

Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen and Board of Health- Meeting Minutes
Wednesday October 02, 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 6:30pm

2. Board of Health: Seasonal Information about wild animals (rodents and coyotes)

TA: In the last few weeks we have had some residents reach out about rodent and coyote activity. As weather changes rodents seek shelter, check foundation for cracks/openings, eliminate outside food sources/trash.

3. Opening Comments

JA:

- a. **Metal/White Good/TV/Computer Recycling:** Last Saturday of each month until October
- b. **Compost Area** Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays
- c. **Fall Leaf Pick up will begin in on October 7th –**
- d. **Vacant School Committee Seat** –Send letters by October 18, 2024.
- e. **Community Preservation Committee Community Meeting** – Monday October 07, 2024
- f. Water/Sewer/Trash Bills have been sent out and due October 25, 2024.
- g. Real Estate Tax Bills Bill's to be mailed out on October 01, 2024 and will be due November 1, 2024.

4. New Business

a. Vote to Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION: JA: "I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from August 28, 2024, September 04, 2024 and September 10, 2024".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. Vote to Approve Event Requests

MOTION RT: "I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the following event requests The Annual Lion's Club Turkey Shoot on Saturday November 23, 2024 beginning at 9am behind the DPW on Flash Road The Annual Freezin' For a Reason Polar Plunge on Wednesday January 1, 2025 beginning at 10:30am at Short Beach".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote to Approve Employment Contracts

MOTION RT: "I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Employment Contract with Nahant Police Department Chief Timothy Furlong, from July 01, 2024 to June 30, 2027".

JA: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

MOTION RT: "I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Employment Contract with the Nahant Fire Departments Chief Austin Antrim, from July 01, 2024 to June 30, 2027".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: **GC:** yes **RT:** yes **JA:** (abstained due to Chief Antrim being a family member)

d. Vote to Approve the State Election Warrant

MOTION RT: "I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Warrant for the State Election to be held at the Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA on Tuesday November 05, 2024 from 7:00am to 8:00pm".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

e. Public Safety Building Discussion

Chief Antrim: We are hoping to form a committee to select a designer for the building. There was a smaller scale study completed in 2016 to our current fire building. The committee would need to look at potential sites for the building and if it would be a combined facility with police or separate, come up with a report, bring to the BOS and then be approved.

Chief Furlong: The police station has needed upgrades including more storage for equipment and vehicles.

MOTION JA: "I make a motion to create a public safety and designer selection committee ad hoc, that will be comprised of the following, Fire Chief as Chair, Police Chief as Co-Chair, Finance Director, Fire Union Representative, Police Union Representative, a Town Administrator Appointment, a second Town Administrator Appointment, the committee will be a total of 7 voting members with a term of two years or until the project is completed. The charge of the committee is follows, develop a request of qualifications to select a designer to complete a feasibility study for the replacement of the Nahant Fire and Police Stations. Upon acceptance of the feasibility study the committee may be retained to select a designer or schematic or final design based on the recommendations of the final study."

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

f. Water/Sewer/Trash Abatement Policy discussion

MOTION JA: "I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Water/Sewer/Trash Abatement Policy".

GC: seconded the motion

Vote not taken as more review of the policy is needed

John Coulon (Health Officer): joined the meeting and gave an update on his recent investigation of rodent behavior in an area of town and tips on how to not attract rodents.

g. Purple Heart Designation

JA: Read the Purple Heart declaration *document available upon request*

h. Short Term Rental Rules and Regulations update and possible Vote

MOTION RT: I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Short Term Rental Rules and Regulations as presented".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

MOTION JA: I move the Board of Selectmen vote to open a Public Comment Period on the Short Term Rental Rules and Regulation Fees. All comments should be sent to ktaylor@nahant.org by November 01, 2024".

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

i. Vote to create a Right's of Ways Committee

JA: *We have a number of rights of ways in Town and they are not all marked and locations are not publicly available.*

MOTION JA: “I move the Board of Selectmen establish a Rights-of-Ways-Sub-Committee with a mission of overseeing the process and progress of activating and publishing Town owned rights-of-ways throughout Nahant. This committee shall work in conjunction with the Town Administrator to, including but not limited to, establish a plan on how to identify rights-of-ways to the public, document legal possession, recover Town rights-of-ways that has been encroached upon, and all items related there to. The committee shall report to the Board of Selectmen through the Town Administrator and submit a written report for publishing in the Annual Town Report. The committee shall consist of a member appointed by the Planning Board for a 3 year term, a member appointed by the Open Space Committee for a 3 year term, and a member appointed by the Town Administrator for a 3 year term. This subcommittee shall automatically dissolve in 5 years, unless the Board of Selectmen votes to dissolve it sooner or to renew it for another designated time period.

GC: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

5. Ongoing Business

a. Discussion on changing the Board of Selectmen to a 5 member Board- no discussion

6. Coast Guard Housing Sale Update

TA: Abatements for lot #2 and lot #8 are underway. We expect both those structures to be clear this week. We have had three bid openings. Lot #1 we have an executed purchase and sale agreement. Lot #3 we expect to have a purchase and sale agreement this week.

7. Preserving East Point

JA: We are in a hold pattern with Jude Karp while he reviews the issues of legality on the damages claim.

8. Town Administrators Report

a. Missed Trash/Recycling – Process for Residents to Report

TA: Residents should go to nahant.org and fill out missed trash form as soon as pick up is missed.

9. Citizens Forum

Ken Carangelo (81 Willow Rd): Asked about the Police Station and Northeastern

Brendan Baranek Olmstead (2 Summer St): Asked about the police and fire station and cameras at the wharf.

Rick Kennedy (17 Bayview Ave): commented on short term rental rules and regs

10. Adjourn to Executive Session: MOTION JA: “I move 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 one (1) 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 if the chair do declare that an open meeting would have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and we will not return to open meeting.

RT: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:37pm on Wednesday October 02, 2024

Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Tuesday October 22, 2024

Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 6th day of November 2024