

**Town of Nahant**  
**Wednesday June 28, 2023 at 6:30pm via ZOOM**  
**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 6:33pm.

**1. Ongoing Business**

**a. Vote to Approve Essex Regional Retirement Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA)**

**Motion: JA:** "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Essex Regional Retirement Systems local 5% cost of living adjustment as presented."

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Discussion:**

**JA:** I want to support the Town's retirees. They only get a 3% raise normally and this year it allowed us to increase it to 5%. I tried to make my decision on facts, figures and fairness. Last week the figures were not available. We have now had time to speak to our Finance Director and Tony and go over the facts.

**GC:** I agree with Josh. We didn't have the amount of data last week we needed to vote.

**Roll call vote:** All in favor

**Joe Mellen (162 Willow Rd):** Asked in the chat how many communities have now voted.

**TA:** There are 19 communities in the system. 12 have voted and tonight it makes 13 that have voted. 7 have voted in the affirmative and 6 voted in the negative. They need to get to 2/3 of the 19. They need another 6 communities to vote in the affirmative by the end of the week for it to go into effect.

**Joe Mellen:** I was under the understanding that Swampscott said no.

**TA:** Swampscott is not in the Essex Regional Retirement System.

**2. Adjourn**

**GC:** Made a motion to adjourn

**JA:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

**Meeting Adjourned at 6:46pm on Wednesday June 28, 2023**

**Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Wednesday August 29, 2023.**

**Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_20th\_\_ day of \_\_September\_\_ 2023.**