



## *Town of Nahant*

*334 Nahant Road  
Nahant, MA 01908*

*Town Clerk's Office*

### Meeting Minutes – January 27, 2026 5:30 pm

Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road

Roll Call: Lori Ballantine, Chair X Sis Oliver; X Teresa Hill; X  
Diane Dunfee, Town Clerk; X

#### AGENDA:

1. Discuss and vote on In- Person Early Voting for Annual Town Elections 2026.

***Diane Dunfee:*** I think as a courtesy we should offer a 3-day In Person Early voting. Carol Nelson, the Warden and I are in the office and it gives residents a chance to vote in person in the event that they cannot make the Annual Town Election:

***Motion Sis Oliver:***

I move that we Opt-In to In Person Early Voting hours for April 25, 2026 ATE:  
Tuesday, April 21st thru Thursday. April 23rd in the Town Hall, 9am to 1pm.

**Seconded: Lori Ballantine**

**VOTE:** Unanimous Vote in Favor

2. Discuss and vote on Vote by Mail for Annual Town Elections, 2026

***Diane Dunfee:*** VBM would does not require a postcard sent to all registered voters. We simply have to send out a Vote by Mail ballot (which requires no reason) to any voter who requests it. I recommend we offer Vote by Mail at 2026 Annual Town Election:

**Motion by Lori Ballantine:** I move that we vote in favor of Vote by Mail for the 2026 Annual Town Elections.

**Seconded by Sis Oliver**

**VOTE:** Unanimous Vote in Favor

3. Vote to submit Police detail request for Annual Town Election to the Board of Selectman per Section 72 of the Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022.

**Lori Ballantine:** I move to submit the Boards of Registrars request for Police Detail at the Annual Town Meeting on April 25, 2026 to the Board of Selectmen for approval.

**Seconded by Sis Oliver**

**VOTE:** Unanimous vote in Favor

4. Vote to allow Diane Dunfee, Nahant Town Clerk to certify all nomination and petitions with stamped signatures on behalf of the Board of Registrars.

**Lori Ballantine:** I move to allow the Town Clerk, Diane Dunfee to certify all nominations and petitions for the Town of Nahant for 2026.

**Seconded by Sis Oliver**

**Vote:** Unanimous vote in Favor

5. Discuss and vote to approve the implementation of “Revolving Chair“ for the Board of Registrars

**Diane Dunfee:** I would like to suggest that we have the Chair of the Board of registrars be on a 3-year revolving basis, as is done by the Board of Selectmen.

**Sis Oliver:** Motion to have the position of Chair of the Board of Registrars rotate each year.

**Seconded by Lori Ballantine**

**VOTE:** Unanimous vote in Favor

## **6. Vote to Approve method of Meeting Minutes approval for BOR**

**Diane Dunfee:** There are two (2) ways that meeting minutes can be approved.

1. By a vote of the members of the board at their next meeting.

2. Approval by the Chair of the Board

Meeting minutes need to be submitted to the Town Clerk in a “timely” manner. Since we don’t meet that often, I recommend we vote to allow approval of the meeting minutes be made by the Chairman of the Board of Registrars. Once voted by the board, approval of meeting minutes must be done the same way for every meeting or until a motion and vote is taken to change it.

**Sis Oliver:** Motion to allow the Chair of the Board of Registrars to approve all meeting minutes on behalf of the Board of Registrars.

**Seconded: Teresa Hill**

**VOTE:** Unanimous vote in favor

**Lori Ballantine:** Motion to Adjourn 6:08pm

**Seconded by Theresa Hill**

**VOTE:** Unanimous vote in favor

*Respectfully submitted to Town Clerk as approved by*

*Chair, Lori Ballantine*

