

Town of Nahant -Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes
Wednesday January 24, 2024 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 – joined the meeting at 6:57pm), Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening

MC: Opened the meeting at 6:30pm

2. Opening Comments

MC:

- a. **Presidential Primary Election:** Tuesday March 5, 2024. Polls open at Town Hall from 7am-8pm.
- b. **Town Election:** Saturday April 27, 2024. Polls open at Town Hall from 7am-8pm. Nomination papers available at the Town Clerk's office due back by March 11, 2024.
- c. **Winter Parking Ban:** Winter Parking Ban: December 21, 2023-March 20, 2024 from 12AM-6AM.
- d. **Annual Report Photo Contest:** Submit a photo/drawing of your favorite place in town by February 2nd for a chance to be picked for the cover of the 2023 annual report.

3. Joint Public Hearing: License Renewal for Comcast and Verizon

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the Public Hearing with Comcast and Verizon."

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: MC: Yes **JA:** Yes

Discussion: A public hearing notice was placed in the Lynn Item and posted on nahant.org 7 days and 14 days prior to today's hearing.

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): This is a phase two hearing. We had a phase one hearing a few months ago which asked for public complaint or comment and we did not receive anything. Now it is the public can provide input on the proposals that we posted in the Town Clerk's office. Previously we had 10 year contracts now we have 5 year contracts. Some of that change is due to online streaming services.

TA: We have been going through this for a while. We haven't received many complaints or comments from the public except for the cost of service which we can't control or impact through this process.

MC: Opened up the public hearing to any public comment

Motion: JC: "I move the Town exercise the extension with Verizon Cable."

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: MC: yes **JA:** yes

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen execute the renewal license with Comcast."

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: MC: yes **JA:** yes

Motion: JA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen move to close the public hearing on cable services."

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: MC: yes **JA:** yes

4. Coast Guard Housing Update

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): Trials for both Goddard Dr. properties are ongoing. There is pre-trial in March for the Castle Rd. property.

TA: Demolition project is completed, temporary fencing has been removed. The old swing set will be removed and clean-up will start.

5. New Business

a. Vote to Approve Police Detail at the Nahant Town Hall

Motion: JA: “I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a Police Detail at the Nahant Town Hall for the Presidential Primary Election on March 5, 2024 and the Town Election on Saturday April 27, 2024 from 6:45am and until all final votes have been counted and tallied

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: MC: yes **JA:** yes

b. Vote to Approve Event Requests

Motion: JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the following event requests hosted by the Nahant Public Library: The Hands on Nature Bird Feeder Making on Wednesday February 21, 2024 at 10:00am and The Science Hero’s Saving Earth together on Friday February 23, 2024 at 9:30am

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: MC: yes **JA:** yes

c. Vote to approve Board of Selectmen meeting minutes

Motion: JA: “I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minute from Wednesday December 20, 2023 and Wednesday January 10, 2024”

MC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: MC: yes **JA:** yes

6. Ongoing Business

7. Preserving East Point

JA: next hearing will be on Friday

8. Town Administrators Report

TA: Saturday’s storm: We sustained some damages, doggie beach had significant erosion, short beach dune, fence behind life-saving station garage, minor damage to Tudor beach wall. Flooding on Willow road, Castle Rd, the rotary was temporarily closed. We didn’t have any emergency management calls.

TA: read the State of Town – document available upon request

TA: The Town has submitted 7 CPC applications **Budget:** we are in the process of budget meetings with departments, our goal is to have our budget submitted to the Fincom by the end of February.

GC: joined the meeting at 6:57. Was not present for any previous votes during the meeting

9. Citizens Forum

Candace Cahill (30 Rollins Ave.): Asked a question about Coast Guard Housing

George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd): Asked a question about Short Term Rentals, a right of way in Little Nahant, and the local broadcasting channel.

10. Adjourn

MC: Asked for a motion to adjourn

GC: so moved

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned 7:18pm on Wednesday January 24, 2024

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on February 2, 2024

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 17th day of April 2024