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Town of Nahant
Select Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday August 19, 2026 Hybrid via ZOOM and Town Hall
Robert Tibbo, Patrick O'Reilly, Patty Karras
Alison Nieto, Town Administrator

Attendance: Robert Tibbo (RT), Patrick O'Reilly (PO), Patty Karras (PK), Alison Nieto (AN)

1. ***Meeting Opening***

RT: opened the meeting at 6:30pm

2. ***Opening Comments***

RT:

a. **No Dogs on Beaches:** May 1st through September 30th each year except on Doggie Beach
b. **Resident Parking Stickers:** Now available for purchase at nahant.org
c. **Metal/White Goods/TV Recycling:** Last Saturday of each month thru October 31st
d. **Compost Area:** Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm
e. **Market by the Sea:** Saturday September 12th from 10:00am to 1:00pm

3. ***New Business***
   a. ***Approve the creation of Veterans Donation Fund***

MOTION RT: **"**I move the Select Board vote to approve the creation of the Veterans Donation Fund."
PK: seconded the motion
AN: Our Veterans Agent asked if there is a general donation fund for Veterans. We do have Purple Heart fund that is dedicated to Purple Heart ceremony expenses. We have another fund that is called the Veterans relief fund and is specifically to providing veterans with relieving them of expenditures. We don't have a generic fund so we can accept general donations to be used at the Veterans service agent discretion.
Roll call vote: all in favor

   b. ***Vote to Approve MOU Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board approve the Massachusetts Interagency Mutual Aid Agreement sponsored by the Essex County Chiefs of Police Association."

PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

c. ***Vote to Schedule a date for Special Town Meeting in October 2026 at the Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA.***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to schedule a Special Town meeting for October 20, 2026 at 6:30pm in the Nahant Town Hall, 334 Nahant Road, Nahant, MA."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

d. ***Vote to Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board Open the Special Town Meeting Warrant**.**
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

e. ***Vote to Add Library Restoration article to the Warrant***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to add the Library Restoration Article to the Special Town Meeting Warrant."
PK: seconded the motion
AN: The library board of trustees had sent language over for the article that was more lengthy however town counsel advised to shorten it.
PO: I do have concerns over the language. I would prefer to see language about the overall project and the $1 million dollars being contingent upon the total donation amount so the Town wasn't going into a project without being fully funded.
AN: I originally included that but Town counsel said the Department of Revenue do not like warrant articles that have a contingency aspect. I asked if we can put it in the motion and he said DOR may still have an issue.
PK: can we add more to the description
AN: We can add more in the book or the motion. The recommendation book will have a report from the library and more information too.
Carl Jenkins (Library Board of Trustees): We don't believe any infrastructure will start until there is money in the bank.

Further discussion on the article language
Roll call vote: all in favor

f. Vote to Close the Special Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Town Clerk Notice Posting

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board close the Special Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Town Clerk for posting***."***
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

g. Vote to Approve the Gift Agreement with the Friends of the Nahant Public Library

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board approve the Gift Agreement with the Friends of the Nahant Public Library***."***
PK: seconded the motion
AN: This was presented to me by the Library Board of Trustees and I ran it by Town Counsel. This is a mechanism for the friends of the library to provide funding to the Town.
Roll call vote: all in favor

h. Discuss revisions to Select Board's short-term rental rules and regulations

AN: This came up after having Short Term Rentals (STRS) approved but restricted in a residential area. The bylaw was passed. It came up recently that we need to clarify the rules/regs of the STR's and the definitions.
****Further discussion on clarifying the rules/regs surrounding STR's***

i. Discuss and approve a joint letter to Lieutenant Governor Driscoll requesting a meeting regarding the Lynnway Multimodal Corridor Project

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board approve the joint letter from the Swampscott, Marblehead and Nahant Select Boards as discussed to send to Lieutenant Governor Driscoll requesting a meeting regarding the concerns about the Lynnway multi modal corridor project."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

4. ***Ongoing Business***
    a. ***Update from Veterans Service Officer Bob Fields***

Bob Fields (Veterans Service Officer): joined the meeting. Gave an update on local veterans and their needs.

5. ***Town Administrators Report***

AN: Wanted to recognize the employees from the Nahant Police and Nahant Fire Department who helped with two different rescues on August 9th.
Had a call with FEMA that was put together by Senator Markey's office after the memo came out that any projects left over from the 2018 storm that don't have construction ready to go could have the funding clawed back. The Town has been granted from FEMA a project extension for the 40 steps revetment through November 15th of this year. We have a checklist going that if we keep meeting the timelines on the checklist we should be okay and be granted another extension.

6. ***Citizens Comment***

Kerri Collins (22 Breezy Hill Terrace): Made a comment

7. ***Adjourn***

RT: I will accept a motion to adjourn
PO: so moved
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned on Wednesday August 19, 2026 at 7:46PM
Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on October 15, 2026
Meeting Minutes approved by the Select Board on the 21st day of October 2026