

Town Hall

Town Of Nahant
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
May 18, 2024

GREETINGS: In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Nahant, qualified as the law directs, to assemble at the Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Rd, Nahant Massachusetts for the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday the 18th day of May, 2024, for to act on the Articles in this warrant at 12:30 p.m. that same day.

ARTICLE 1. (FY 2024 Transfers) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and/or transfer the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 2. (FY2024 Snow & Ice) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and/or transfer from available funds, a sum of money for the FY2024 snow and ice account, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 3. (Prior Year bills) To see if the Town will authorize the payment of prior Fiscal Year bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 4. (Salary & Classification Plan) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Nahant Town By Laws, Article XIII, Section 5, Subsection B, entitled "Chart of Classification and Salaries" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 5. (Compensation for Elected Positions) To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town, as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 6. (Omnibus) 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 such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 7. (Water & Sewer Enterprise) 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 a sum of money to operate the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 8. (Water/Sewer Paving) 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, including retained earnings of the Water and Sewer Enterprise, the sum of \$50,000 for paving throughout Town, including all costs incidental to or related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 9. (Rubbish Enterprise) 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, including retained earnings of the Rubbish Enterprise, a sum of money to operate the Rubbish Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 10. (Compost Area) 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, including retained earnings of the Rubbish Enterprise, the sum of \$30,000 for the costs associated with the maintenance of the compost area, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 11. (Recreation Revolving) To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53D, thereby reauthorizing Parks and Recreation revolving accounts for general recreation, basketball, sailing, tennis, Fourth of July, tot lots, playground equipment, and Youth Commission and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to fund said account, or take any other action relative thereto

ARTICLE 12. (Revolving Funds) To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during FY 2025 beginning July 1, 2024 for the revolving funds established in the town By-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with G.L. c. 44 § 53E 1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 13. (OPEB) 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 \$25,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 14. (Stabilization) 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 \$200,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 15. (Paving) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing, a sum of \$200,000, or any other sum, for transportation network improvements including sidewalks, roadways, and parking lots throughout Town, including the payment of all incidental or related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 16. (Water/DPW Capital) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing the sum of \$370,000, or any other sum of money to upgrade the Town's water meter system, including the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 17. (MWRA Water Capital) To see if the Town will vote to raise by borrowing, \$500,000 from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, to repair and/or replace water distribution lines and appurtenant structures, and in connection therewith, to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the MWRA relative to such loan, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 18: (Ambulance) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing the sum of \$450,000, or any other sum of money, to pay for the purchase an ambulance and appurtenant fixtures costs, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 19. (Chapter 90 Highway) 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, or raise by borrowing, such sum of money in order to accomplish certain highway construction and maintenance pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 90, or other state transportation program, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 20. (Community Preservation) To see if the Town will vote to spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10 per cent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for open space, not less than 10 per cent of the annual revenues for historic resources, and not less than 10 per cent of the annual revenues for community housing or to take any other action as may be allowed under the Community Preservation Act as requested by the Community Preservation Committee.

FY2025 Grant Recommendations:

- A. To appropriate for the development of a master plan for the Flash Road Recreation Area, the sum of \$44,000 from the FY2025 Community Preservation estimated revenues, and to apply to that project the sum of \$11,000 from a FY2023 CPC grant approved by Town Meeting, but as yet unspent, originally appropriated for the improvement and completion of the portion of the Nahant Heritage Trail that runs through the Flash Road Recreation Area.
- B. To appropriate the sum of \$20,000 from FY2025 Community Preservation estimated revenues to clearly delineate and make improvements to the Nahant Heritage Trail in the area of Goddard Drive.
- C. To appropriate the sum of \$75,000 from Community Preservation General Reserves for the installation of lighting for the Little League field at the Flash Road Recreation Area.
- D. To appropriate the sum of \$43,556 from FY2025 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues and appropriate \$16,444 from the Community Housing Reserve to hire a housing development architectural firm to prepare a study for the town-owned Greystone Road property to produce design guidelines, a financial assessment of revenue and costs, including scenario analysis, and next steps that address the Nahant's community affordable housing needs.
- E. To appropriate the sum of \$78,515 from FY2025 Community Preservation estimated revenues for the continuing reclamation of the Bailey's Hill Complex, focusing on the Fort Ruckman portion of that property.
- F. To appropriate the sum of \$50,000 from FY2025 estimated revenues to implement accessibility for all to selected Nahant public beaches.
- G. To appropriate the sum of \$15,600 from FY2025 Community Preservation estimated revenues to install a "Boulder Scramble" hardscape feature on the slope of the Johnson School Forest Playground.
- H. To appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from Fiscal Year 2024 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues for administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.
- I. To appropriate for the payment of debt service on the \$350,000 Town Hall and Greenlawn Cemetery Entrance Archway Bonding authorized by the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (Article 22H), the sum of \$60,000 from FY2025 Community Preservation estimated revenue for the third year of the bond payments.
- J. To appropriate for the payment of debt service on the \$500,000 Public Library Bonding authorized by the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (Article 21E), the sum of \$52,000 from FY2025 Community Preservation estimated revenue for the fourth year of the bond payments.
- K. To appropriate for the payment of debt service on the \$400,000 Public Library Bonding authorized by the 2019 Annual Town Meeting (Article 16C), the sum of \$40,000 from FY2025 Community Preservation estimated revenues for the fifth year of the bond payments.
- L. To recommend the Town set aside from FY2025 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues for later appropriation any other amount not otherwise set aside or appropriated as aforesaid to be maintained in the Community Preservation Fund General Reserves Account for later appropriation.

M. To recommend that the Town transfer a total of \$8,017.65 in unexpended funds from prior years' Community Preservation to the Community Preservation General Reserve.

ARTICLE 21. (Opioid Settlement Funds) – 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 \$15,719.21 to the special revenue fund established for opioid settlement receipts, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 22. (Change Membership of Sailing Program Committee) To see if the Town will vote to amend the motion passed at Town Meeting in April 2002 to authorize the Moderator to appoint a seven (7) member Sailing Program Committee in place of a five (5) member Committee, or any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 23. (Treasurer and Collector – Term). To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town Charter - Article 4, Section 4-1(a) - by increasing the term of the Treasurer and Collector from one (1) year to three (3) years, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 24. (Zoning – Definitions and Flood Plain District) To see if the Town will vote to adopt amendments to Section 2 (Definitions) and Section 10 (Floodplain District) of the Zoning By-Laws to address activities in the floodplain district, as promulgated by the Flood Hazard Management Program of the Department of Conservation and Recreation, and available for inspection in the town clerk's office, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 25. (Stormwater Improvements) – To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing the sum of \$500,000, or any other sum of money, to fund stormwater improvements including but not limited to, improvements to existing infrastructure of drainage ditches, stormwater pipes and outfalls, as well as development of infrastructure to improve drainage, or take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 26. (Citizen's Petition – DPW Infrastructure Capital – Lowlands Drainage) To see if the Town of Nahant will vote to appropriate up to \$800,000 or any sum of money to implement the Dubois and King Nahant – Stormwater Improvements – Alternative (1) – Lowlands 18" Outfall Restoration, by constructing permanent fixed pump at the juncture of Castle Road and Fox Hill Road to direct storm water to Lynn Harbor, and Alternative (2) – Lowlands Stormwater System Improvements; including the addition of storm drains, water catchment areas, and curbing in the Lowlands (Castle Road, Ward Road, Fox Hill Road, and Castle Way), in order to improve draining in the Lowlands and the safety of all Nahant Residents; and will include the payment of all costs incidental or related thereto, and to determine whether this appropriation shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, or to take any other action relative thereto.

ARTICLE 27. (Continue Committees) To see if the Town will vote to continue the following standing committees to June 30, 2025: Community Preservation Committee, Cable TV Advisory Committee, Veterans Memorial Committee, Sailing Committee, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Coast Guard Design and Development Advisory Committee, Town Charter and By-law Committee, Tennis Committee, Town Owned Land Study Committee, Nahant Alternative Energy Committee, Golf Course Management Advisory Committee, and the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, Cultural Council, FEMA Flood Insurance Study Committee, Green Community Committee, MVP Committee, Noise Abatement Committee, Nahant Fire Station Architectural Assessment Committee, Short Term Rental Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

You are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies of the same in at least four (4) public places in Town, no less than fourteen (14) days before the day in which the meeting is to be held.

WHEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of the Warrant with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at the time and place of meetings as foresaid.

Given under our hands this 1st day of May in the year of our lord Two Thousand and Twenty-Four.

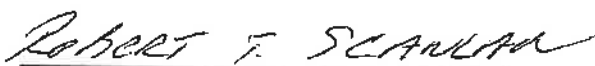
BOARD OF SELECTMAN


Mark Cullinan, Chair


Joshua Antrim

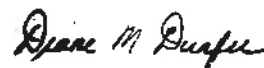

Eugene Canty

Pursuant to the foregoing notice, the subscriber, I, the Constable of Nahant, has notified the inhabitants of said Town, by posting attested copies of this notice in the Nahant Town Hall, Police Station, Fire Station and the Nahant Public Library on the 2 th day of May 2024.


Robert T Scanlan,
Nahant Constable



A TRUE COPY, ATTEST:



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