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Town of Nahant
Nahant Select Board Meeting Minutes
Wednesday June 17, 2026 via ZOOM
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

1. ***Opening Comments***

RT:

- **a.** Nahant Town Hall closed on June 19, 2026 in observance of the Juneteenth Holiday
- **b.** No Dogs on Beaches: May 1st through September 30th
- **c.** Resident Parking Stickers: Now available for purchase at nahant.org
- **d.** Annual Dog Licenses: Dog Licenses were due back to the Town Clerk by April 1, 2026.
- **e.** Metal/White Goods/TV Recycling: Last Saturday of each month thru October 31st
- **f.** Compost Area: Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm
- **g.** Special Town Election: Wednesday June 24, 2026
- **h.** Summer Solstice Sunrise Ceremony: Sunday June 21, 2026
- **i.** Market by the Sea: Saturdays on June 27th, July 18th, August 15th and September 12th
- **j.** Good Hope Running and Walking 5K: Saturday June 27, 2026
- **k.** July 3rd and July 4th Events update: Visit nahant.org for a full list of events in July

2. ***New Business***
   a. ***Vote to approve Select Board meeting minutes***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve the Select Board meeting minutes from April 15, 2026.
PO: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: PO: yes RT: yes

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve the Select Board meeting minutes from May 6, 2026."
PK: Seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

b. ***Vote to appoint a new Harbormaster***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve Mariana Rauworth as the new Harbormaster for a probationary period effective July 1, 2026 until January 1, 2027.***"***
PO: seconded the motion
Discussion:
RT: I do support the probationary period but feel it is somewhat light there is not much to do after October so there is not much to evaluate. I make a motion that we extend the probationary period to June 30, 2027. Do I have a second?
Patty Karas: seconded the motion
RT: The spring is the busy time for the Harbormaster, new boats, missing moorings, etc. I want to make sure before going forward that our new Harbormaster can take on those duties.

MOTION has been amended: RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve Mariana Rauworth as the new Harbormaster for a probationary period effective July 1, 2026 until June 30, 2027."
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

3. ***Ongoing Business***
   a. ***Discuss 47 Little Nahant Road Short Term Rental***

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): We were in court we got a preliminary injunction preventing 47 Little Nahant Road to be used as a Short-Term Rental and that went into effect Monday morning. We are monitoring the activity at that property and will reassess.

b. ***Review and Vote on Parking Policy***

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to approve and implement the parking policy as presented."
PO: seconded the motion

Discussion:
PK: I think we need to expand on guest parking. If a guest wants to come visit you we shouldn't have to call the police dept. We need to have clear guidelines and I think we need to incorporate the transferability issue.
PO: The goal was to document the existing policies in the first go around. This is more documenting what we understand as existing policies, we can put this out there and then put together the parking committee to go street by street.
AN: if the board appoints a committee we can get a meeting scheduled and focus on the guest parking piece first

Amendment to motion RT: "I move that we further authorize the Town Administrator to begin appointments to a committee that will review and expand our Parking Policy".
PK: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Rights of Ways discussion

AN: a while back the board put together a Right's of Ways (ROW's) committee. They have met a few times. We need to figure out what ROW's are town owned or not. If they are not town owned we need to figure out a way that the town could try to gain ownership of it. Do we have a map that shows which ones are town owned or not?

Dan Skrip: yes we have a map that lays out all the ROW's but no map that shows if the Town owns them

d. Trash Contract Update

AN: The last time we met the Board asked me to go back to Waste Management (WM) in regards to a one-year extension and provide a reduced cost. They did provide a reduction in curbside collection, but there is a fuel charge, so the fuel charge will go up just as much as the reduction. We only got one other proposal from Capitol and WM is still the better deal. We are up against the June 30th deadline so we are signing the one year extension. We will be doing an RFP in the fall to ask for proposals for a multi-year contract.

4. <u>Town Administrators Report</u>

AN:

- The Town tests beach water weekly. If a result comes back with and exceedance we test until clear. Flags are put up if swimming is closed. We also update town website with results.
- Special Town Election next Wednesday: 2 questions on the ballot. 1st is for a million dollar operating override. The 2nd is a charter change to change the posting dates for town meeting warrants.

5. ***Citizens Comment***

Bob Fields (Veterans Service Officer): Gave an update on the flag retirement ceremony and other veterans service related events.
George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd): Commented on Right's of Ways.

6. ***Adjourn***

RT: asked for a motion to adjourn
PK: motion to adjourn
PO: seconded the motion
Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned on Wednesday June 17, 2026 at 7:20pm
Meeting Minutes Prepared by Administrative Assistant Kristin Taylor on Wednesday August 10, 2026.
Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 2nd day of September 2026