

**Town of Nahant**  
**Joint Meeting**  
**Board of Selectmen & Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday November 19, 2020 via Zoom**

**Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman**

**Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman**

**Eugene Canty, Recording Secretary**

**Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

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

**1. Meeting Opening – 6:30pm**

**MC-** made a motion to open the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health on Thursday November 19, 2020 at 6:30pm via Zoom.

**a. Coronavirus update with Health Nurse Deborah Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon**

**TA-**The Town Hall is back open. There were two positive covid cases among staff however they were not related and it was contracted outside of Town Hall. The Town Hall is practicing and following safety guidelines, as well as separating staff, overlapping schedules. Nahant to start offering covid testing next week, two days a week. Swampscott is now six days a week.

**Deborah Murphy-** As of today 11/19/20 there are a total of 87 cases of covid in Nahant. We are at 3.88% and the states average is 3.22% which puts us from the green into yellow. 464 residents tested in the last two weeks, 18 were positive tests from 11/1/20-11/18/20. The school is doing well. The kids were not transmitting the virus and the few positive cases in the school were exposed to covid from an adult outside of school. Problem areas are inside/numbers of people gathering that are not practicing safe protocols.

**John Coulon-**Conducting annual fall inspections at town food establishments. The fire captain and building inspector have been conducting their inspections as well. During inspections and with covid

looking beyond barriers and distancing, we are looking more at air handling systems to ensure they are operating efficiently/cleanly.

## **2. Opening Comments**

### **a. Deborah Waters Town Accountant Retirement. Town Accountant Job Posting.**

**MC-** The town appreciates Deborahs dedication over the last 26 years and the town will struggle without you. Deborah put in a lot of hours and hard work. She is one of the best town accountants and public servants the town has had.

**Deborah Waters-** Thanked Mark and enjoyed working with everyone. Thanked TA and wished him the best. **She will miss everyone and appreciates everyone.**

**TA-** Thanked Deborah for all her help and learned a lot from her. You deserve this retirement.

**JA-** Thanked Deborah.

### **b. Winter Parking Ban**

**MC-** Winter Parking Ban goes into effect Dec 21-March 20<sup>th</sup> between 12am-6pm

**TA-** If you don't have off street parking you can get a winter permit at the Nahant Police Dept. website.

### **c. Nahant Lions Club Turkey Shoot**

**TA-**The Nahant Lions Club Turkey Shoot for 11/21/20 has been cancelled.

### **d. Last leaf pick up**

**MC-** Last leaf pick up this Monday November 23,2020 . Leaf bags should be left in front of your house for DPW to pick up. You can also bring them down to the dump yourself every Wednesday and Saturday all day.

### **e. Community Preservation Committee Funding Update**

**TA-** State wide the CPA (Community Preservation Act) due to legislative changes that provided additional funding sources for the CPA has experienced increases in that fund which trickles down to municipalities and they see a higher match from the state. In FY18 the town of Nahant saw a match of 80,000\$ in FY19 we saw a match of 104,000\$, in FY20 we saw 136.000\$ and the estimated amount for FY21 is 175,000\$. At the most recent town meeting in September 2020 we didn't take up the CPC grant, so 10% of those proceeds go into 3 categories, housing, open space/recreation, and historical preservation. The balance of that stays in a reserve fund.

**JA-** CPA funds can be used for housing, open space/recreation and historical preservation. Any organization or person in town that meet these requirements can apply. Nahant's CPC will evaluate applications and make recommendations for a town vote at town meeting. Each applicant is voted on separately.

**3. New Business**

- a. Approve the BOS meeting minutes from November 5, 2020

**Motion:**

JA- I move that we approve the BOS meeting minutes from November 5, 2020

GC- seconded

**Roll call vote:**

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

- b. Declare Nahant Police Department 2007 Chevy Tahoe SUV as surplus equipment.

**Motion:**

JA- I move to declare the Nahant Police Department 2007 Chevy Tahoe SUV as surplus equipment.

GC-seconded

**Roll call vote:**

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

- c. Approve event request from the American Legion Post 215 for the Patriotic Observance for Veterans on July 15-18 2021.

GC- I move to approve the event request from the American Legion Post 215 for the Patriotic Observance for Veteran on July 15-18 2021

JA- seconded

**Roll call vote:**

GC- yes

JA- yes

MC-yes

- d. Appointment to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee

**Motion:**

**JA-** I move to appoint Rebecca Durgin to the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee.

**GC-** seconded

**Roll call vote:**

**JA-** yes

**GC-**yes

**MC-**yes

**Discussion:**

**TA-** The open seat position for the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee was posted on our Facebook page, the town website and also announced during the BOS meeting. We had four people interested, Michael Coller, Phil Russel, Rebecca Durgin and Teri Motley. All four applicants would have been a great addition to the committee. The town Moderator recommended Rebecca Durgin for the appointment.

#### **4. Ongoing Business**

##### **a. Preserving East Point- continued discussion**

**MC-** We heard from our consultant who is doing the financial impact analysis and they are finishing up their report and we will hopefully have that in a week or so for the public to review. I have not seen it yet. We should look into speaking to an imminent domain attorney for guidance and do a Q&A with the public.

#### **5. Town Administrators Report**

**TA-** The National Grid project on Nahant Road is moving along and making good progress. They hope to be finished with the main replacement in the next week or so. Then they will get to the service lines.

Real Estate/Personal Property bills have been mailed out this week and due Friday December 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### **6. Citizens Forum**

**Kathy Famulari** – Congratulations to Deborah Waters, she taught me so much

**Michelle Capano-** Congratulations Debbie, you will be missed

**Ken Carangelo-** Where is the funding for the consultant for imminent domain coming from?

**Answer- TA-** Its coming from either professional services from the BOS budget or the donation fund from Nahant Preservation Trust. It can also come from the reserve fund.

**Ken Carangelo-** I asked for an accounting for the gifts from the Nahant Preservation Trust since the time frame when the gift letter was amended to allow for gifts that were not individually disclosed. Is there a time frame for when we can expect that?

**TA-** We will follow up and get you the information

**Ken Carangelo-** The Concom met yesterday and again continued the matters about northeastern. Kristin mentioned a change or guidance from the state regarding covid and that it is now a 21 day limit after Dec 1<sup>st</sup> when things need to be acted on. Does the BOS have any position on the Concom continuation?

**MC-** We have asked town counsel to look into this

**TA-** Chapter 53 of the acts of 2020 essentially allowed for municipality to toll permitting processes that would require or tend to draw a large amount of people and with the limits to people in a meeting, anything that would otherwise draw a large crowd does not need to be acted on 45 days after the public emergency is lifted. Last week the legislature passed a supplemental budget and an outside section they amended that chapter 53 of the acts of 2020. They eliminated the 45 days after the emergency is lifted and said December 1<sup>st</sup>. Anything that came in after March 1<sup>st</sup>, and hasn't gone through any day of your typical regulated process, you have to pick that up December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## **7. Adjourn**

**GC-** Made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm

**JA-** seconded

**Roll call vote:**

**JA-**yes

**GC-**yes

**MC-**yes

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08pm on November 19, 2020

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on 12/3/20

Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_

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Board of Selectmen