

Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes
Wednesday March 20, 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), Antonio Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening

MC: Opened the meeting at 6:30pm

2. Opening Comments

MC:

- a. **Annual Town Election:** Saturday April 27, 2024.
- b. **Annual Town Meeting:** Saturday May 18, 2024
- c. **Annual Dog Licenses** due back to Town Clerk by April 1, 2024.
- d. **Metal/White Good/TV/Computer Recycling:** Starting April 27th-October 26th Last Saturday of each month
- e. **Spring Leaf Pick –Up:** Mondays April 29th, May 6th, May 13th and May 20th
- f. **Parking Stickers:** 2024 Resident Parking Stickers now available for purchase
- g. **Scholarships:** Charles Kelley Scholarship Applications due back by April 12, 2024
- h. **Friday March 22, 2024** – MAPC’s North Shore Task Force Annual Legislative Breakfast at the Nahant Life Saving Station.
- i. **Local T.V. Channel:** Now being updated on a regular basis with important updates

3. New Business

a. Discussion on Amending Resident Parking Sticker Fees

TA: proposing to increase the fee of the resident parking sticker from \$10 to \$20 on June 1st each year. This will incentivize people to come in early to purchase their sticker and the increase would generate more revenue. The need for the increase in fees is the expenses that the revenue of the stickers goes to has increased. Since 2020 minimum wage has increased 17.6% in just the last 3 years.

b. Vote to Approve Event Requests:

Motion JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the following event requests: The Johnson School PTO Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday March 30, 2024 starting at 3:00pm at Flash Road Park And The Apollo Club of Boston Concert on Sunday June 02, 2024 starting at 3:00pm at the Nahant Town Hall

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote to Transfer the All Alcohol Liquor License from Seaside Variety Partners to Seaside Variety Corporation 141 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908.

Motion: JA: “I move that the board of selectmen vote to approve the following transfer of the liquor license application for the year 2024 to be approved by the ABCC:

FROM: Seaside Variety Partners, 141 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908 All alcoholic beverages

TO: Seaside Variety Corp. , 141 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA 01908 All alcoholic beverages

And further, that the release of said licenses are subject to the approval of all inspections and payment of all outstanding fees, fines, and payments to the Town of Nahant and authorize the Town Administrator to sign the Licensing Authority Certification form.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

- d. NFD Chief Antrim and American Legion Commander, Dan McMackin Presentation: on Carbon Monoxide/Smoke Detector program for residents.**

Dan McMackin and Chief Antrim joined the meeting to discuss the new program in Town

- e. Vote to establish the Benson Fund**

Motion JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to establish the Benson Fund to serve as a resource for the Nahant Fire Department to fund any program it develops to offer smoke or CO detectors, or for any matters related thereto, to residents who surrender non-functioning detectors or seek to add new detectors to their home.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

- f. Vote to obligate up to \$2,000 of ARPA funds for the Benson Fund and the "Get Alarmed" Home Detector Safety Program**

Motion JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen initially fund the Benson Fund with a \$2,000 contribution from American Rescue Plan Act moneys, and a \$2,000 donation from the Nahant American Legion Post 215, and then thereafter with private donations.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Vote to Open and Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee**

Motion JA: I move the Board of Selectmen vote to open the annual town meeting warrant

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

TA: we are adding an article to the warrant. There is a state wide case related to opioids that the AG pushed for and communities had the opportunity to sign up to receive funds from that settlement. We didn't get guidance on how that would function in our accounting. They said the funds should drop to free cash if not spent in that FY. Now they have sent out guidance that allows us to put it in a revolving account where we can spend the money as we see fit. In order to not lose the money from the previous year we need to have a town meeting vote so we need to add an article onto the warrant to make that vote.

Motion JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to close the town meeting warrant and send to the advisory and finance committee

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

- b. Vote to Extend the Kelley Greens Golf Course Lease per contract agreement**

Motion JA: move that the Board of Selectmen vote to execute the First Modified Lease and Management Agreement with R&B Management LLC.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote to Approve Town Administrator Contract

Motion JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign the Town Administrators Contract with at term beginning July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2029.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

5. Preserving East Point- no update

6. Town Administrators Report

a. National Grid Work – Wilson Road – Schedule update

b. Emerald Rd/Fox Hill Rd Water and Lowlands Stormwater Project updates.

TA: National Grid is targeting to be complete by Mid May on the Wilson Rd. project. They have completed their work on Emerald Rd. Granese has mobilized to start the watermain work on Emerald Rd and they should be there for about 2 weeks. Fox Hill Rd project requires a by-pass, they are waiting for the temperature to be high enough to do that. They will then move into the lowlands stormwater work. We are working on two RFI's with FEMA for the Short Beach Dune.

7. Citizens Forum

Joanne Teo (71 Maolis Rd): Asked about short term rentals

Michelle Capano (29 Ocean St): Asked about Short Term rental enforcement

George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd): Asked about short term rentals

Cora Long (263 Nahant Rd): Asked if there was an update on the Flash Rd. courts

8. Adjourn

JA: motioned to adjourn

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm on Wednesday

Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on April 05, 2024

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