-***Housing Authority Discussion: Nahant Housing Authority***

***MC:*** BOS have been talking about how to address housing needs in town like affordability, senior housing, parcels subject to 40B development, zoning

***TA:*** This is just the beginning of this initiative and a housing production plan, want to bring the housing authority in so we are aware of what we are doing and take the info back to you board, stay in communication about what involvement you would want to have. There is a need for senior housing and affordable housing. Every town is required to meet a 10% threshold of subsidized housing inventory, Nahant’s is at 3% and all of it is with the housing authority. Those are the only units in town that comply with the law. Chapter 40B would allow a developer to override local zoning bylaws if we don’t meet that threshold. Brining in a consultant to help figure out our needs and our options would help. Will be submitting CPC application to help with this.

***Mickey Long***: Made a motion to adjourn the Housing Authority meeting at 7:42pm

***Kelley Collins (Housing Authority):*** Gave update on projects completed at housing units, completed two siding projects at spring and emerald road, and a design plan for residing and new windows for the Greystone property. New windows for some units on spring and emerald road will be started and fire alarms at spindrift.

1. ***National Grid Public Hearing***

***MC***: Moved to open the National Grid Public Hearing at 7:46pm

***GC:*** seconded

National Grid Representative joined the hearing for a request of work to be done at 116 Willow Rd for Carl and Linda Jenkins. Carl Jenkins also on the call. Nahant to place underground electrical conduits.

***MC:*** Opened the hearing for anyone for or against the petition for work.

***MC***: **“**I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the petition submitted by National Grid to excavate the public highways and to run and maintain underground electric conduits, together with such sustaining and protecting fixtures as it may find necessary for the transmission of electricity, said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: Willow Road, Nahant, MA 01908 and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the petition”

***GC***: second

***Roll call vote***

***GC;*** yes

***MC:*** yes

***JA:*** yes

***MC:*** Moved to close the National Grid Public Hearing at 7:51pm

***GC:*** second

***Roll call vote***

***GC;*** yes

***MC:*** yes

***JA:*** yes

1. ***New Business***
2. ***Vote to award RFP- Financial Software***

***GC:***

“I move that the Board of Selectmen approve Tyler Technologies to receive the bid award for the Enterprise Resource Planning Financial Software bid and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the bid award contract”

***MC:*** second

This is the Munis software that the town voted on at Town Meeting 2021.

***Roll call vote:***

***GC;*** yes

***MC:*** yes

***JA:*** yes

1. ***Vote to award RFP-Town Hall and Library Envelope Restoration bid***

\*\*Not ready to award\*\*

1. ***Vote to authorize Massachusetts Clean Water Trust Interim Loan***

***MC:*** Read the Clean Water Trust Vote- ***Entire Vote and*** ***Motion attached to minutes***

***GC:*** second

This is related to the sewer borrowing. This was authorized by a town meeting vote two times.

***Roll call vote:***

***GC:*** yes

***MC:*** yes

***JA:*** yes

1. ***Vote to approve appointment***

***GC***: “I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the appointment of Jim Dolan to the Community Preservation Committee”

***MC:*** second

***Roll call vote:***

***GC:*** yes

***MC:*** yes

***JA:*** yes

1. ***Approve Event Request***

***GC:*** “I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for S.W.I.M Beach Clean-up day Sunday May 22, 2022 from 11am-2pm”

***MC:*** second

***Roll call vote:***

***GC:*** yes

***MC:*** yes

***JA:*** yes

1. ***Ongoing Business***
2. ***Housing Authority Discussion- \*\*discussed earlier in the meeting\*\****
3. ***Review of CPC articles approved at the 2021 Annual Town Meeting***

***Lynne Spencer (Chair of the Community Preservation Committee***): There were 21 CPC articles from last year’s Town Meeting- Read Articles A-V from the town warrant. $157,000 was granted in three areas, Historical Preservation, Affordable housing, and Open Space.

Articles and info can be found on the 2021 Town Meeting warrant at nahant.org

For FY23 we have a strong match capability. In the past state matches were around 60-70% of our real estate tax surcharge. It is likely we will be above that this year.

1. ***Preserving East Point***

***\*\*Jeff Blake (Council) gave presentation earlier in the meeting\*\****

1. ***Town Administrators Report***

***TA:*** In the process of putting budgets and CPC grant applications together. We were awarded a cybersecurity grant. The Short Beach NOI is in front of the ConCom for approval tonight.

We received a $50,000 earmark last year for telecommunications improvements and we are going to use that to connect all of our town municipal buildings with fiber cable. LED conversion lighting in all buildings underway. Stantec in town doing sign and sidewalk audit.

1. ***Citizens Forum***

No citizens/residents typed in a question or spoke

***GC:*** Made a motion to adjourn the meeting

***MC***: second

***Roll call vote:*** All in favor

***Meeting Adjourned at:*** 8:41pm on Wednesday January 19, 2022

***Meeting Minutes Prepared by:*** Administrative Assistant, Kristin Taylor on Thursday February 24, 2022.

***Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the*** \_\_\_2nd\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_March\_\_\_\_\_ 2022.