

**Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, November 21, 2019 7:30 PM**

**Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

1. Meeting Opening 7:30 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

****Meeting video is inaudible until minute mark: 2 mins. 45 secs**

Opening Comments- Thank you from Chairman: Nahant Veteran's Officer
Chairman Lombard presented Nahant's Veteran Officer, Jon Lazar with a framed photo to show our appreciation of him recently hosting an excellent veteran's event.

Mr. Lombard read the following opening comments;

- a. Winter Parking Ban: The Town of Nahant has a Winter Parking Policy stating that all vehicles must be parked off the street during the hours of 12AM - 6AM from December 21, 2019 to March 20, 2020
- b. Special Town Meeting is scheduled for November 23rd at Town Hall at 12:30pm
- c. Max Carbone Ceremony will take place at the Wharf on Nov. 27th at 3pm.
- d. Nahant Police Department hosting a fundraiser "Cops for Kids with Cancer".
- e. Town Hall will be closed to the public Wednesday, Nov. 27th and closed on Thursday, November 28th & Friday, November 29th
- f. Thanksgiving Trash & Recycling Collection: Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, trash & recycling will be on a (1) day delay and will occur on Fri (11/29) and Saturday (11/30)

Mr. Antrim mentioned that the ceremony for Max Carbone will be at the Wharf on Wednesday, November 23rd. It's a public event and all are welcome to attend.

2. New Business

- a. Approve Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2019 & October 3, 2019

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes of September 5, 2019 & October 3, 2019

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

- b. Approve the Full-time Nahant Police Officer appointment of John Monaco

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

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

- c. Approve the event request for Santa Parade on December 21st starting at 6pm

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for the Annual Santa Parade on December 21st starting at 6pm

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

- d. Approve the event request for Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on December 7th starting at 4:30pm

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for the Annual Holiday Tree Lighting on December 7th starting at 4:30pm

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

- e. Approve the Event request of the Johnson Elementary School for a holiday concert on December 12, 2019 from 6pm-7:30pm

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request of the Johnson Elementary School holiday concert on December 12, 2019 from 6pm-7:30pm

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

3. Ongoing Business

4. Town Administrator Report

- a. Special Town Meeting: Article 1

TA Article 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds an additional sum of money to operate the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019, or take any other action relative thereto.

This article will adjust the appropriation previously approved at the Annual Town Meeting in April. This article does not increase our water sewer rate beyond the increase that was adopted earlier this year. The \$62, 351 will be transferred from retained earnings. After Annual Town meeting, earlier this year, we were informed by the Lynn Water Sewer Commission that Swampscott, Saugus and Nahant would see an increase in charges due to the closing of Garelick Farms. The closing in this facility (the largest single producer of waste water system lead to a shift in the percentages of volume amongst the four towns in the system (Lynn, Swampscott, Saugus and Nahant). We are estimating that the \$62,351 will cover the increase charges. However, we may need to revisit the issue in May at the next Annual Town meeting. Currently our retained earnings available for appropriation is \$157,959. After this transfer of \$62, 351 we will have a balance of \$95,608. Lynn Water Sewer Commission is estimating a 30-50%

increase in rates for fiscal year 2022. Our 30 year contract with Lynn Water Sewer expires next year.

b. Article 2

To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds, the sum of \$20,000, or any other sum of money, for the purchase of an Ocean Rescue Boat, including the payment of all incidental or related costs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

Our ocean rescue inflatable boat that is used by the fire department to launch off of the beach in an emergency situation, has met its end of life and is in need of replacement. The fire department has initiated a fundraising effort. Through that fundraising department they received a donated boat from the Angiulo family that is going to be able to take the place of the old rescue boat. We therefore no longer need the transfer of these funds to free cash to purchase something new. We thank everyone involved.

Article 3 and 4 are citizen's petitions and will be explained on the floor at the Special Town Meeting.

A discussion regarding our sewer between the Board of Selectmen and T.A. took place.

Mr. Antrim – We received a notice from Comcast that there is a rate change coming up. The change is an increase in rates on December 20, 2019.

5. Citizen's Forum

Alice Court- 7 Valley Road: We received a letter from the military about munitions that might be sprinkled on Nahant. Wondering if the Town had received any information and/or if we have thoughts regarding this topic.

T.A. It was a sudden mailing. We did not get notification prior to the mailing. It's just a notification that there could be ammunition on Nahant but they seemed to just be identified in the waters. If you were to encounter anything, follow the steps in that mailing. There was no discovery of findings in Nahant. It's a requirement of the program to notify people.

Diane Monteith- 20 Seabreeze Lane- Would like to invite all fellow residents to join in on the Special Town meeting on Saturday.

Question- check in times. Listed that you can check in early. Is that true?

Mr. Lombard you can check in between 12 and 12:15pm.

Diane Monteith- will there be any time limit on the speakers

Mr. Lombard- that is up to the Moderator. It is the Moderator's meeting.

Diane Monteith- Are you at liberty to discuss the possibility of electronic voting?

Mr. Lombard- That is all going to be explained. I understand the two companies will be here to explain. Whether we use it or not is up to the Town Moderator.

Mr. Antrim want to remind people that articles 3 & 4 are zoning law changes so that requires 2/3 vote to pass.

Sharon Hawkes 332 Nahant Road- Library Trustees are asking for the Board of Selectmen to eliminate overdue fines for late returning books.

Mr. Lombard I would like to table this for a few week. He would like to review these details.

T.A I don't think that the Board of Selectmen have to take a vote. TA asked for librarian to speak at BoS meeting to inform the public of this change.

6. Adjourn

Mr. Lombard made a motion to adjourn

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:04 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