

Town of Nahant
Wednesday November 15, 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 (MC), Joshua Antrim (JA) Gene Canty (GC), Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening

MC: Opened the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:30pm.

2. Opening Comments

MC:

NAHANT TOWN CLERK
REC'D JAN 17 2024 AM 9:30

- a. Curbside Leaf pick up every Monday. Leaves must be in biodegradable bags ONLY. No open barrels, roots, root balls or branches bigger than 4" in diameter. Bags must be out by 7AM.
- b. Annual Report Photo Contest: Submit your favorite photo or drawing of Nahant to be entered into the contest to be chosen for the front cover of the 2023 Annual Report Book. Visit nahant.org for contest rules or email ktaylor@nahant.org for more information.
- c. Town Hall Closed on November 23rd and November 24th in Observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday
- d. Trash Pick-Up delayed for the week of Thanksgiving. Thursday Pick-Up moved to Friday. Friday Pick-Up moved to Saturday
- e. **Events: Visit the community calendar at nahant.org for more information on the following events:**
 - Saturday November 18, 2023 10AM-2PM- Annual Lions Club Turkey Shoot-Behind DPW-Flash Road
 - Saturday November 25-December 17th- PTO Christmas Tree Sales- Lowlands Parking Lot-Thursdays and Fridays- 6PM-8PM and Saturdays and Sundays 10AM-4PM
 - Saturday November 25, 2023 9AM-3PM- Women's Club Holiday Fair – Town Hall
 - Saturday December 2, 2023-6pm-Annual Tree Lighting-Town Hall
 - Saturday December 16, 2023-4PM-7PM-Christmas Parade Fundraiser – Tides Restaurant
 - Saturday December 23, 2023 –6PM- Annual Christmas Parade

3. Coast Guard Housing Update

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): We have two litigation cases going on with the remaining tenants. We have a trial date on December 13th for one tenant and we are awaiting a date on the other remaining tenant.

TA: We have made significant progress on the properties. Abatement is completed. Four units near Goddard drive have been demolished. There was no contaminated soil found when the oil tanks were removed. There was some contaminated material underneath a slab on one of the properties.

4. New Business

5. Ongoing Business

a. Vote to Approve ARPA spending for the Compost Pilot Program

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to encumber \$10,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) spending to fund the Composting Pilot Program for the Town of Nahant."

GC: seconded the motion

TA: since we started the program we have had 54 new sign ups to the black earth compost program. The first 32 members had paid at max \$269. 49. For their full year membership plus their starter kit and they were reimbursed in full. Once the town reached it's 100 membership threshold, everyone's cost of membership was

reduced from \$299/yr. for weekly pick up to \$159.99/yr. The program was very successful and this is to keep it going.

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. New Town Administrator Goals

TA: We will be updating the goals and sending them out to you to update. Asked the selectmen to also send any goals they want added.

c. Lowlands Drainage Update

TA: Our engineer is in the surveying and investigation phase. We have cleaned about 90% of the drainage pipes in the area. They had issues clearing the big pipe that goes from Fox Hill Rd to Ward Rd and the ditch but they came up with a solution and they will be back on site in a few days. Then they will go into the design phase.

d. Rights of Ways

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): We are working with Kim Sherman who helped us with some right of ways in Little Nahant. We need to figure out a scope of work to move forward.

6. Preserving East Point

JA: We believe the judge will be making a ruling in the first quarter of 2024 for the eminent domain taking.

7. Town Administrators Report

a. National Grid Gas Upgrade Work – Emerald Road and Wilson Road

b. CPC Application Process

TA: National Grid is currently working on Wilson Rd. and Emerald Rd. Work will continue through December and then come back in the Spring. They are installing upgraded gas mains and service lines. Community Preservation Committee (CPC) has begun their process for the upcoming application process. There will be a public meeting soon.

8. Citizens Forum

George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd.): Asked about the airplane noise

Vi Patek (172 Willow Rd.): Asked about putting Christmas Trees on the beach to stabilize the dune and asked about the golf course.

9. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion: JA: “ I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to executive session Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation – Northeastern University Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

GC: seconded the motion

MC: The chair does declare that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the Town. And we will not reopen the meeting.

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:56pm on Wednesday November 15, 2023

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on December 28, 2023.

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 10th day of January 2024.