

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, July 8, 2020 6:30 PM
Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman
Gene Canty, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator (TA)

1. Meeting Opening 6:30 pm

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move to open the Board of Selectmen meeting for Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30pm.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Josh Antrim-I

Gene Canty-I

Mark Cullinan-I

Unanimous vote in favor

2. Opening Comments

Mr. Cullinan stated the following; At last week's Board of Selectmen meeting it was announced that there is a vacant seat on the Board of Assessors. Details on how to apply for this seat are listed on our Town website and Town Hall Facebook page. Deadline to submit your interest is Monday, July 20th by 5:00pm.

TA It will be a joint vote of the Selectmen and the remaining members of the Planning Board to appoint to fill that seat up until next election and then that seat will be up for the reminding yeards of that term. On August 5th we will host this joint meeting and vote.

3. New Business

- a. Vote to approve MOAs for terms of the FY20 and FY21-23 CBAs with the Department of Public Works

TA Unfortauntely, we will need to hold on this vote until next meeting.

- b. Vote to approve FY21 Water, Sewer, and Trash Rates

Mr. Canty made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the FY21 Water rate of 9.37 and the FY21 Sewer rate of 11.89.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Discussion: A discussion about Lynn Water Sewer and the surrounding communities took place between the TA and the Board.

Josh Antrim-I

Gene Canty-I

Mark Cullinan-I

Unanimous vote in favor

- c. Board of Selectmen to approve auction application

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve an auction to be held at 68 Wilson Road on Saturday, July 25th

Seconded by Mr. Canty

Discussion: Town Council Dan Skrip explained that the Selectmen can authorize anyone to have a private auction or they can designate someone to do that for them. Tonight we are just approving the application that was filed for 68 Wilson Road on July 25th.

An addition brief discussion regarding this auction between the Board of TA took place.

Roll Call Vote

Josh Antrim-I

Gene Canty-I

Mark Cullinan

Unanimous vote in favor

4. Ongoing Business

a. Second Statement of Selectmen- Preserving Eastpoint – Vote

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Second Statement from the Board of Selectmen- Preserving Eastpoint

Seconded by Mr. Canty

Discussion:

Mr. Canty- This is an information piece and subject to change.

Mr. Antrim- This is really intended to be a sharing of the facts in the spirit of transparency. If you have any questions, feel free to email us. This is open communication.

Mr. Cullinan opened up the floor to all residents to speak, comment and/or ask any questions related to this second statement.

Karen Callanan- I sent an email to the Selectmen and TA late this afternoon, just confirming that everyone received it. I do know Tony did receive it.

Mr. Cullinan confirmed that he did receive it. Actually both emails and he believes the other member received it. Some of the questions are open ended and some of them are specific that he can address tonight. He stated if you have questions, please go ahead and ask.

Karen Callanan - I would prefer that you go through them. If you can't answer at this point make sure there is an opportunity to communicate back at a later time.

Mr. Cullinan- I would be glad to do that.

Mr. Antrim asked if there was anything specific that Karen would like to address tonight?

Karen-I consider all of the questions in the email equally important. I wouldn't pick and choose which ones to discuss.

Mr. Cullinan Asked for each member of the Board to send their responses to him and he will put together a response for the next meeting.

Karen Callanan - asked if there was a date set for the next Selectmen's meeting

Mr. Antrim- July 22nd

Ken Carangelo (within Zoom chat) asked if there is a financial analysis complete for this?

Mr. Cullinan this is an ongoing process. This is not a final analysis. As you know other documents will be coming within a week or two. That is an independent financial analysis by KPLaw. We are also working with other professionals. We are getting a second appraisal done for the property. As information comes in, we will use it to fine tune our analysis.

A discussion with the Board, Karen Callanan and TA regarding this topic took place.

Ken Carangelo will the FinCom review before the Board of Selctmen vote? More specifically, will they provide a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen?

Mr. Cullinan I would hope to have a joint meeting with the FinCom to discuss their report.

Cora Long- the open space of the golf course owned by the Town. Is there anyway we can find out when that was acquired and how much that cost residents on their tax bill?

Mr. Antrim I think it was around 1992 and the purchase price was roughly \$1.25 million.

Cora Long- it cost the residents on their tax bill for a certain number of years. Do we have those figures.

Mr. Cullinan I can certainly provide you with that debt schedule for that 1.25 million dollar borrowing. I believe it was in 1992 and I believe it was a 10 year bond. We retired it in 2000.

Roll Call Vote

Josh Antrim-I

Gene Canty-I

Mark Cullinan-I

Unanimous vote in favor

b. Approve Appointment of Treasurer/Collector for FY2021

Mr. Canty made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Brendan Carritte as the Treasurer/Collector for FY2021

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Discussion:

Mr. Cullinan asked if this section of the charter could be changed by a home rule petition.

TA answered yes.

Roll Call Vote

Josh Antrim-I

Gene Canty-I

Mark Cullinan-I

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Cullinan added an opening comment- As you all know they had a re-count. Stated that both candidates handled themselves exceedingly well. Thank you. Diane Dunfee and her crew – excellent job!

5. Town Administrator Report

a. Coronavirus cost update

We still anticipate additional costs. For example, Town Meeting will be held outdoors as opposed to inside the Town Hall. That will incur additional costs. So far we have spent roughly \$130,000 towards Covid related costs. That includes staff time all the way to lap tops, phones to supplies of hand sanitizer, signage, gloves, masks, PPE for Police and Fire. So far we have received roughly \$64,000 through the Cares Act. There is more reimbursement under FY21. Vicky has been taking the lead keeping things organized in order to apply for those reimbursements through FEMA and DOR.

Vicky Mason explained the process of covid related reimbursements. Cares will basically cover anything FEMA doesn't cover, potentially. They will also cover the 25% Town match. Cares is covering that cost.

Mr. Cullinan asked if the Cares Act is State or Federal?

Vicky replied- State

b. Northern Strand Extension Project

City of Lynn with Stantec is developing a bike path. Right now they are finishing the construction phase of the segment that ends around Market Basket in Lynn. TA reached out to Major McGee's office for additional information pertaining to the process. There will be public meetings during the 25% phase of the project. After review from DOT and DCR. Then there will be a public hearing and take public comment. They anticipate the review stretching into the fall and the public hearing likely over the winter. We will put this letter on our website. We will update the website as we get confirmed dates.

Mr. Cullinan supports this project. He received a letter from a concerned resident regarding this project. He believes these concerns can be raised at their public hearing. Mr. Cullinan believes this project has great potential.

Mr. Cullinan asked for Tony to keep us posted on those meetings.

TA agreed that he will.

Alice Court asked if the bike path is in the area of where the Nahant sewer is planned.

TA stated that we will just need to coordinate timing with them to make sure that it is not an issue.

c. Town Hall public hours of operation

TA Right now we are open Monday, Wednesday and Friday to the public; normal hours. TA explained the current covid precautions set up at Town Hall.

6. Citizens Forum

Michelle Capano- I know you talked earlier about some email that Karen sent to the BoS but I find it illusive expressing what those questions are, this is a public meeting. It would be good if Karen read that email or summarized. We don't know what those questions are.

Karen- stated (to Michelle) that she thinks it will be up to the BoS when they want to share that information.

Michelle- respectfully disagreed. She believes Karen should let the people know what those questions are.

Karen- that is up to the Selectmen. If they would like to post them. That is up to them.

Mr. Cullinan stated that they can do that.

Karen- (to Josh) if they are going to go out they need to go out as the whole communication that I had originally sent.

TA confirmed that questions and answers will be posted onto the Town website.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Antrim made a motion to adjourn

Seconded by Mr. Canty

Roll Call Vote

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

Meeting adjourned 7:32 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