

**Town of Nahant**  
**Board of Selectmen – Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday March 06, 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 6:31pm

**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. **Water/Sewer/Trash Bills due March 11, 2024**
- e. **Winter Parking Ban: in effect until** March 20, 2024 from 12AM-6AM.
- f. **Parking Stickers:** 2024 Parking Stickers will be available March 15<sup>th</sup>
- g. **Scholarships:** Charles Kelley Scholarship Applications due back by April 12, 2024.
- h. **Vacancy:** Open seat on the Zoning Board of Appeals – send letters of interest to [ktaylor@nahant.org](mailto:ktaylor@nahant.org)

**3. National Grid Public Hearing – Petition from Massachusetts Electric Company D/B/A, National Grid and Verizon New England Inc.** requests permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: Ward Rd.

**Motion to open hearing JA:** I move that the Board of Selectmen open the public hearing with National Grid.

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

**Motion: JA:** “I move that that Board of Selectmen vote to approve the petition submitted by National Grid from the National Electric Company D/B/A National Grid and Verizon New England Inc. to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: Ward Road – National Grid to install 1 (one) JO pole on Ward Road beginning at a point approximately 246 feet south of the centerline of the intersection of Ward Rd and Castle Way and continuing approximately 10 feet in a west direction. National Grid is petitioning on behalf of the Nahant Pump Station to install a new JO pol #3-5 where it is going to be fed the new upgrade of the existing secondary underground service (actually being fed from pole #4) Hearing notice was published with due notice in a local newspaper, the Daily Item, and posted on the Town website nahant.org

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

**Opened the hearing for any public comment**

**George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd):** Asked if they could do this underground instead

**Motion to close hearing JA:** I move the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing with National Grid.

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

#### **4. New Business –Approve Event Requests**

**Motion JA:** “I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the event request for the following : The National Vietnam War Veterans Day Event on Friday March 29, 2024 starting at 11:00am at the Richard Davis Memorial Park and Nahant Youth Soccer on Saturdays from April 18, 2024 to June 27, 2024 8:30am-10:00am at Flash Road Park.”

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

#### **5. Ongoing Business**

- a. Vote to Approve the Police Union Contract

**Motion:** “I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the contract between the Town of Nahant and the Nahant Police Union, MCOP Local 194, from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026.”

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

- b. ***Vote to Open and Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee – Did not need to do this as no changes were presented to the Warrant***
- c. ***Vote to approve Board of Selectmen Omnibus Budget and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee***

**Motion JA:** I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Omnibus budget as presented and send it to the Advisory and Finance Committee for their review.”

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Discussion: TA:** explained what the changes were- some were due to health insurance cost changes, police dept and school dept.

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

#### **6. Coast Guard Housing Update**

**TA:** We met in executive session on Monday to talk about the evaluation of the CG housing property. The appraiser finished his appraisals of one property on castle rd, one on Goddard and one on Gardner. That allowed us to talk about the methodology he used and the valuation he came up with. We are not sharing the information or back up as we will be going through a real estate RFP project and we don't want to expose the information to interfere with the procurement process.

#### **7. Preserving East Point**

**JA:** waiting for decision from the judge and it could take up to 120 days from the hearing in late January

#### **8. Town Administrators Report**

- a. Watermain and Lowlands Stormwater Update

**TA:** We held a bid opening last week for the Emerald Rd/fox hill watermain work and also Stormwater work for lowlands area. Our total bid came in under budget. Granese was awarded the bid.

#### **9. Citizens Forum**

**Jeff Lewis (6 Ellsworth Rd):** Asked about the funding on water/sewer and stormwater projects.

**George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd):** Asked a question about a Right of Away in Little Nahant

**10. Adjourn to Executive Session: Town Administrators Contract Negotiations**

**Motion: JA:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to executive session In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with the Town Administrator. If the chair declares that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating body. Does the chair declare?

**MC:** I do so declare

**GC:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

**Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm on Wednesday March 06, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes prepared by: Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on March 20, 2024**

**Meeting Minutes Approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of April 2024**