

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:00 PM

Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Mark P. Cullinan, Vice Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator

1. Meeting Opening 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments

Mr. Lombard- the Board will be going back to normal schedule of the first and third Thursday of the month.

- a. Charles Kelley Scholarship - Accepting Essays now. Due April 1st.

Mr. Lombard read aloud; Scholarship is for \$1,000. Please type a short essay on what Community Service means to you. Please do not put your name on the essay. Please submit application to the selectmen's office at the Nahant Town Hall by April 1, 2020. For more information on how to apply, please visit nahant.org

Mr. Lombard read aloud the following opening comment;

- b. Town Hall will be closed on Monday, February 17th in observance of President's Day

2. New Business

- a. Approve Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2019 and Meeting Minutes from November 7, 2019

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2019

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve November 7, 2019 Meeting Minutes and to enter the attachment, Exhibit A, onto the record.

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

TA I'm going to have Chief Dwyer say a few words regarding the next two points of new business on the agenda.

Chief Dwyer- shared a few words about the two officers that were about to get voted and appointed by the Board.

- b. Approve the appointment of Matheus S. Neves as a Nahant Full-Time Police Officer

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Matheus Neves as a full-time Nahant Police Officer

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Unanimous vote in favor

- c. Approve the appointment of Amanda M. Morash as a Nahant Reserve Police Officer

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Amanda Morash as a Reserve Nahant Police Officer
Seconded by Mr. Cullinan
Unanimous vote in favor

Town Clerk, Margaret Barile swore in both Amanda Morash and Matheus Neves.

Town Clerk, Margaret Barile read aloud her letter of resignation.

Each member of the Board and TA all thanked Peggy for a wonderful job and for her service.

TA spoke about next steps for the Town Clerk Department. Our Charter in section 3.13 dictates that a resigned elected position would need an interim appointed by a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen and the remaining members of that board. Given that there are no remaining members of that Board, it would be a majority vote of the Board of Selectmen, should you wish to fill the position with an interim up until Election Day, where it would be an open seat for the one year term. Our next meeting is February 20th. We could post something on our website and Facebook. Ask for those who are interested in being considered for interim Town Clerk appointment to submit their resume and cover letter a week from tonight, the 13th and we could have this added to the agenda for the 20th to have a majority vote. If you are in agreement.

A discussion regarding the interim Town Clerk took place between the Board and TA.

The Board was in agreement with Tony's suggested course of action.

d. Approve Annual Tobacco Licenses

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve, Tobacco License renewal applications, with an expiration date of January 31, 2021, for Nahant Market, Richland and Seaside Variety.
Seconded by Mr. Antrim
Unanimous vote in favor

e. Approve the event request for Forty Steps Dance hosted by the Nahant Cultural Council on March 27th & 28th at Town Hall from 6pm-10pm

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request from the Nahant Cultural Council to host a Forty Steps Dance on March 27th and March 28th from 6pm-10pm at the Town Hall.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan
Unanimous vote in favor

f. Sign the Presidential Primary Warrant

TA- Just like any election we have to post the warrant 14 days in advance in 5 locations around the Town.

Mr. Antrim- I make a motion that the Board of Selectmen sign the Presidential Primary Warrant
Mr. Cullinan seconded
Unanimous vote in favor

3. Ongoing Business

4. Town Administrator Report

a. New Legislation Requiring Hands-Free Use of Electronic Devices While Driving

TA invited Chief Dwyer to give a briefing on the new hands free law that is going into place shortly.

Chief Dwyer spoke about the new law. Chapter 90 Section 13B

TA Budget: With regards to estimated cost for water, sewer and trash; we are looking at it very closely and working with Wastemanagement to negotiate a deal. Our contract is up June 30, 2020. We are facing significant cost increases with recycling and the cost of waste is going up. If we continue to work with Wastemanagement, one way to keep costs down depends on how we handle our trash. Switching to front end load dumpster, but also curb side pick up going to automated barrels. Things we should consider if we want to suppress the increase of our trash. I would like to get this on our next Board of Selectmen's meeting and talk about our options.

A discussion about our trash company/options took place between the TA and the Board.

TA This week the Town received two 4500 gallon per minute portable pumps. An effort with fund appropriated a few budgets ago. These trailer pumps are going to allow us to have equipment on site. These are diesel pumps that come with a discharge hose.

TA We have also had contractor and DPW hard at work clearing the gravity pump at Bear Pond. FEMA funded and pipe has been clogged for quite some time.

TA Just received our earmarks from the state budget. We received \$15,000 for Nahant Police department to replace a side by side ATV. The other earmark was public access here at the Town Hall for \$35,000.

TA With regards to the street lights project; next step is to purchase the street lights and get the conversion up.

Mr. Cullinan- Any word of the state match with the Community Preservation Committee?

TA- The state passed legislation that increased the amount statewide and our match went up to 59%. The next CPC meeting will be held at Town Hall on April 10th at 7pm.

Mr. Antrim- can you give a brief summary of the letter that went out from the Planning Board committee?

TA Yes, at the last BoS meeting the Board voted to send a letter to Northeastern regarding 5 day notice on any significant work. TA read the letter aloud. The Planning Board sent a letter to Northeastern. They met on February 4th and voted to investigate the recent clearing on Northeastern's property to see if a permit is required. They will be scheduling a site visit soon.

*A discussion related to this topic took place between the Board and TA.

Mr. Lombard- any update on the BnB situation?

TA Town council and I are looking through it. We intend to have something on the warrant. It may make sense for us to create a committee for implementing regulations. We are still looking at it.

Mr. Antrim – The Wetlands Bylaw Study Committee will be meeting on March 2nd (first Monday of the month). Close to finishing our recommendations. Any community input would be welcome on March 2nd at Town Hall at 6:30pm.

5. Citizen's Forum

Christian Bauta- 3 Swallows Cave Road- Regarding Northeastern issue; getting an accurate measure of the clearing. It seems as though we are being reactive. Thinking ahead, how can we be proactive on the next level? I would encourage anyone to anticipate the next move.

*A discussion regarding this topic took place.

Billy Mahoney 179 Willow Road- To follow up on Northeastern; at the headwall there is an outfall below that wall and ends up in Bathing Beach. Within a week it's that time of year for flounder. Dept of Marine Fisheries didn't want anything to be going on at that time (Feb 15th-June 15th) I would like people to look into that.

Alice Court 7 Valley Road- I am a bit confused about the need for a permit. Where do things stand now? It sounds like they need a Planning Board permit that they have yet to receive. Is that correct?

TA I would defer to the Planning Board and Town Council on how to apply for that permit and the elected officials in charge of that By-Law. You are right- their ultimate development would impact more than an acre. That could trigger a permit. The other part of their DEIR talks about how they will be handling all of their storm water discharge on site. There is still some investigative work to fully understand.

*A discussion regarding this topic took place.

Mr. Lombard stated that the Board will be going into executive session in order to protect the Board of Selectmen's litigation position and they will not be reconvening into regular session.

6. Adjourn: To Executive Session – Pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move to go into Executive Session pursuant of Massachusetts General Law chapter 30A section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

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

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