

Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen- Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 2, 2023 at 6:30pm via ZOOM
Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman, Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman
Eugene Canty, Recording Secretary, Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator

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

1. Meeting opening

MC: Opened the meeting at 6:31pm on Wednesday August 2, 2023

2. Opening Comments

MC:

- a. 2023 Resident Parking Stickers now available for purchase at nahant.org.
- b. Compost Area Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM-3PM.
- c. Recycling for metal/white goods/tv/computers: Last Saturday of each month until October 28th
- d. **Market by the Sea (formerly Nahant Farmers Market):** Saturdays 10AM-1PM at Flash Road Park.
- e. **Vacancies on Boards/Committees visit nahant.org**
- f. **Job Opening:** DPW Skilled Laborer

3. Public Hearing: Board of Selectmen acting as the Local Licensing Authority

a. Vote to Approve an Application for a New Annual All Alcoholic Beverages Club License

Motion: MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen acting as the Local Licensing Authority open the public hearing."

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: JA: yes **MC:** yes

Motion: MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen acting as the Local Licensing Authority vote to Approve a New Annual All Alcoholic Beverages Club License to the Nahant Veterans Association, 96 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908 And further, that the release of said licenses are subject to the approval of all inspections and payment of all outstanding fees, fines, and payments to the Town of Nahant."

JA: seconded the motion

Bob Fields (Nahant Veterans Association Representative): Expressed appreciation to the Town, the Veterans and the American Legion. We are happy to partner with the Town in many Town events and honoring history. We appreciate the Town's support

Steve Smith (Counsel for the Veterans Association): I hope the Town will take confidence in Bob that he will be the person in charge under the license. This appears to be a safe vote to approve as the Veterans Association is a known entity that has been there for 12+ years. They have been issued a number of one day liquor licenses by the BOS and I don't know of any reported instances where they have had a problem. If there were the BOS have the ability to call them in if there was mismanagement. I ask the Boards consideration of granting the license.

MC: I don't recall any instances reported down there. Bob as manager and his team have done a terrific job. I support this.

JA: Yes same here. The American Legion hosts a number of events that the benefit the community. I support this.

GC: I support this. Is there a difference between a club license and a regular license?

Steve Smith: The club license is only for use of serving members of the club and guests of members while members are present.

MC: Asked if any of the public would like to speak against the issuance of this license?

Roll call vote: all in favor

JA: I move to close the Public Hearing as the Board of Selectmen acting as the Local Licensing Authority

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

4. New Business

a. Vote to adjust the Town Meeting quorum requirements in conjunction with the Town Moderator.

Motion: JA: "I move that, pursuant to Section 7 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2020, the Board of Selectmen vote to reduce the requisite quorum for Town Meeting from 75 to 30."

GC: seconded the motion

TA: The acts of 2020 allowed Town meetings to reduce quorum especially related to public health. We attempted to do this at last Town meeting but we missed the time requirement to post it. The law allows us to reduce the quorum to 10% of our current minimum amount. We also needed approval from the Moderator, Dave Conlin which we received.

Michelle Capano (29 Ocean St.): Asked about reducing the quorum

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. Vote to Extend Kelley Greens Lease per contract agreement **Continued to future meeting**

c. Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from February 1, 2023, March 15, 2023 and April 5, 2023.

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from February 1, 2023, March 15, 2023 and April 5, 2023."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

5. Ongoing Business

a. Town Administrator 2023 Goals update

6. Preserving East Point

JA: All depositions that were requested by Northeastern have been completed.

7. Town Administrators Report

a. Lowlands Storm Water Update

TA: Gave an updated on Lowlands Storm Water and the repairs they are making. The DPW, Police and Fire have numbered and identified access points at Short Beach and Doggie Beach so you can quickly identify what the closest access point is to you in an emergency. Pickle ball lines were painted at Flash Rd. this week.

8. Citizens Forum

George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd): Asked about Little Nahant Playground and the public stairs and crosswalk on Wilson Rd.

Michelle Capano (29 Ocean St.): Gave an update on the Housing Plan Production Committee Survey

9. Adjourn

JA: Moved to adjourn

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:36pm pm on Wednesday

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Wednesday August 30, 2023.

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the ____20th____ day of __September____ 2023.