**Town of Nahant**

**Joint Meeting**

**Board of Selectmen & Board of Health**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Wednesday June 9, 2021 at 6:00pm via Zoom**

**Joshua A. Antrim, Chairman**

**Eugene Canty, Vice Chairman**

**Mark P. Cullinan, Recording Secretary**

**Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

1. **Meeting Opening 6:00pm:**

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

**JA:** Opened the Joint Meeting of the Nahant Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health at 6:02pm.

* 1. *Coronavirus update with Health nurse Deborah Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon*
     1. *Statistics*
     2. *Vaccines*
     3. *Testing*
     4. *Re-opening phases and in person meetings*

**Anna McNicolas:** No new cases in the past 7 days. 73% of the total town population is fully vaccinated. They are studying the vaccine more and we will start to see younger groups get vaccinated. Lynn Tech Clinic is starting to wind down hours and will move to Lynn Community Health Main Campus probably in July.

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| Age Group | % of TOWN Population Vaccinated |
| 12-15 years | 43% 1st dose |
| 16-19 years | 85% 1st dose | 71% 2nd dose |
| 20-29 years | 79% 1st dose | 70% 2nd dose |
| 30-49 years | 85% 1st dose | 74% 2nd dose |
| 50-64 years | 91% 1st dose | 85% 2nd dose |
| 65-74 years | 95% 1st dose | 95% 2nd dose |
| 75+ YEARS | 95% 1st dose | 85% 2nd dose |

**JA:** State of Emergency is expected to be lifted June 15, 2021.

**Daniel Skrip (Town Counsel):** Open Meeting Law will revert back to its previous status on June 15. There are two bills pending: one for a permanent change and one for a temporary change.

1. **Opening Comments:**

**JA:**

* 1. *Compost area open on Wednesday and Saturday from 9am-3pm. 2021 Nahant Resident Parking stickers are required. List of acceptable materials on Nahant.org. No plastic, grass, leaves, twigs, tree stumps, etc.*
  2. *Recycling for TV/White Goods/Metal/Computers last Saturday of each month from 8am-12pm behind the DPW garage. Fees may apply. Checks only, no cash. Visit Nahant.org for a list of acceptable materials.*
  3. *Parking stickers available for purchase at Nahant.org. $10/ticket and all outstanding bills must be paid and census completed before purchase.*
  4. *Water/Sewer bills due June 28, 2021. Direct any questions to Treasurer/Collector’s office.*

**GC:** Discussed complaints of continuous speeding by Nahant Town Hall heading towards Wharf Street. Residents are asking for a 25MPH sign in the area.

1. **New Business:**
   1. *Approve Johnson School Field Day June 15, 2021 from 8am-2:15pm at Flash Road Park*

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve Johnson School Field Day June 15, 2021 from 8am-2:15pm at Flash Road Park with rain date of June 17, 2021.

**GC:** Second

**Discussion:**

**JA** & **MC** excited for the children to be able to be together and outside again. Johnson School filed a COVID-19 safety compliance guideline.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**GC**: yes

**MC**: yes

**JA:** yes

* 1. *Approve Waste Management Contract*

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen execute the solid waste and recyclable material collection transportation and processing contract with Waste Management of Massachusetts INC. dated July 1, 2021 with a contract term ending July 1, 2026.

**GC:** Second

**Discussion:**

**TA:** Contract from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2026.

**Ed Pacek (Waste Management):** Thanked the town for good relationship. The recycling market is improving and will position Nahant well within this new contract to have a price that is flat. There is some volatility but if the market improves, the price for recycling will continue to trend down. Introducing recycling carts to the town—nice curb appeal and functionality. This will keep the recycling dry for processing. The eco-cart Nahant will receive is made with previously recyclable materials.

**MC:** The waste collection contract is exempt from traditional Chapter 30(b) procurement laws.

**TA:** There will be information when the new barrels arrive about what you can do with your old barrels.

**Ed Pacek (Waste Management):** WM invoices the town for the collection service but also for the tonnage collected (trash & recycling). That information is contained in the invoice.Looking towards making a monthly report with tonnage information as well as missed pickups, etc.New recycling bins are expected to arrive in early August.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

* 1. *Vote to approve sale of bonds and sign associated paperwork*

**Motion:**

**JA:** I move that the Board of Selectmen approve the votes as written and incorporated such votes into the minutes of this meeting.

**GC:** Second

**Discussion:**

**Alison Nieto (Town Accountant):** Discussed and explained BANs.

**MC:** Discussed potentially taking advantage of the current low interest rates.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

* 1. *Vote to Approve FY22 Water, Sewer, and Trash rates*

**Motion:**

**GC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the FY22 Water Rate of $9.92, and FY22 Sewer Rate of $14.08.

**MC:** Second

**Discussion:**

**TA:** Discussed fixing leaks in the past year and that our increase rate is relatively low, comparatively. The increase in sewer was expected. Looking potentially at developing a tiered rate structure based on usage.

**JA:** If you can conserve water, you will save on your water and sewer.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

* 1. *Vote to Approve FY22 Trash Rate and Elderly Exemption*

*\*\*\*Motion to Move Postponed*

* 1. *FY22 Fee Schedule for Review Only*

**TA:**  The only things changed in the fee schedule was water, sewer, and trash rates. All other fees stayed flat and it is anticipated to stay the same this year.

*\*\*\*Motion to Move Postponed*

* 1. *FY22 Appointments for review and votes*

**Motion:**

**GC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Brendan Carritte as the Treasurer/Collector for FY22.

**MC:** Second

**Discussion:**

**TA:** According to the Town Charter, the only position that requires an annual vote is the Town Treasurer/Collector.

**GC, MC, TA, JA, & Daniel Skrip (Town Counsel):** Discussed charter commission around the topic of the Treasurer/Collector having to be appointed every year.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**JA:**

* 1. *Vacant seat on the Board of Assessors. Please send letter of interest and resume to* [*ktaylor@nahant.org*](mailto:ktaylor@nahant.org)
  2. *Nahant Fire Department now accepting application for Fire Chief. Send cover letter and resume to* [*ktaylor@nahant.org*](mailto:ktaylor@nahant.org)
     1. *Job description and posting is on Nahant.org*
  3. *Job Posting for Assistant Town Accountant. Send letters of interest and resumes to* [*anieto@nahant.org*](mailto:anieto@nahant.org)
     1. *Job description and posting is on Nahant.org*

1. **Ongoing Business:**
   1. *Vote to approve and sign Town Administrator’s Contract*

**Motion:**

**MC:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign the Town Administrator’s Contract with a starting term of July 1, 2021 to July 1, 2024.

**GC:** Second

**Discussion:**

**MC:** Discussed the multiple past meetings in Executive Sessions and agreement amongst the Board of Selectmen of this contract.

**Roll Call Vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

**GC:** Cited Stein, the Massachusetts Port Authority (within the Lynn Item) about Logan Airport potentially changing their flight paths to fly over the causeway instead of Swampscott.

**Daniel Skrip (Town Counsel):** There is an action committee looking into this. The town currently has no representation in this committee, so it is open if anyone is interested.

**TA:** Bob D’amico reached out and said that he may still be able to remain part of the Noise Abatement Committee. They are going through a test process and we have been eyeing the situation.

1. **Preserving East Point:**

**JA:** At the last meeting, letters were exchanged with Northeastern about having a meeting to get a discussion going about preserving East Point. Only one selectmen can attend the meeting so it will be **JA**, **TA**, and **Town Counsel Jeff Blake** attending this first meeting.

1. **Town Administrator’s Report:**
   1. *Recognize poll workers and volunteers from 2021 Town Meeting*

**TA:**Record number of registered voters at Town Meeting this year. Thanked the poll workers and volunteers*. Carol Nelson, Polly Anderson, Kim Carmody, Sherri April, Sue Edwards, Jen McCarthy, and Anna Maycheck especially*. There was a sewer break last week on the Lynnway from the sewer main.There has been a sewer break in the first 5 days of June for the past three years. It was a fairly quick fix but we do not have a price yet for its cost. It was all contained in an existing manhole. The sewer project plans will go to DEP and DCR next week for their review. The hope is to advertise the bid on this project in August. Award will be by the end of August. By the end of September a temporary bypass pipe. A permanent pavement restoration will happen in the spring after plow season. Cited and showed the plan and said that there are copies available in the Town Hall. Also showed a visual of what the new pipe and connections would look like.

**JA:** The funding for this project was approved at the reduced scale at the September 15, 2020 Town Meeting. This spending has been authorized by the voters.

**TA:** Meeting tomorrow with The Wall That Heals personnel. Meeting regularly until July 14. Comcast Contract is up for renewal in July.

**Daniel Skrip (Town Counsel):** There will be a hearing so that residents have the chance to voice any issues they may have with Comcast. A little bit of negotiation needs to occur with Comcast. The two intangibles are going to be the paid contribution that they currently make at $45,000 per contract term and any poll issues that might come up. Reminder that the hearing is a regulatory requirement by the state.

**TA:** Reminder that the next Board of Selectmen meeting will likely be under the old rules and will be in person at the Town Hall.

**MC:** **Linda Jenkins** and **Jimmy Ward** were both interested in forming a volunteer group in Nahant of citizens that could help out with small projects around town and also potentially help out seniors. They hope to focus on what we have in common rather than our differences and try to bring the community together more.

**TA:** Discussed ramping up community events in the future and potentially get things started this summer. Plans for a potential farmer’s market in town have begun.

1. **Citizen’s Forum:**

**Brendan Baranrk-Olmstead (2 Summer Street):** Asked question about how to remove a sailboat keel that is on his property from a storm two years ago.

**Tom Alessi (155 Nahant Road):** Asked question about picking up trash barrels on Kennedy Court so his tenants do not have to walk down to Nahant Road.

1. **Adjourn:**

**Motion:**

**JA:** Is there a motion to adjourn?

**MC:** I move

**GC:** Second

**Roll Call Vote:**

**GC:** yes

**MC:** yes

**JA:** yes

Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session on June 9, 2021 at 8:01pm.

Meeting Minutes prepared by Assistant, Olivia Cooke on June 15, 2021

Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_\_\_\_28th\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_July\_\_\_2021.

**\*\*Approved by the Board of Selectmen via Zoom on 7/28/21\*\***