

Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen-Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 21, 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 (absent), Joshua A. Antrim (JA), Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening

JA: Opened the meeting at 6:30pm

2. Opening Comments

- a. 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.
- b. Compost Area Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM-3PM. 2023 Resident Parking Sticker Required. Visit the Public Works page at nahant.org for a full list of acceptable material.
- c. Recycling for metal/white goods/tv/computers: Last Saturday of each month until October 28th from 8:00am-12pm behind the DPW Garage on Flash Rd. 2023 Resident sticker required. Visit the Public Works department at nahant.org for accepted material. Certain fees may apply
- d. **July Festivities:** July 3rd: Horibbles Parade begins at 5pm in front of the Compost Area on Spring Road. July 4th: Tortoise and the Hare Road Race, registration begins at 7:30am in front of the Fire Station on Flash Road. Route map can be found on the community calendar, Field Races begin at 9am in back of the Fire Station, July 8th Wharf Event: 5:30pm-8:30pm: Fireworks begin at 9pm from Bailey's Hill.
- e. Nahant's Market by the Sea (formerly Nahant Farmers Market): Saturdays 10AM-1PM at Flash Road Park, July 15th, August 19th, September 16th and October 14th. For more information or to become a vendor visit the market page at nahant.org or email ktaylor@nahant.org.
- f. Nahant Library Director, Sharon Hawkes retirement announcement

3. New Business

a. Vote to Approve FY24 Master Fee Schedule

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Master Fee Schedule for FY24 as presented"

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. Vote to Approve Appointment of the Treasurer/Collector for FY24

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Edmond Locke as the Treasurer/Collector for FY2024".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote to Approve the FY24 Debt Shift

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the FY2024 debt shift in the amount of \$1,365,498."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

d. Vote to Approve the FY24 Water/Sewer Rates

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the FY24 Water rate of \$10.22 per 100 cubic feet and the FY24 Sewer rate of \$11.58 per 100 cubic feet."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

e. *Vote to Approve the Sale of Notes and sign associated paperwork*

Motion: Read by Town Administrator

I, the Clerk of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Nahant, Massachusetts, certify that at a meeting of the board held June 21, 2023, of which meeting all members of the board were duly notified and at which a quorum was present, the following votes were unanimously passed, all of which appear upon the official record of the board in my custody:

Voted: to approve the sale of \$6,573,900 4.75 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Notes (the “Notes”) of the Town dated June 23, 2023, and payable January 25, 2024, to BNY Mellon Capital Markets, LLC at par and accrued interest, if any, plus a premium of \$31,736.16.

Further Voted: that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Notes, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated June 12, 2023, and a final Official Statement dated June 15, 2023, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.

Further Voted: that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a significant events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Notes for the benefit of the holders of the Notes from time to time.

Further Voted: that we authorize and direct the Town Treasurer to establish post issuance federal tax compliance procedures and continuing disclosure procedures in such forms as the Town Treasurer and bond counsel deem sufficient, or if such procedures are currently in place, to review and update said procedures, in order to monitor and maintain the tax-exempt status of the Notes and to comply with relevant securities laws.

Further Voted: that any certificates or documents relating to the Notes (collectively, the “Documents”), may be executed in several counterparts, each of which shall be regarded as an original and all of which shall constitute one and the same document; delivery of an executed counterpart of a signature page to a Document by electronic mail in a “.pdf” file or by other electronic transmission shall be as effective as delivery of a manually executed counterpart signature page to such Document; and electronic signatures on any of the Documents shall be deemed original signatures for the purposes of the Documents and all matters relating thereto, having the same legal effect as original signatures.

Further Voted: that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.

I further certify that the votes were taken at a meeting open to the public, that no vote was taken by secret ballot, that a notice stating the place, date, time and agenda for the meeting (which agenda included the adoption of the above votes) was filed with the Town Clerk and a copy thereof posted in a manner conspicuously visible to the public at all hours in or on the municipal building that the office of the Town Clerk is located or, if applicable, in accordance with an alternative method of notice prescribed or approved by the Attorney General as set forth in 940 CMR 29.03(2)(b), at least 48 hours, not including Saturdays, Sundays and legal holidays, prior to the time of the meeting and remained so posted at the time of the meeting, that no deliberations or decision in connection with the sale of the Notes were taken in executive session, all in accordance with G.L. c.30A, §§18-25 as amended.

JA: so moved

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

f. *Vote to Approve Essex Regional Retirement System (ERRS) Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)*

Motion: JA: “I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Essex Regional Retirement System Cost of Living Adjustment”.

GC: seconded the motion

Discussion: TA: 19 communities fall under the Essex Reg. Retirement system. A law was passed that allowed these systems to increase the COLA % by 2%. (ours was originally 3% and if we add the 2% it would increase it to 5% total) to the base of 16k for retirees. In order for this to go through, 13 of the 19 communities need to vote in favor. Right now 13 have voted, 6 have voted yes and 6 have voted no. We asked ERRS what the cost impact would be to the Town. The cost of the 2% is not assessed directly to individual municipal units based on the number of retirees or other demographic factors, rather this would be included in the future calculations of the overall liabilities of the retirement system and would be allocated among all units via the annual appropriations.

JA: My issue is that this would probably come from taxes and we would have to ask taxpayers to now pay 5% towards a retiree's pension. It is hard to vote without knowing the amount we are voting on. Until we have more information, I would move to defer this to the next meeting.

GC: I agree that we should defer this vote until more questions are answered.

JA: I move that we table the motion

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

JA: Moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:15pm

GC: seconded the motion

TA: Gene needs to leave the meeting, (Mark is absent). No other votes will occur after this however we will announce opening comments and have discussion.

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting continued but with discussion only. No votes were taken

JA: Read opening comments. Thanked Sharon Hawkes (Nahant Librarian) for her service as she retires.

4. Ongoing Business – 9 Little Nahant Rd Update

Ed Locke (Treasurer/Collector): We received proceeds from 9 Little Nahant Rd. and we have taken it out of tax title. We received just over \$300,000 altogether.

5. Preserving East Point

JA: Dispositions of former Selectmen and Town Administrator are currently being conducted.

6. Town Administrators Report

TA:

-We have an RFP for demo of the 9 of the 12 Coast Guard Houses, bid opening is June 29th.

-A list of the vacant seats on Boards/Committees on our website.

-Josh and I met with the Willow Rd. community and the Oceanview and Kelley Greens owners about the speed issue on Willow Rd.

-We submitted a request for an extension to get our important project done like the Ward Rd Pump Station and I/I work. We also have the COA Kitchen project, we have CPC, Town and State funds to go towards the project.

-We have other CPC projects approved from previous FY's that we will be making progress on such as the Cemetery Arch and ADA access at Town Hall. CPC also just approved funding for ROW's and Pickleball.

-In August we should be starting the Little Nahant Playground project.

-New signs have been placed around Town such as speed signs, no idling signs, safety signs etc.

7. Citizens Forum

George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd.): asked about Rights of Ways and a motion from Town Meeting.

Michelle Capano (29 Ocean St.): made a comment on Rights of Ways

8. Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned at 7:15pm on Wednesday June 21, 2023

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Wednesday August 9, 2023.

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _6th_ day of _September_ 2023.