

**Town of Nahant  
Board of Selectmen  
Meeting Minutes  
Wednesday March 1, 2023 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**

**JA:** Opened the meeting at 6:32pm on Wednesday March 1, 2023

**2. Opening Comments**

**JA:**

- Winter Parking Ban in effect until March 20, 2023 from 12AM-6AM
- Excise Bills due March 1, 2023 and Water/Sewer Bills due March 2, 2023.
- Town Elections will be held on April 29, 2023. Nomination Papers at Town Clerks office-due back by March 10, 2023.
- Available Scholarships: Charles Kelley, Bob and Janet Munnelly, Nahant Woman's Club and the Jennifer J. Harris Scholarships.

**3. New Business**

***a. Vote to Approve New Voting Machine***

**Motion MC:** "In accordance with Massachusetts General Law Chapter 54, Section 34, I move to approve the discontinuance of the Accu-Vote Optical Scan Tabulator and approve the purchase and use of the Image Cast Precinct Optical (ICP) Tabulator to be used at the annual town election on April 29, 2023 and all future local, state and federal election in the Town of Nahant. The approved purchase of the Cast Precinct Optical Tabulator will be purchased by the Town of Nahant with funds already approved in the FY 2023 budget."

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

***b. Approve Appointment: Reserve Officer***

**Motion MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Appointment of, Rachael Davis as a Reserve Officer with the Nahant Police Department."

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Chief Furlong (NPD):** Rachel is currently a certified Lynn Police Officer who just resigned. She is also in the National Guard and a former Homeland Security Employee.

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

***c. Approve Appointment-Call Firefighter: Continued to future meeting***

***d. Approve BOS meeting minutes***

**Motion MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from October 5, 2022 and October 19, 2022."

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

- e. Vote to Approve Event Request-Spring Soccer**
- f. Vote to Approve Event Request- S.W.I.M Clean up**

**Combined Motion: MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the following event requests:

-Nahant Youth Spring Soccer on Saturdays from April 29, 2023 to June 17, 2023 from 8:00AM-10:30AM at the Flash Road Soccer Fields

-The S.W.I.M Annual Beaches clean-up Day April 30, 2023 starting at 11:00am

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

**g. Bond Counsel Required Vote: New Fire Truck Borrowing at 2022 Annual Town Meeting**

**Motion MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen determine that the maximum useful life of the departmental equipment listed below to be financed with the proceeds of the \$350,000 borrowing authorized by the vote of the Town passed May 21, 2022, Article 20, is hereby determined pursuant to G.L. c.44, § 7 (1) to be fifteen years.

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

**4. Ongoing Business**

**a. Housing Production Plan-Update**

**Michelle Capano (Chair of HPAC):** Committee has been meeting over the last 6 wks. We have done a review of the housing needs assessment with our partners from MAPC. First community engagement meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> at Town Hall.

**b. Vote to Open and Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee**

**Motion MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant."

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

**TA:** We have one change that we ask the Selectmen to adopt. (TA shared his screen to show the Article). This is the Article 22 related to the Open Space Committee. The Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee is one that is voted on at Town Meeting every year as a continuing committee. This Article will allow this Committee to be a standing committee instead and will not need that yearly vote.

**Motion MC:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept and close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee."

**JC:** seconded the motion

Brief discussion on cesspools and the bylaw surrounding them

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

**c. Vote to Approve the FY24 Budget and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee-Continued to next meeting.**

## **5. Preserving East Point**

**JA:** Still in discovery phase of the Eminent Domain case and depositions have begun.

## **6. Town Administrators Report**

### ***a. Northern Strand Extension***

**TA: Coast Guard Housing:** We are following the direction of Town Meeting. We signed a contract with a company to assess the properties for hazardous material before removal of the vacant properties.

**Northern Strand Extension: Virtual Public meeting March 16<sup>th</sup>. Information on town website.**

### ***b. Coyote Program-Update***

**TA:** gave a brief update on the current coyote program and what the Town has done in the last two years to prevent conflict with coyotes and educate residents.

## **7. Citizens Forum**

**Francene Amari Faulkner (295 Nahant Rd.)** Asked questions about Coyotes

**Vi Patek (172 Willow Rd.)** Asked questions about parade trash and voiced concerns over candy being thrown at parade causing debris in drains and streets. Asked about the shades on street lights

**Rochelle Capobianco (131 Castle Rd.)** Asked questions and talked about Coyotes

**Brendan Baranek Olmstead (2 Summer St.)** Asked about conservation land and adding additional restrictions

**George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd)** Asked for an update on the Little Nahant Playground and Rights of Ways in Town and in East Point.

**Margie Parisi (15 Prospect St.)** Asked about the coyotes in town

## **8. Adjourn**

**Motion MC:** Made a motion to adjourn

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

**Meeting Adjourned at 8:42pm on Wednesday March 1, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Friday April 21, 2023.**

**Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_7th\_\_ day of \_\_June\_\_ 2023.**