

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, April 30, 2020 6:00 PM
Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Mark P. Cullinan, Vice Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator

1. Meeting Opening 6:00 pm

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the April 30, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard-I

Mark Cullinan-I

Josh Antrim-I

Unanimous vote in favor

Opening Comments

Mr. Lombard read aloud the following comments;

- a. Annual Town Election has been postponed until Saturday, June 20, 2020
- b. Annual Town Meeting has been postponed until Saturday, June 27, 2020
- c. Purchase your beach parking sticker on Nahant.org
- d. New Meeting Notice Hyperlink on Homepage of Town Website; Notice of Public Meetings
- e. Charles Kelley scholarship deadline has been extended to May 15, 2020
- f. Boat launching date has been postponed until May 21st

Mr. Antrim – On behalf of the entire Town, would like to express our condolences on the passing of Selectmen Mark Cullinan’s father, Francis “Cully” Cullinan.

Mr. Lombard echoed Mr. Antrim’s words and agreed he was a great guy.

Mr. Cullinan thanked them for their supportive words. Stated that his father loved this Town, loved his experience being a police officer and Police Chief in Town. He will certainly be missed.

TA echoed their words. Great guy. Best worker. Mentioned that there will be a drive by wake this weekend on Sunday from 2pm-4pm.

2. New Business

- a. Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from February 20, 2020

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from February 20, 2020

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote:
Richard Lombard-I
Mark Cullinan-I
Josh Antrim-I
Unanimous vote in favor

b. Summer Park League Discussion

TA the Governor has extended the Stay at Home advisory until May 18th. We are starting to look at what the phase in approach back into the normal way of life. One of those things are Park League, Sailing program and seasonal employees at DPW. We are going to work with Jen McCarthy and find out how the kids feel about coming back to work. I don't see anything happening before June 1st. Depends really on the positive numbers here in Nahant and MA. We put it on the agenda tonight to let people know that as we cross into May here we are actively working on how it is going to look. No final decisions yet. We are looking at a delay in most of those types of gatherings.

Health Nurse, Deb Murphy- Briefed the Board on discussions that we are taking place across the states. Explained how people aren't ready to have people come together. We aren't ready yet.

3. Ongoing Business

a. Approval of the Sale of the Water Bond to MWRA Dated May 18, 2020

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote that the sale of the \$318,000 Water Bond of the Town dated May 18, 2020, to Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (the "Authority") is hereby approved and the Town Treasurer or other appropriate Town official is authorized to execute on behalf of the Town a Loan Agreement and a Financial Assistance Agreement with the Authority with respect to the bond. The bond shall be payable without interest on May 15 of the years and in the principal amounts as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Installment</u>
2021	\$31,800	2026	\$31,800
2022	31,800	2027	31,800
2023	31,800	2028	31,800
2024	31,800	2029	31,800
2025	31,800	2030	31,800

Mr. Antrim further stated; and Further Vote that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing vote.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Discussion:

Mr. Cullinan – I assume these are all full 8" replacement lines?

TA DPW Superintendent, Zach Taylor and Vicky Masone are on the line.

Zach Taylor- that is correct. 8" lines.

*A brief discussion about this project took place between Zach, Vicky and Mr. Cullinan.

Mr. Lombard asked when this project will get underway.

Zach- bidding is next week and then they are given a 60 day performance period to get work complete. It will happen relatively quickly once we get a contract.

TA-We took a number of authorizations of MWRA borrowings and combined them. All of these have been voted and approved on by the Town. Some of these require the Board of Selectmen to vote in order to proceed with borrowing.

Mr. Lombard- This interest for MWRA is zero, correct?

Town Treasurer; Brendan Carritte- Correct, zero interest.

Mr. Lombard asked for the project to be well publicized. The areas, time table, streets involved.

Mr. Cullinan- asked for a future agenda item; a flushing program for hydrants over the next year, water testing and talk about cross connection program.

Zach Taylor- the testing is in place. Test every two weeks. Tests are brought over to MWRA in Chelsea. The hydrant flushing we are planning to do this year. With regards to cross connection sampling, I believe Westin & Sampson does it for us yearly.

Vicky Masone- Every year every water system has to report to DEP an annual statistical report. One of the worksheets in that report is all of the backflow data. Nahant uses Westin & Sampson as a contract tester and they provide us with a concise report every year.

Zach Taylor – we may want to wait until people go to work. Seems they are using more water while they are home.

TA -We also have MWRA coming out in the spring to do an intense water leak detector because we had a decent amount of leaks last year.

Roll Call Vote:

Richard Lombard- I

Mark Cullinan- I

Josh Antrim - I

Unanimous vote in favor

- b. BoH Approval of Emergency Order issued by BoH Appointed Agent regarding (5) people in essential businesses, facial covering, signage in essential businesses and delineation of at least 6' social distancing.

TA – shared his screen for people to read along and explained the order that will go into effect tomorrow. TA read the emergency order aloud. (Emergency Order attached at the end of these meeting minutes listed as Exhibit A). TA also mentioned that he would have new signage prepared and distributed tomorrow, regarding these changes.

*A brief discussion about this Emergency Order between TA and the Board took place.

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Health, pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 111, section 30, vote to approve the Emergency Order issued on Thursday, April 30, 2020 by the Board of Health appointed agent regarding additional Covid-19 precautions.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard-I

Mark Cullinan-I
Josh Antrim-I
Unanimous vote in favor

4. Town Administrator Report

TA- We are continuing to analyze whether or not we are going to be able to have Annual Town Meeting on June 27th. We haven't gotten any new guidance from the State as to when they will be releasing the House budget. That is a huge piece of information for us as we plan for next year's budget. With Town Election as mentioned at the last meeting, we are looking for volunteers. For anyone looking to get involved. We will be doing things a little different this year because of Coronavirus.

If folks want to vote through absentee ballot reach out to the Clerk's office or email Carol Nelson to cnelson@nahant.org and request for an application for an absentee ballot. Last day to register to vote is May 29th.

There is a tab on the homepage at nahant.org. Postings will still be on our community calendar, but moving forward there is a secondary tab on the homepage for any upcoming meetings.

With regards to the Charles Kelley scholarship- we have still yet to receive any essays or applicants. Anyone interested please mail or drop off in the drop box your scholarship application by May 15th.

Town Council; Dan Skrip- two points of confirmation; the application can be submitted up until the day before the election, but the actual submission of the ballot can be up to the actual day of the election. So you can actually submit your ballot the day of the election.

TA One more public announcement; with regards to the Memorial Day parade we haven't made a decision quite yet on that. He will be speaking with Molly Conlin tomorrow about it. We will let people know as soon as possible. If we do have a Memorial Day parade, it certainly is going to be different from years past.

Mr. Antrim- with regards to the Zoning By-Law change that was voted on last fall; there was a headline in the Item about a week and a half ago saying that it was rejected. That was not a true statement. It was approved, some of the language in that zoning by law change was rejected but the law was approved. What is boiled down to is that building in a natural resource area is allowed only to the extent as allowed by the Dover Amendment. I think that we need to have Nahant's legal counsel prepare direction for the Building Inspector for responses and actions in sequence of events in the event that a building application is submitted in a natural resource district.

Town Council; Dan Skrip- it is already in effect. The way the law states it goes into effect the date that it was voted. In terms of applications or building permits and variances it actually goes back to the first notice of the planning board meeting I believe was June 11th. There are some requirements in terms of publishing and posting but that is just tying of loose ends. It is already in full motion.

TA and we are putting together some guidance for what the process is and looks like. There is a sight plan review by the Planning Board, how the ConCom would be involved, how the ZBA would be involved. So we are trying to be prepared for something.

Mr. Cullinan- Echoed Josh's comments. Asks that Town Council makes all of the varies Boards and Committees know what their responsibilities are regarding the change in the by-law.

5. Citizen's Forum

Debbie Vanderslice- thanked everyone for keeping our government going during this crisis.

Michelle Capano- The new Emergency Order in only to wear face coverings in places of business, correct? You don't have to wear one while walking outside or working in your yard.

TA - Correct. We are strongly urging and the CDC is strongly urges it, but we are not requiring you to wear a mask while walking.

Alice Court- What is the policy for the Town employees who are out and about? Are they required to wear a mask and practice 6' distancing.

TA- DPW is working on a skeleton crew. We have 6 guys, 3 guys are working on any given day and they rotate so that they are separated in different trucks, etc. PPE personal protection supply is limited. You don't want to require that you are dressed fully at all times because we will run through that equipment quickly.

Zach Taylor also added; we have a number of policies in place for specialized PPE i.e sewer emergency. He has advised his guys to avoid general public interaction. A lot of their work can be done independently. We aren't entering people's homes doing water meter checks. The guys should have a mask on so if they do have to have any public interaction.

Mr. Lombard states: An executive session is necessary to discuss the lease and valuation of real property- Kelley Greens Golf Club, 1 Willow Road, Nahant. We will not reconvene in open session.

6. Adjourn- To Executive Session – Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6) to discuss the lease and valuation of real property – Kelley Greens Golf Club, 1 Willow Road, Nahant.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6) to discuss the lease and valuation of real property- Kelley Greens Golf Club, 1 Willow Road, Nahant. Regarding 1 Willow Road, Nahant. We will not reconvene in open session.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard-I

Mark Cullinan-I

Josh Antrim-I

Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned 7:22 pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

Board of Selectmen