

**Town of Nahant  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday October 19, 2022 at 6:30pm via ZOOM  
Eugene Canty, Chairman, Mark P. Cullinan, Vice Chairman  
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary, Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

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

**1. Meeting Opening**

**GC:** Opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:30pm on Wednesday October 19, 2022.

**2. Opening Comments**

- Curbside Fall Leaf Pick up: Every Monday.
- Compost Area open on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- Last day for Recycling for metal/white goods/tv/computers is Saturday October 29, 2022
- Board/Committee Vacancies: Housing Plan Advisory Committee, Conservation Commission and Cultural Council
- Police Vs. Fire 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Charity Softball Game Sunday October 23, 2022
- Water/Sewer and Trash bills due October 24, 2022
- Textiles and Mattress Ban effective November 1, 2022

**3. New Business**

***a. Vote on Liens-Unpaid FY22 Water/Sewer bills will be liened to Real Estate starting 10/19/22***

**Motion: MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve committing to the Board of Assessors unpaid FY22 unpaid utility and rubbish accounts in the amount of \$90,371.20 as presented by the Treasurer/Collector to be added to the annual tax as a municipal charges lien to be subject to the provisions of the law relative to interest on taxes."

**JA:** Seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

***b. Vote to Accept the New Senior and Veterans Work Off Abatement Program and Policy***

**Motion: MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept the new senior and veterans work off abatement program and policy as presented"

**JA:** Seconded the motion

***Discussion:***

**TA:** This will provide extra help to Town Departments. The senior program part did not change, there are still requirements for income and age. The veterans part is new, there is no age or income requirement if you are a veteran and own property in Nahant. The property owner must meet those criteria but the person putting in those hours does not have to meet the requirements, they can put in the hours and volunteer to transfer the hours to the property owner.

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

***c. Vote on Water/Sewer Debt Shift for FY23***

***Motion:***

**MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the water/sewer debt shift in the amount of \$834,589 for FY2023."

**JA:** Seconded the motion **Roll call vote:** All in favor

d. ***Public Rights of Ways discussion***

***Discussion:***

**JA:** A lot of work has been done to map out and identify the public rights of ways in town. However I think we should make it more noticeable to the public on where they are. We can think about forming a committee.

**TA:** Every ROW is very unique. The Planning Board in the past was tasked with identifying where they are, get them surveyed/mapped, but when you encounter an encroachment it can become a legal issue, we need to work through that.

**4. Ongoing Business**

***a. Consideration of the Town Owned Land Study Committee's recommendation regarding the disposal of a portion of 6 Antigo Way***

**Motion:MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to declare that the part of 6 Antigo Way, Nahant MA, that rests upon the discontinued portion of 6 Antigo Way, is now available for disposition".

**JA:** Seconded the motion

**Dan Skrip:** Need to amend the second part of the motion to state "It is the portion of 6 Antigo Way which rests upon the discontinued Antigo Way."

**MC:** as amended

**Dan Skrip:** About 2-3 years ago Mr. Cardile (owner of 6 Antigo Way) approached us to ask if he can purchase that portion that encroaches upon Antigo Way, it's been there for decades, it's at the back of a dead end street, that no one really pays attention to and until he was attempting to put his house in a trust and this came up as an issue on his title. At the 2021 Town Meeting there were two votes that passed, one was to discontinue that part of the public way and then we set the tone to authorize the sale for that portion of property which is 192 square feet. Then Mr. Cardile had to get an appraisal.

**TA:** the appraisal came back for the 192 square foot section, market value was considered. The Town Owned Land Study Committee (TOLSC) reviewed the appraisal and came up with their recommendation. The appraisal estimated the land to be \$29 to \$58 per square foot, and from \$5,568 in the lower value range to \$11,136 in the higher value range. Due to the location of the property the TOLSC recommended that it is valued more in the lower value range. The bid still needs to be open for 30 days for people to bid on this but we don't imagine we will get more bids.

**Dan Skrip:** We can set the minimum for the lower end of the appraised value or we can assess the bids as they come in and if they are lower than the set appraisal then we don't except them, either way is fine.

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

***b. CPC Projects-Update***

***Discussion and Review of CPC Projects/Grants that were previously approved and what the status of the projects are***

**5. Preserving East Point**

**JA:** Judge Karp ruled against Nahant in the Article 97 case. We will be appealing that decision. This did not come at any expense to the Town's tax payers. All legal fees and expenses came and will continue to come from a gift account.

**6. Town Administrators Report**

- Brief discussion on coyotes. In touch with Mass Wildlife to update them on our situation and making sure we can do everything we can do. A lot of other communities are dealing with coyote issues.

**-Paving recap-** By the time we meet next, roads will start to be milled. We will be handing out information to residents with a more detailed schedule of who lives on roads being paved. There will be police detail presence but most roads will continue to be open in at least one lane.

## **7. Citizens Forum**

**Brendan Barnak-Olmstead (2 Summer St.):** Has National Grid provided any explanation to the 2 black outs we had a few ago?

**TA:** That day they did. It was some sort of underground transfer switch in Lynn that failed. Then in order to fix it they had to shut down power again later that night.

**George Mihovan:** Spoke about Rights of Ways in Town and the Little Nahant Playground.

## **8. Adjourn**

**GC:** Asked for a motion for adjournment

**MC:** so moved

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:43pm**

**Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Thursday October 20, 2022**

**Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_\_1st\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ March \_\_\_\_\_ 2023.**