

**Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen
Joint Meeting with Library Board of Trustees and Board of Assessors
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 05, 2024 at 6:30pm via ZOOM
Joshua A. Antrim, Chairman, Eugene Canty, Vice Chairman
Robert Tibbo, Recording Secretary, Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

Attendance: Joshua A. Antrim (JA), Eugene Canty (GC), Robert Tibbo (RT), Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening

JA: Opened the meeting at 6:37pm

2. Opening Comments

JA:

- a. **Hazardous Waste Collection Days:** August 31st and October 12th from 8am-12pm at the Lynn DPW.
- b. **Metal/White Good/TV/Computer Recycling:** Last Saturday of each month from 8am -12pm behind the DPW Garage
- c. **Compost Area** Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9AM-3PM.
- d. **No Dogs on Beaches:** Starting May 1st through September 30th each year except on Doggie Beach.
- e. **Parking Stickers:** 2024 Resident Parking Stickers now available for purchase
- f. **Town Hall Intern:** Town Hall seeking two college aged individuals for a part time summer internship.
- g. **Nahant Market by the Sea:** Saturdays on June 22nd, July 20th, August 17th and September 14th

3. New Business

- a. **Joint Vote with the Library Board of Trustees to fill the vacancy on the Library Board of Trustees**

Library Board of Trustees members Linda Jenkins and Anne Spirn joined the meeting and opened their portion of the meeting

MOTION TA: "I move that the Board of Trustess vote to nominate Mary Livingston and Anne Bromer for the open seat on the Library Board of Trustees with the term expiring at the next Town Election April 26, 2025."

Anne Spirn: so moved

Linda Jenkins: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Linda Jenkins (yes) Anne Spirn (yes)

MOTION TA: "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to nominate Mary Livingston and Anne Bromer for the open seat on the Library Board of Trustees with the term expiring at the next Town Election April 26, 2025."

RT: so moved

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote BOS: all in favor

Library Board of Trustees Vote to fill vacancy:

Anne Spirn: Anne Bromer

Linda Jenkins: Anne Bromer

BOS Vote to fill vacancy:

RT: Anne Bromer

GC: Anne Bromer

JA: Anne Bromer

MOTION: Linda Jenkins: Moved to adjourn the Library Trustees portion of the meeting

Anne Spirn: Seconded the motion

Roll call vote: Anne Spirn (yes) Linda Jenkins (yes)

b. Joint Vote with the Board of Assessors to fill the vacancy on the Board of Assessors

Board of Assessors members David Hunt and Kathryn Sherber joined the meeting

MOTION: David Hunt: I declare the Board of Assessors meeting open

MOTION: TA (read motion): "I move that the Board of Assessors vote to nominate Edward Costigan, Jeff Lewis and Michael Manning for the open seat on the Board of Assessors with the term expiring at the next Town Election April 26, 2025."

David Hunt: so moved

Kathryn Sherber: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: David Hunt (yes) Kathryn Sherber (yes)

MOTION: TA (read the motion): "I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to nominate Edward Costigan, Jeff Lewis and Michael Manning for the open seat on the Board of Assessors with the term expiring at the next Town Election April 26, 2025."

JA: so moved

RT: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: GC (yes) RT (yes) JA (yes)

Board of Assessors vote to fill vacancy:

David Hunt: Edward Costigan

Kathryn Sherber: Edward Costigan

BOS Vote to fill vacancy:

RT: Edward Costigan

GC: Edward Costigan

JA: Edward Costigan

MOTION: David Hunt: Moved to adjourn the Assessors meeting

Kathryn Sherber: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: David Hunt (yes) Kathryn Sherber (yes)

c. Vote to Approve Event Request

MOTION: RT: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for the Johnson School 5th Grade Car Wash on Saturday June 8, 2024 from 1pm to 4pm at the DPW parking lot”

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

d. Vote to Amend the Club License/All Alcohol License for the Nahant Country Club, Inc. 280 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908

MOTION: RT: “I move that the Board of Selectmen amend the Club/All Alcohol Liquor License for Nahant Country Club Inc. to change the corporate name and its change of officers/directors.”

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

e. Vote to Approve Employment Contract for Town Accountant/Finance Director Alison Nieto

MOTION: RT: I move that that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Employment contract for the Finance Director/Town Accountant, Alison Nieto effective July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2027.

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

f. Vote to Approve the Memorial Tree Donation Fund

MOTION: RT: “I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Memorial Tree Donation Fund”

GC: seconded the motion

Discussion: JA: We have recently created a Memorial Tree Program where people can purchase a tree in memory of someone. The program also includes an option to have a plaque installed with the tree for an added cost. In order to take donations for this program we need to create a separate fund.

Roll call vote: all in favor

g. FY25 Master Fee Schedule proposed changes for discussion and future vote.

Review of the Master Fee Schedule and proposed changes for FY25. TA shared his screen to show the FY24 Fee schedule.

4. Ongoing Business

a. Housing Production Plan next steps

JA: the Housing Production Plan has been prepared by the Housing Production Committee with the help of MAPC over the last few years. This plan does not give us safe harbor from an unfriendly 40B development. The plan is with the Planning Board

TA: It's the next step in the process. On May 21st at their meeting they determined to indefinitely postpone the May 7th version of the Housing Production Report and at their last meeting they decided to not discuss the latest version. There has not been a vote by either board to accept the plan. The Planning Board requested to see an updated version of the

plan at least 2 weeks before a joint vote would be taken with the Planning Board and Selectmen before accepting and sending to the State. The Housing Production Plan Sub-Committee did forward the latest version to both committees and the Planning Board responded within their last two meetings about the plan.

Rob Steinberg (Chair of Planning Board): We had a meeting last night and the minutes reflect that we did not take up the agenda item of how the Planning Board wishes to move forward with the plan. The Planning Board made a request to assist in preparation of a plan, either its own plan or a modification of material developed by the Housing Plan Committee. Moving forward there are members of the Planning Board that want to look into the postponement of the May 7th plan consideration, whether that means we can't review any materials or build on what the housing production committee developed.

b. Northern Strand Extension Project update

TA: This project will be starting this year. Our community has voiced a lot of support but also a lot of concern over the current plans. We reached out to the State and had meetings with State Legislatures and officials with the City of Lynn and DCR about our concerns. We have information on our website about the process and project. We talked to them about changing the design and putting it on the other side of the Lynnway where there is less traffic, expressed the need for the extra lane inbound to Nahant, a seasonal lane, shortening the bike path. We met on site and asked permission to pay for a traffic study of a mock bike path. None of this gained any traction to help change it. We support the project but with less negative impacts to our residents.

5. Preserving East Point

a. Eminent Domain update and Q&A session

JA: On April 16th the summary judgement ruling was made that the taking of the land was unlawful. The taking was to put a conservation restriction on part of the land. Northeastern submitted a damages claim for approx. 25 million. Nahant was given 10 days to respond to damages, we then requested a stay of 30 days and the judge denied. The judge reviewed the damages claim and called for an emergency hearing on May 14th where the judge granted Nahant 60 days to respond to the damages claim.

Ken Carangelo (81 Willow Rd): Asked about the financial plan for the case and legal fees.

Francis Barile (28 Sunset Rd): commented on the eminent domain case

Shannon Bianchi (14 Harbor View Rd): Asked for an update on the Lowlands/Ward Rd project

Kevin McCarthy (12 Linda Lane): Asked about transparency

6. Town Administrators Report

Andrew Smith (Engineer): Gave an update on the Ward Rd. Pump station project.

TA: Gave an update on the Sumner Tunnel Closure. Update on installing new water meters to residents in the future, they will provide a more accurate reading. Fourth of July will have fireworks and wharf party.

We received 5 marketing proposals for the Coast Guard Housing Properties. The next step is for the review committee to review them. We are also working on the RFP for the sale of the lots.

7. Citizens Forum

Peter Gowlacki (20 Simmons Rd): Asked about the Northern Strand Project

Shannon Bianchi (14 Harbor View Rd): Asked about Castle Rd. Ward Rd. and Fox Hill Rd. paving.

George Mihovan: Asked about the right of way in Little Nahant

Peter Barba (22 Emerald Rd): Asked about Coast Guard Housing

8. 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, and to discuss pending litigation strategy regarding the Town of Nahant versus three (3) Coast Guard Housing tenants, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. And I the chair do declare that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 9:04 pm on Wednesday June 05, 2024.

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on July 15, 2024

Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 24th day of July 2024