

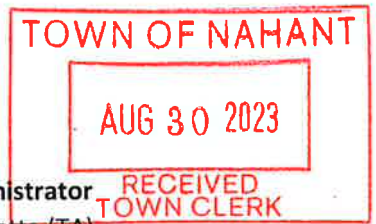
**Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen Meeting and Public hearing
Meeting Minutes**

Wednesday April 5, 2023 at 6:30pm via ZOOM

Eugene Canty-Chairman, Joshua A. Antrim- Vice Chairman

Mark P. Cullinan-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 April 5, 2023.

2. Opening Comments

JA:

-2023 Resident Parking Stickers now available for purchase at nahant.org. Parking Stickers are \$10 each. All outstanding bills must be paid to the Town and a census must be completed.

-Annual Dog Licenses are due by April 3, 2023. A \$25.00 fine will be charged after April 15, 2023. Please call the Town Clerk with any questions.

-Annual Town Census due back by April 15, 2023. Please call the Town Clerk with any questions.

-Compost Area Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM-3PM. 2023 Resident Parking Sticker Required.

-Curbside Leaf Pick Up: Mondays starting April 24th to May 22nd. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags ONLY and at your curbside by 7AM.

-Recycling for metal/white goods/tv/computers: Last Saturday of each month from April 30th to October 29th from 8:00am-12pm behind the DPW Garage on Flash Rd. 2023 Resident sticker required.

-April 30, 2023-S.W.I.M Annual Beach Clean-up starting at 11:00AM at the Lowlands parking lot.

-Annual Town Election Information: Town Election April 29, 2023

-Wednesday April 19, 2023 by 5:00pm: Last day to register to vote for the Town Election

-Friday April 21, 2023 by 5pm: 8 day Pre-election Campaign Finance Report due to Town Clerk

-Monday May 29, 2023 by 5pm: 30 day Post election Campaign Finance Report due to Town Clerk

-Scholarships available-visit the scholarship page at nahant.org

3. Public Hearing-Verizon and Comcast contract renewal

Motion: GC: Opened the Public hearing with Comcast and Verizon for the contract renewal"

JA: Seconded the motion

Discussion:

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): This is a state law required hearing because we need to renew both Comcast and Verizon's Contract. Comcast has a 5 year contract and Verizon is 10 years. This hearing is to ascertain what type of input the community might have regarding past issues of the cable systems they use. Once this hearing is closed I can report back to Verizon and Comcast what we learned and then we can finalize our licenses with them.

MC: I would ask for a list of complaints that Comcast and/or Verizon has received. Are there conditions and also payments to the Town from them?

Dan Skrip: There are payments for the cable system and franchise fees.

Roll call vote to officially open the meeting: all in favor.

Meeting opened for public to speak or comment.

Motion: MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing."

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

4. New Business

a. S.W.I.M presentation on Town Wide composting and Rodenticides

Ellen Goldberg (member of S.W.I.M) shared her screen and gave a presentation on composting.
Vi Patek and John Coulon (health officer) spoke about the use of Rodenticides in Town.

b. Vote to Approve Police Detail-Town Election

Motion: MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a Nahant Police Officer Detail for the Primary Election on Saturday April 29, 2023 from 6:45AM and until final votes have been counted and tallied at the Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908."

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote to Approve Event Requests: Women's Spring/Summer Softball and the Johnson School 6th Grade moving on ceremony

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

-Women's Spring/Summer Softball season Monday through Thursday starting at 6:15PM from May 1, 2023 to August 31, 2023 at the lowlands softball fields

And

-The Johnson School 6th grade moving on ceremony on Wednesday June 14, 2023 at 6:00PM in the Main Hall at the Nahant Town Hall.

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

5. Ongoing Business

a. Tudor Beach Ramp Easement-Discussion

Dan Skrip: Nothing has really changed. We did get a letter from Mrs. Aldrich claiming to interrupt the 20 year continuous use that we would need to complete in order to vest an easement but we told the Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich back in June that we believe the Town and the public's prescriptive easement has been vested. The next step to solidify this right would be to file a quiet title.

TA: The blocks that are there were purchased by the homeowner (Aldrich) and have been in place in the winter for the last two years and are moved when the warmer weather comes. The blocks are not there to block access to the public. The homeowner did have concerns on liability in the case that someone gets injured on the ramp but as a prescriptive easement there would be protection on that.

All three Board members agree that they would like to move forward with legal action to solidify the public easement on the ramp at the end of Tudor Beach

Motion: "The Board would so move that they give Town Counsel and Tony Barletta, Town Administrator the authority to file action in land court to quiet title of the easement that we believe the public owns up to the Beach Ramp next to the Aldrich's home at 163 Willow Road."

MC: "So moved"

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. Short Term Rental Bylaw Review

Discussion on the Short Term Rental Bylaw: *There are two articles that will be presented at Town Meeting. One from the Short Term Rental Committee and one is a Citizens Petition. Both are pushing for rules and regulations on Short Term Rentals.*

c. 9 Little Nahant Road Update

Dan Skrip: The Town got a check from HUD for the taxes that were due since FY20. We do expect this property to be sold for \$1.1 million dollars and we will get a portion of that amount but it is not confirmed yet as it is still in closing.

d. 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 open the annual town meeting warrant."

JA: second the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

TA: Tonight's change we are adding is back to Short Term Rental Committee. The previous draft of the warrant had a summary article for the Citizens Petition. It is typical when we have long bylaw amendment articles that we put a summary version and then in the appendix you can find the longer version. However we are not allowed to do that with a Citizens Petition. We need to put the whole thing in the warrant.

Motion: Vote to adopt the changes to the annual town meeting warrant as presented.

JA: So moved

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

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."

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

e. Vote to Approve the FY24 Budget and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee. –*No changes/updates

6. Preserving East Point – Discovery phase goes to the end of September.

7. Town Administrators Report

-Updates: Northern Strand Extension-Public Meeting held by MASSDOT and sending a letter with formal comments in response to the meeting. Wants MASSDOT to consider a traffic study and hold an in person public meeting with Nahant residents to discuss impacts of the extension on the Lynnway.

-Short Beach Playground-We had CPC funds a few years ago to replace/install new equipment at the playground and went through a public process to see what the public preferred, was in our budget, and fit. We ordered the equipment and expected to be delivered and installed this August.

-Coyote Management Plan- We have been looking at other management plans with guidance from Humane society and Mass Wildlife and have created our own. Further discussion on Coyotes.

8. Citizens Forum

Ken Carangelo (81 Willow Rd.): Asked about the ramp at Tudor Beach.

Francene Amari Faulkner (291 Nahant Rd.): Asked about Coyotes.

Rochelle Capobianco (131 Castle Rd.): Asked about Coyotes.

9. Adjourn to Executive Session:

Motion: MC: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to executive session In accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy as to impending litigation against HUD regarding 9 Little Nahant Road and Pursuant to MGL. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss pending litigation strategy regarding Town of Nahant versus 5 Coast Guard Housing Tenants if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

GC: The chair does declare

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17pm

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Monday April 10, 2023

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the ____2nd____ day of __August____ 2023.

