

**Town of Nahant
Joint Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Board of Selectmen & Board of Health
Thursday April 29, 2021 at 7:30pm via Zoom
Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman
Eugene Canty, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

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

1. Meeting Opening

MC: Opened the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health Meeting at 7:30pm on April 29, 2021 via Zoom

a. Coronavirus update

Deb Murphy (public health nurse) : Currently in Nahant we only have 2 active cases of COVID and 5 in the last recording period. We are in the green. Today we had the COVID vaccine clinic at the town hall with the Lynn BOH> We had about 50 people in a 2 hour span. Lynn BOH has received some Pfizer vaccines and starting Monday we will be reaching out to the 16 or older population. The Lynn Tech vaccine site will be operating until the end of May.

John Coulon (Health Officer): We are looking at Regional mass vaccination site to open at Salem State College and working with other local Boards of Health. There are dates planned by the state for re-opening phases and will happen as long as the numbers stay down and people get vaccinated.

TA: I would also like the BOS to approve a plan from Linda Peterson and the Council on Aging that John Coulon and I already looked at and approved. Many programs at the COA have been on hold due to COVID but is important for the seniors. There will be mask wearing, social distancing, volunteers and participants will be vaccinated. Vigorous cleaning before and after.

John Coulon: I agree with the re-opening plan that Linda Peterson has presented and feel it will be followed and enforced and we are looking for the BOS approval to move forward.

Motion:

JA: I move that the Council on Aging may open the Tiffany Room in accordance with the approval of John Coulon

GC: second

Roll call vote;

JA: yes

GC: yes

MC : yes

2. Opening Comments

MC: Parking stickers now available at nahant.org and need a valid registration. Real estate bills due May 3, 2021. Compost area open on wed and sat from 9am-3pm with a valid nahant sticker. Recycling for white goods/metal/tv and computers is the last sat of each month 8am-12 behind the DPW. Fees apply visit nahant.org for more info. Now accepting Charles Kelley scholarship applications due April 30, 2021. The Beautification Committee looking for two volunteers, send letters of interest to ktaylor@nahant.org, mail or drop off to town hall. The Council on Aging is looking for a board member, send letters of interest to ktaylor@nahant.org mail or drop off to town hall.

3. New Business

a. Vote to reorganize the BOS

Motion:

GC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Joshua Antrim to the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

MC: second

Roll call vote:

GC: yes

MC: yes

JA: yes

JA: Thanked the board for their support and the opportunity. Read remarks.

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Eugene Canty as the Vice Chairman of the Board of Selectmen

MC: second

Roll call vote:

MC: yes

GC: yes

JA: yes

Motion

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Mark P. Cullinan to the Recording Secretary of the Board of Selectmen

GC: second

Roll call vote;

JA; yes

GC: yes

MC: yes

b. Approve Executive Session minutes

Motion

GC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve BOS Executive Session minutes from April 1, 2021

MC: second

Roll call vote:

JA: yes

MC: yes

GC: yes

4. Ongoing Business

5. Preserving East Point

JA: The CPC funding article, article 21 and article 22 which is the eminent authorization article, requires 3 million dollars from private donations in order to both execute the 1.5 million dollar bond or enact eminent domain, the news tonight is that the full 3 million dollars will be donated to Nahant and in Nahant's possession prior to town meeting. It has been agreed that

the donated 3 million dollars will be spent first. If the price is too high and the town decides to abandon the taking the private donations will still be spent first.

JA: Asked James Masterman (Eminent Domain Counsel): If the town abandons the taking under 80A what would be the position of the town if Northeastern claims in court that it is entitled to be paid for construction delays?

James Masterman: Explained Eminent Domain, temporary taking of land regarding Northeastern.

Discussion about Northeastern Expansion.

6. TA Report

TA: We got approximately 50,000 in COVID money from FEMA.

7. Citizens Forum

Brendan Baranrk-Olmstead: (2 Summer St)- Asked how the valuation of the Conservation land is determined since it can't be monetized?

JA: The summary of the appraisal is on nahant.org and addresses those questions.

Dewitt Brown (23 Phillips)- asked about articles on the warrant

Ken Carangelo- Asked when there will be a meeting with the town moderator about procedural questions for town meeting.

Motion:

GC: Motioned to adjourn at 9:31pm on Thursday April 29, 2021.

MC: Second

Roll Call Vote:

GC: yes

MC: yes

JA: yes

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant, on May 3, 2021.

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 6th day of May 2021

Via Zoom