

Town of Nahant-Board of Selectmen Meeting and Tax Classification Hearing
Wednesday September 20, 2023 at 6:30pm via ZOOM
Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman, Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman
Eugene Canty, Recording Secretary, Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator

Attendance: Mark Cullinan (absent), Joshua Antrim (JA), Gene Canty (GC), Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening

JA: Opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:33pm.

2. Opening Comments

JA:

- a. Compost Area Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- b. Recycling for metal/white goods/tv/computers: Last Saturday of each month until October 28th
- c. Curbside Leaf pick up begins in October on every Monday
- d. Market by the Sea Saturdays

3. Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen with the Board of Assessors open the FY24 Tax Classification Hearing."

GC: seconded the motion

- a. **Vote to Approve a Single Tax Rate**
- b. **Vote on Exemption**
- c. **Board of Assessor announce excess levy capacity**

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a Residential Factor of "1" and not adopt the following: a residential exemption, a Small Commercial Exemption, a Senior Means Tested Exemption, and to not grant a discount for Open Space for fiscal year 2024. And that the Assessors have informed the Board that the excess levy capacity for the current fiscal year is calculated as \$4,138.66."

GC: seconded the motion

David Hunt: (Board of Assessors): Asked if there needed to be roll call vote?

JA: yes we should

Motion: JA: "Any discussion on opening the Tax Classification hearing?"

No discussion

Roll call vote (to open the hearing)

BOS: all in favor

Board of Assessors: David Hunt (yes), Katherine Sherber (yes) Sheila Hambleton (yes)

JA: Re-read the motion to approve the single tax rate

GC: seconded the motion

Discussion:

Sheila Assessor: Explained what the residential factor means and what the exemptions means and the what the discount for open space means. Also discussed how we got to the excess levy capacity.

TA: "What is our tax rate going to be?"

Sheila: \$9.07, last year it was \$9.09

TA: last year we were the lowest in Essex County and probably will be again this year.

Roll call vote:

BOS: all in favor

Hearing opened for public comment:

No public comment

JA: "Made a motion to close the public hearing"

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote:

BOS: all in favor

Board of Assessors: David Hunt (yes) Kathryn Sherber (Yes) Sheila Hambleton (yes)

4. New Business

a. Vote on Liens – Unpaid FY23 Water/Sewer bills will be lienied to Real Estate starting September 20, 2023.

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve committing to the Board of Assessors unpaid FY23 unpaid utility and rubbish accounts in the amount of \$___105,818.60___ as presented by the Treasurer/Collector to be added to the annual tax as a municipal charges lien to be subject to the provisions of the law relative to interest on taxes."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. Vote to Approve Event Request for the 2023 PTO Halloween Bash Saturday October 21, 2023 at the Little League Field starting at 2:00pm

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Annual PTO Halloween Bash October 21, 2023 starting at 2:00pm at the Little League Field."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote to Approve Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from June 28, 2023, July 19, 2023 and August 2, 2023

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from June 28, 2023, July 19, 2023 and August 2, 2023."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

5. Ongoing Business

a. Nahant Village Church Concert-Saturday September 30, 2023- Vote to Approve a one day liquor license

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a one day wine and malt liquor license to the Nahant Village Church 27 Cliff Street, Nahant, MA, 01908 for Saturday September 30, 2023 for a Concert from 5:00pm to 7:00pm."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. TA Goals Update

JA: "We should wait to get into a more detailed review of these until the Chairman is present"

Explained the process of putting together the TA goals and the review process.

6. Preserving East Point

JA: On Friday September 15th the Town served a motion for summary judgement against the eminent domain validity case and simultaneously Northeastern submitted their motion against summary judgement. The documents will get exchanged and both parties will have several weeks to provide responses. By early November all of the files will be served with the court, Judge Karp will likely hold a briefing and set a hearing date. Likely within the first 60 days of next year the Judge will make a judgement on this case.

7. Town Administrators Report

TA:

-Special Town meeting (for the Coast Guard housing borrowing article) was well attended and the vote later passed by a 2/3 majority. The contractors and engineer are initiating the contracts and we will be meeting on site in the next few weeks.

-Not too many effects from Hurricane Lee- all departments were well prepared.

-Little Nahant Playground- two new pieces of equipment were delivered and installed this week. Next steps are to install, new footings for benches and getting close to completion.

-Sewer Capital work update: Our bid docs for the ward road pump station went live today, filed sub bids are due October 11th and the general bids are due October 18th. This is a big project and we were able to get it designed and through the DEP technical review in a timely fashion within the required schedule within the SRF program. We also put out to bid the I/I gravity sewer work and those bids will be due October 4th.

8. Citizens Forum

Jen McCarthy (19 Range Road): commented on the Village Church event and issues with functions at the Bayside

Brendan Baranrk-Olmstead (2 Summer Street): Asked about street lights being on during the day in Town

Michelle Capano (29 Ocean Street): Asked about street lights

9. Adjourn

JA: Asked for a motion to adjourn

GC: Motioned to adjourn

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:38pm on Wednesday September 20, 2023.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on October 26, 2023

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _1st_ day of ____ November__ 2023.