

**Town of Nahant – Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday January 7, 2026 at 6:30pm via ZOOM**  
**Robert Tibbo, Chairman, Gene Canty, Vice Chairman**  
**Patrick O’Reilly, Recording Secretary, Alison Nieto, Town Administrator**

**Attendance:** Robert Tibbo (RT), Patrick O’Reilly (PO), Alison Nieto (AN)

**Absent:** Gene Canty

**1. Meeting Opening**

**RT:** opened the meeting at 6:31pm

**1. Opening Comments**

**RT:**

- a. Winter Parking Ban** – in effect until March 20, 2026 from 12AM-6AM.
- b. Annual Christmas Tree Bonfire** – Friday January 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm at Baileys Hill –
- c. Town Hall** will be closed on Monday January 19, 2026 in observance of the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
- d. Citizens Petition for Town Meeting:** The deadline to add a Citizen Petition article to the Town Meeting Warrant is January 31, 2026.

**2. New Business**

- a. *Vote to Appoint Council on Aging Director***

**MOTION RT:** “I move the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Kelly King as the Council on Aging Director effective December 29, 2025.”

**PO:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

**b. *Discussion of Veterans Agent position***

**AN:** Our current Veterans Service Officer is retiring at the end of the month. We are going to post the vacancy. The position is paid by a stipend on a monthly basis. And/Or we can look at a regionalization approach with Swampscott or Lynn.

**RT and PO:** Discussed figuring out the needs for Veterans in Town and finding out how they feel about regionalizing. RT asked if we can reach out to our local VFW to get the word out to their members and get feedback that way.

**AN:** We could post something on our website encouraging people in Town to email me directly to give their feedback on this.

***c. Appointment of full-time Firefighter, contingent upon passing physical***

**MOTION RT:** “I move the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Douglas Cronin as a Full Time Fire Fighter with the Nahant Fire Department. And said appointment is contingent upon the passing of the mandatory physical examination.”

**PO:** seconded the motion

**Roll call vote:** all in favor

**3. Ongoing Business**

***a. Update on the Public Safety Building Designer Feasibility Study***

**AN:** Funding for this was approved at Town Meeting in May 2022 for 125K for this study. The board appointed the committee in October 2024 and the committee started meeting. The task of the committee was to develop a request for qualifications in order to find a designer. That RFQ was issued in August of 2025. The Town received 4 responses. One company came out on top, Context Architecture and we awarded a contract in September 2025 and started the process with Context. Context conducted a scoring matrix for locations. Locations under consideration are the current Fire Station, the DPW, the Police Station and behind the Police Station, St. Thomas Rectory and the Country Club site. We are looking at if a public safety building is feasible. Up next is concept design for combined and separate facilities and then a pricing exercise.

**Chief Austin Antrim:** There was an earlier study done in 2016 but in a smaller scale. That study was helpful as they had conducted an analysis of the current fire station. In 2001 annual report the Chief wrote about how the building needed to be addressed. The current station was never designed to be a fire station.

**4. Town Administrators Report**

***a. FY27 Budget Preparation***

**AN:** I sent out budget templates to department heads and they have until January 20<sup>th</sup> to complete the FY27 budget and send back to me. Then we will set a time to meet and review.

5. Citizens Comment

6. Adjourn

*RT:* asked for a motion to adjourn

*PO:* so moved

*Roll call vote:* all in favor

*Meeting adjourned at 7:16pm on Wednesday January 7, 2026.*

*Meeting Minutes prepared by Administrative Assistant, Kristin Taylor on Thursday January 8, 2026.*

*Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on 21<sup>st</sup> day of January 2026*