

**Town of Nahant, MA
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen
&
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Thursday, May 7, 2020 6:00 PM
Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Mark P. Cullinan, Vice Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator (TA)**

1. Meeting Opening 6:00 pm

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the May 7, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Richie Lombard- I

Mark Cullinan-I

Josh Antrim-I

Unanimous vote in favor

- a. Coronavirus Update with Health Nurse Deb Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon
 - i. Statistics
 - ii. Governor Baker - Stay at Home Advisory extended to May 18, 2020
 - iii. Governor Baker - Emergency Order of mask or face covering in public
 - iv. Review of local orders

Health Nurse, Deb Murphy- Jesmond Nursing Home is doing a great job. Many positives have been retested and are resulting in negatives. No new cases at the nursing home this week. Very optimistic.

TA We did have (2) new cases in our community this week. Please continue to follow the CDC guidelines. The governor announced as of today golf courses are allowed to open back up, with restrictions.

Health Officer John Coulon- has been helping food establishments and pursuing non-covid 19 health matters as well. The establishment members are being actively compliant.

2. 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. Charles Kelley scholarship deadline has been extended to May 15, 2020
- e. Boat launching date has been postponed until May 21st

Mr. Cullinan- on behalf of himself and his family- thank you for the drive through wake regarding my father's passing. Thank you everyone for making this happen and for the time you took to attend.

Mr. Antrim all of our email addresses are on the Town's website; nahant.org. My email address is aantrim@nahant.org

3. New Business

a. Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from April 30, 2020

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

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard- I

Mark Cullinan- I

Josh Antrim- I

Unanimous vote in favor

b. Waiver of Late Fees and Interest for late payment of Personal Property Taxes and Real Estate Taxes – Possible Vote

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 11 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, vote to waive the interest and late fees for late payments of real and personal property taxes for those taxpayers that pay their real and personal property taxes, in full, on or before June 1, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard-I

Mark Cullinan-I

Josh Antrim –I

Unanimous vote in favor

4. Ongoing Business

a. Voter registration deadline of 8:00 p.m. on June 10, 2020 – Discussion

TA Legislation that passed due to the Coronavirus allowing the Town to extend the date of the Annual Town Election. With that, there is an extension for the date to register to vote; 10 days prior to the date of election (by June 10th).

We are in the process of putting together information regarding options you have if you feel uncomfortable to come to the polls. You can request an absentee ballot my mail and we can accept that ballot all the way up until the election.

b. The Wall That Heals – Discussion

Toby Quirk from the American Legion; chair of the committee that has been planning the Wall that Heals. The committee has decided to postpone this event. Will schedule for sometime in 2021. Its not possible to know now what that date will be at this time. We will be reaching out on a number of platforms to inform everyone of this postponement. Thank you to the Town for all of their support towards this effort.

Question from the chat- how are donations that have already been made, being held

Toby Quirk- all donations are in a separate checking account and accounted for. Names of all the donors are associated with it. Our fundraising committee is going to get back one on one with the donors and see what they would like to do.

TA Along those lines, the Memorial Day parade has been cancelled. We are working to put together a Memorial Day ceremony type video that we could release on Memorial Day. Unfortunately, the parade has been cancelled.

5. Town Administrator Report

a. Water Main Improvements – Bid update

TA- two weeks ago, the Board voted to borrow through the MWRA process 0% interest loans for water main updates through authorization from Town Meeting. We had a bid opening last week. The bid results were great. The awarded bid came in at \$237,533. We should see that work done over the next two months.

DPW Superintendent; Zach Taylor-reiterated the timeline of this project.

b. National Grid Gas Main Improvements – Update

National Grid is replacing the gas main by Tudor Beach (on Willow Road). The work on the main is complete. What is outstanding is the service lines due to Coronavirus.

c. Sewer Main Improvements – Update

TA Wright Pierce and Lighthouse survey regarding survey work and design process of work that we will be doing on the Lynnway. The base mapping of phase I is complete. Next week they will be doing some ground survey.

6. Citizen's Forum

Michelle Capano- asking to clarify the number of Covid-19 cases reported in the Town

TA I believe we are at 32 total

Deb Murphy- correct, we are at 32

Mr. Lombard stated: 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.

7. 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

Mark Cullinan

Josh Antrim

Meeting adjourned 7:10pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

Board of Selectmen