

**Town of Nahant
Board of Selectmen Meeting and Hearing
Wednesday May 06, 2026 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

2. Opening Comments

- a. Resident Parking Stickers:** now available for purchase at nahant.org
- b. Annual Town Census:** The 2026 Annual Town Census has been mailed to residents.
- c. Annual Dog Licenses:** Dog Licenses were due back to the Town Clerk by April 1, 2026.
- d. Scholarships:** Visit the Scholarships page at nahant.org for a list of Scholarships
- e. Metal/White Goods/TV Recycling:** Last Saturday of each month from April 25th thru October 31st
- f. Spring Leaf Pick-Up:** Curbside leaf pick-up on Mondays beginning April 27th
- g. Compost Area:** Open on Wednesdays and Saturdays from 9:00am to 3:00pm
- h. YMCA Stride Along the Tide 5K Road Race:** Saturday May 09, 2026 beginning at
- i. Town Hall Internship:** The Town Hall is currently seeking a college aged student for a paid part time internship at Town Hall
- j. Annual Town Meeting:** Saturday May 16, 2026 beginning at 12:30pm

3. Vote to Reorganize Board of Selectmen

MOTION PO: "I move the Select Board vote to appoint Rob Tibbo as the Chairman of the Select Board."

PK: Seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: PO: yes PK: yes

MOTION RT: "I move the Select Board vote to appoint Patrick O'Reilly as the Vice Chair of the Select Board."

PK: Seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: RT: yes PK: yes

MOTION RT: “I move the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Patty Karras as the Recording Secretary of the Board of Selectmen.”

PO: Seconded the motion

ROLL CALL VOTE: Rob and Pat only

4. Public Hearing: National Grid Petition to place new pole on Pleasant Street.

MOTION RT: “I move the Board of Selectmen open the hearing with National Grid.”

PO: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

MOTION RT: I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the petition submitted by Massachusetts Electric Company, d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England, Inc. requesting permission to locate poles, wires, and fixtures, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, along and across the following public way: Pleasant St. National Grid to install 1 JO pole on Pleasant Street beginning at a point approximately 21 feet West of the centerline of the intersection of Pleasant St. and Spouting Horn Road and continuing approximately 6 feet in a Northwest direction. National Grid to install a 40’ class 3 pole in order to accommodate for a span guy and anchored guy to fix and prevent further leaning of pole#1.

PO: seconded the motion

PO: I noticed the pole is leaning significantly. Are they planning at some point after securing the leaning pole to replace the leaning pole or is this considered a permanent fix?

Bo Weng (National Grid Rep): We plan on replacing the pole as well. This proposal is to prevent the existing pole from leaning.

Sanjeev Daga (40 Pleasant St.): asked questions about the proposed pole

Further discussion on the petition

Sheldon Sevinor (4 Spouting Horn Road): made a comment on the petition

MOTION RT: “I move the Board of Selectmen vote to postpone any action on the petition submitted by Massachusetts Electric Company d/b/a National Grid and Verizon New England regarding the installation of a pole.”

PO: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

MOTION RT: “I move the Board of Selectmen close the public hearing with National Grid.”

PO: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

5. New Business

a. Vote to Approve Employment contract for the new Treasurer/Collector

MOTION RT: I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve and sign the employment contract for the new Treasurer/Collector Kathryn Sherber, with the contract term beginning May 11, 2026 to June 30, 2029.”

PO: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

b. Vote to approve event requests: Men’s and Women’s Softball, The Dashing Rock Trio Concert.

MOTION RT: “I move the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the following event requests, Men’s Spring/Summer Softball League from May through August on weeknights beginning at 5:00pm at the Lowlands Softball Field , Women’s Spring/Summer Softball League from June through August from Monday through Thursday beginning at 6:30pm at the Lowlands Softball Field and The Dashing Rock Trio Music Concert at the Ellingwood Chapel on June 6, 2026 beginning at 7:00pm.

PO: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote to Approve Water Bond through MWRA and execute related documents

RT read the motion for this vote. Vote is very long and was read as a separate document. Document can be provided upon request.

PK: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

6. Ongoing Business

a. Discussion – Trash and Recycling Contract

AN: Our trash contract with Waste Management (WM) is up June 30th of this year. Starting in February I started looking at this. We were going to extend a one year contract with WM and then go through a procurement process. I recently received proposals from WM. They are proposing a much longer extension. We have two options. One is a several year contract extension and one is for a four day a week pick up which is a lower cost and would move to automation, it would also change recycling to every other week. The other proposal is the same two day a week collection but the price increase is greater.

PK: Asked WM if they would be open to a one-year extension

Ed Pacek (WM): yes. But our costs have gone up and it would be more expensive.

PK: my concern is the recycling every two weeks. Would you be willing to renegotiate that in the second option?

Ed Pacek: Yes we could present that and restructure the proposal

b. Vote to make Surfview Avenue a one-way

MOTION RT: “I move the Select Board convert Surfview Avenue into a one-way street from Harris Street to Bass Point Road.”

PK: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

c. Vote on initiating litigation regarding alleged violations of Short Term Rental Zoning By-Law at 47 Little Nahant Road

MOTION RT: “I move the Select Board pursuant to section 10 of the Town Administrator Act authorize the Town Administrator to initiate litigation against the owners of 47 Little Nahant Road with regard to possible violations of Nahant’s Short Term Rental Zoning and General By laws.”

PO: Seconded the motion

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel): Ongoing concerns with that address. We are trying to work things out. The vote does not mean we are going to file suit it just means we are authorized to.

Roll call vote: all in favor

d. Discussion – Short Term Rentals

Discussion on short term rentals in town. Our current bylaw and registration process in town. Recommendation to send letters out to any homeowners currently registered as a Short Term rental with the state to remind them to register and/or cease and desist.

e. Discussion – Parking in Town

AN: a number of tickets were issued through town enforcing signage and people not parking according to signage. We received a lot of questions. We met with police, fire and DPW to talk about the inconsistencies in town and we are taking a deeper look at the signage and meet to speak about it.

7. Town Administrators Report

a. Upcoming Town Meeting update

AN: focused on Town Meeting next week. ***The report of the Advisory and Finance Committee was put in the mail Monday.***

8. Citizens Comment

George Mihovan (64 Lennox Rd): commented on Short Term rentals.

A.Chandra (Owner 47 Little Nahant Rd): commented on his property at 47 Little Nahant Road.

Steven Kenny (Principal owner LLC 47 Little Nahant Rd): commented on the property, 47 Little Nahant Road.

Joseph Shultz (45 Little Nahant Rd): commented on Short Term Rental and 47 Little Nahant Rd.

Vi Patek (172 Willow Rd): commented on the speed limit in town, the wharf and benches in town.

9. Adjourn to Executive Session

MOTION RT: “I move the Board of Selectmen vote to adjourn to Executive Session Pursuant to M.G.L c. 30A, §21 (a)(3) to discuss litigation strategy regarding Norbert v. Town of Nahant, et al. pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Massachusetts, if the Chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body. And I the chair do declare that an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body and we will not return to open meeting.”

PK: seconded the motion

Roll call vote: all in favor

Meeting adjourned at 8:05pm on Wednesday May 06, 2026

Meeting Minutes prepared by Administrative Assistant, Kristin Taylor on June 10, 2026.

Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 17th day of June 2026.