

**Town Of Nahant
Annual Town Meeting Warrant
May 16, 2026**

ANNUAL RESOLUTION **BARBARA BEATTY** *Majority vote*

I move that the Town adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town adopt the following rule governing motions and amendments made during the 2026 Annual Town Meeting:

Whereas, without an override, the amount to be raised by taxation, as recommended by the Advisory and Finance Committee, is expected to be \$13,218,072 for fiscal year 2027, and

Whereas, Proposition 2 ½ makes it unlawful for the Town to levy taxes in excess of \$13,218,072 for the fiscal year 2027, without a vote to override the limit,

Therefore, in order to insure compliance with the levy limit imposed by Proposition 2 ½, the participants of the 2026 Annual Town Meeting shall require that anyone introducing a motion at this meeting, which would result in increasing an appropriation above the amount permissible under the levy limit imposed by Proposition 2 ½, be obliged to specify the alternative means of funding, by giving names of other articles or accounts, excluding the Reserve Fund, Employee Benefits, Debt Service, OPEB Trust Fund, and Stabilization Fund, and the amount by which the appropriated or recommended amount for such account or articles must be reduced, in order to fund the requested increase.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Vanderslice voted:

138 in favor and 15 opposed at 1:06 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 1. (FY2026 Transfers) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, and/or transfer the following sums, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 1: **MELANIE DRAYTON** (FY2026 Transfers) *Majority vote*

I move that this article be indefinitely postponed as there are currently no FY2026 transfers.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Warren voted:

142 in favor and 9 opposed at 1:07 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 2. (Additional Compensation for Town Clerk). To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 19K which thereby provide additional compensation for up to a maximum of \$1,000 to a Town Clerk who completes the necessary training and received certification as a Massachusetts Municipal Clerk, and to raise and appropriate, and/or transfer such sums of money as may be necessary to supplement the budgets, and/or take any action relative thereto.

MOTION 2: MELANIE DRAYTON (Additional Compensation for Town Clerk) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town accepts M.G.L. Chapter 41, Section 19K to provide additional compensation for up to a maximum of \$1,000 to a Town Clerk who completes the necessary training and receives certification as a Massachusetts Municipal Clerk.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Beatty voted:

161 in favor and 16 opposed at 1:08 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 3. (Prior Year bills) To see if the Town will authorize the payment of prior Fiscal Year bills, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 3: JOSIE REIS (Prior Year Bills) *Four-fifths vote*

I move that the sum of \$1,000 is hereby appropriated for a prior fiscal year bill in the Town Clerk's budget and to meet this appropriation transfer \$1,000 from the Town Clerk's expense budget.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Vanderslice voted:

161 in favor and 11 opposed at 1:09 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 4. (Salary & Classification Plan) To see if the Town will vote to amend the Nahant Town By Laws, Article XIII, Section 5, Subsection B, entitled "Chart of Classification and Salaries" for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 4: BOB VANDERSLICE (Salary & Classification Plan) *Majority vote*

I move that Article XIII, Section 5, Subsection B of the by-laws is amended for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 by replacing the existing section as shown in the Advisory and Finance Committee Report on pages 10-14.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Bell voted:

146 in favor and 32 opposed at 1:11 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 5. (Compensation for Elected Positions) To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town, as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108, as amended, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 5: BOB VANDERSLICE (Compensation for Elected Positions) *Majority vote*
I move that the salaries of the following elected officials are fixed for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2026:

Position	FY27 Annual Salary
Selectman	\$1.00
Constable	\$50.00
Assessor	\$1.00
Town Clerk	\$71,001.00

And contingent on a Proposition 2 ½ override, the Town Clerk's FY27 salary is \$72,297.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Sheehan voted:

168 in favor and 15 opposed at 1:13 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 6A. (Omnibus) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, and further, to raise and appropriate the additional sum of or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 6A: DAN MCMACKIN (Omnibus) *Majority vote*
I move that the Town transfer the sum of \$514,857 from Free Cash, \$50,000 from overlay surplus, and raise and appropriate \$14,912,287 as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, for a total of \$15,477,144 as written in the Omnibus Level Services Budget on pages 44 to 49 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report.

SECONDED by Mr. Kent

DAN MCMACKIN DISCUSSION:

This motion references the Level Services budget as listed on pages 44 to 50 of the Advisory and Finance Committee book. I will be reading the appropriation categories and sub-totals as listed on pages 28 to 33 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report. After I read each, please state "Pass" if you would like further discussion on an item within that category. Then, after all of the categories and FY27 recommended budget amounts are read, we can return to the "Pass" items for further discussion.

Total General Government – Lines 1-27	\$1,565,894
Total Public Safety – Lines 28-55	3,793,314
Total Education System – Lines 56-62	5,046,154
Total Public Works – Lines 63-78	632,994
Total Culture/Recreation – Lines 79-93	465,716
Total Debt Service – Lines 94-96	233,757
Total Intergovernmental – Lines 97-100	380,032
Total Other Expenses – Lines 101-108	3,159,283
Total Reserve Funds – Lines 109-110	200,000

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. KENT voted:

189 in favor and 6 opposed at 1:46 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 6B. (Omnibus - \$1 Million Override) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds such additional sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026; provided, however, that the vote appropriating the additional sum shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2 ½ override allowing such sums to be raised outside the limits of Proposition 2 ½; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 6B: BARBARA BEATTY (Omnibus - \$1 million) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$1,000,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the general operation of the Town and Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ ballot question under General Laws Chapter 59, section 21c for a total of \$16,420,791 as written in the Omnibus \$1M override budget on pages 44 to 49 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report, plus a \$56,000 appropriation to the Town's Stabilization fund listed on page 50.

Total General Government – Lines 1-27	\$1,608,891
Total Public Safety – Lines 28-55	4,260,455
Total Education System – Lines 56-62	5,237,403
Total Public Works – Lines 63-78	648,865
Total Culture/Recreation – Lines 79-93	485,968
Total Debt Service – Lines 94-96	282,000
Total Intergovernmental – Lines 97-100	380,032
Total Other Expenses – Lines 101-108	3,322,177
Total Reserve Funds – Lines 109-110	195,000
Stabilization Fund – Line 114	56,000

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Vanderslice voted:

175 in favor and 33 opposed at 2:48 pm on May 16, 2026.

VOTED: Upon motion to call the question and duly seconded by Resident Voter voted:

175 in favor and 25 opposed at 2:47 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 6C. (Omnibus - \$650,000 Override Alternative) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds such additional sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026; provided, however, that the vote appropriating the additional sum shall be expressly contingent upon approval by the voters of the Town of a Proposition 2 ½ override allowing such sums to be raised outside the limits of Proposition 2 ½; or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 6C: MELANIE DRAYTON (Omnibus - \$650,000 Override Alternative) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate an additional \$650,000 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purposes of the general operation of the Town and Public Schools for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026 upon passage of a Proposition 2 ½ ballot question under General Laws Chapter 59, section 21c for a total of \$16,071,144 as written in the Omnibus \$650,000 override budget on pages 44 to 49 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report, plus a \$56,000 appropriation to the Town's Stabilization fund listed on page 50.

Total General Government – Lines 1-27	\$1,608,891
Total Public Safety – Lines 28-55	4,039,923
Total Education System – Lines 56-62	5,237,403
Total Public Works – Lines 63-78	648,865
Total Culture/Recreation – Lines 79-93	485,968
Total Debt Service – Lines 94-96	282,000
Total Intergovernmental – Lines 97-100	380,032
Total Other Expenses – Lines 101-108	3,193,062
Total Reserve Funds – Lines 109-110	195,000
Stabilization Fund – Line 114	56,000

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Sheehan voted:

75 in favor and 175 opposed at 3:01 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 7. (Water & Sewer Enterprise) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds a sum of money to operate the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 7: MELANIE DRAYTON (Water & Sewer Enterprise) *Majority vote*

I move that the following sums be appropriated for the operation of the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

Salaries	\$475,507
Expenses	1,322,287
Capital Outlay	80,000
Debt	1,465,877
<u>Emergency Reserve- uncollectible</u>	<u>40,350</u>
TOTAL	\$3,384,021

And that \$2,178,676 is to be funded from Water and Sewer Department Receipts for said purposes, \$50,000 is to be appropriated from Water and Sewer Retained Earnings, and \$1,430,877 in Water and Sewer Debt costs is to be raised through property taxes, less \$275,532 in Indirect Costs funded from Water and Sewer Department Receipts to be transferred to the General Fund.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Kent voted:

135 in favor and 2 opposed at 3:03 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 8. (Rubbish Enterprise) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds, including retained earnings of the Rubbish Enterprise, a sum of money to operate the Rubbish Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 8: JOSIE REIS (Rubbish Enterprise) *Majority vote*

I move that the following sums be appropriated for the operation of the Rubbish Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

Salaries	\$70,080
<u>Expenses</u>	<u>624,190</u>
TOTAL	\$694,270

And that \$694,270 is to be funded from Rubbish Department Receipts for said purposes.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Warren voted:

123 in favor and 12 opposed at 3:04 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 9. (Compost Area) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds, including retained earnings of the Rubbish Enterprise, the sum of \$50,000 for the costs associated with the maintenance of the compost area, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 9: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Compost Area) *Majority vote*

I move that the sum of \$50,000 be appropriated from retained earnings in the Rubbish Enterprise Fund for the costs associated with the maintenance of the compost area, including all costs incidental or related thereto.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Drayton voted:

139 in favor and 7 opposed at 3:05 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 10. (Revolving Funds) To see if the Town will vote to fix the maximum amount that may be spent during FY 2027 beginning July 1, 2026 for the revolving funds established in the town By-laws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with G.L. c. 44 § 53E 1/2, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 10: **ALEX KENT** (Revolving Funds) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town fix the maximum amount that may be spent during FY 2027 for the revolving funds established in the town bylaws for certain departments, boards, committees, agencies or officers in accordance with G.L. c. 44 § 53E 1/2 as follows:

<u>Revolving Fund</u>	<u>FY27 Spending Limit</u>
Council on Aging	\$ 20,000.00
Cemetery	\$ 20,000.00
Board of Appeals	\$ 10,000.00
Conservation Commission	\$ 20,000.00

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Sheehan voted:

128 in favor and 12 opposed at 3:06 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 11. (OPEB) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds the sum of \$25,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 11: BARBARA BEATTY (OPEB) *Majority vote*

I move that the sum of \$25,000 be appropriated to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and that this appropriation is funded from free cash.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. McMakin voted:

133 in favor and 7 opposed at 3:08 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 12. (Paving) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing, a sum of \$200,000, or any other sum, for transportation network improvements including sidewalks, roadways, and parking lots throughout Town, including the payment of all incidental or related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 12: DANA SHEEHAN (Paving) *Two-thirds vote*

I move that the sum of \$200,000 be appropriated for paving throughout Town, including the payment of all incidental and related costs, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$200,000 under M.G.L. c. 44, §7, §8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. DRAYTON voted:

135 in favor and 10 opposed at 3:09 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 13. (White Way Neighborhood Drainage) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing the sum of \$300,000, or any other sum of money, to fund drainage improvements in the White Way neighborhood, including but not limited to, improvements to existing infrastructure of drainage ditches, stormwater pipes and outfalls, as well as development of infrastructure to improve drainage, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 13: DAN MCMACKIN (White Way Drainage) *Two-thirds vote*

I move that the sum of \$300,000 be appropriated for White Way drainage, including the payment of all incidental and related costs, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow the sum of \$300,000 under M.G.L. c. 44, §7, §8, or any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Vanderslice voted:

129 in favor and 14 opposed at 3:11 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 14. (MWRA Water Capital) To see if the Town will vote to raise by borrowing, \$500,000 from the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority, to repair and/or replace water distribution lines and appurtenant structures, and in connection therewith, to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the MWRA relative to such loan, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 14: DEBORAH WARREN (MWRA Water Capital) *Two-thirds vote*

I move that the sum of \$500,000 be appropriated to pay costs of studying, maintaining, repairing and/or replacing water distribution lines and appurtenant structures, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and that to meet this appropriation, the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow said amount through the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ("MWRA"), or any other source, under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §8(5) or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that in connection with any borrowing through the MWRA, the Town is authorized to enter into a loan agreement and/or security agreement with the MWRA relative to such borrowing.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Reis voted:

134 in favor and 9 opposed at 3:13 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 15. (Public Safety Designer Services) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing a sum of money to fund designer services for the construction of a public safety building, reconstruction of the police station and the fire station, of construction of a new police station and a new fire station, including the payment of all costs incidental or related, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 15: TIM BELL (Public Safety Designer Services) *Majority vote*
I move that this article be indefinitely postponed.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Beatty voted:

139 in favor and 7 opposed at 3:14 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 16. (Chapter 90 Highway) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds, or raise by borrowing, such sum of money in order to accomplish certain highway construction and maintenance pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 90, or other state transportation program, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 16: BARBARA BEATTY (Chapter 90 Highway) *Majority vote*
I move that the Town appropriate from available funds received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Fiscal Year 2027, in order to accomplish certain highway construction and maintenance under the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 90 or other state transportation program.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by **Mr. Sheehan** voted:

135 in favor and 7 opposed at 3:15 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 17. (Affordable Housing Trust) To see if the Town will vote to accept the provisions of M.G.L., Chapter 44, Section 55C, and to establish a trust to be known as the Nahant Affordable Housing Trust Fund, whose purpose shall be to provide for the creation and preservation of affordable housing in the Town of Nahant for the benefit of low and moderate income households, and in implementation thereof will vote to amend the Town's Nahant General By-Laws by adding a new article the following as - Article XXIV (Nahant Affordable Housing Trust Fund) - a copy of which is available for inspection in the town clerk's office, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 17: TIM BELL (Affordable Housing Trust) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town accept M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 55C and establish the Nahant Affordable Housing Trust and amend the Town's General By-Laws by adding a new article – Article XXIV (Nahant Affordable Housing Trust Fund) as printed in the Advisory and Finance Committee Report on pages 58 to 62 and furthermore, that once established, the Trust shall implement the beginning steps of a Municipal Affordable Housing Trust as set forth by the Massachusetts Housing Partnership's Operations Manual and provide a written report to Town Meeting in May 2027.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by **Ms. Warren** voted:

60 in favor and 88 opposed at 4:21 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 18. (Community Preservation) To see if the Town will vote to spend, or set aside for later spending, not less than 10 per cent of the annual revenues in the Community Preservation Fund for open space, not less than 10 per cent of the annual revenues for historic resources, and not less than 10 per cent of the annual revenues for community housing or to take any other action as may be allowed under the Community Preservation Act as requested by the Community Preservation Committee.

FY2027 Grant Recommendations:

- A. To appropriate the sum of \$45,000 from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues to complete the installation of lighting for the Little League field at the Flash Road Recreation Area consistent with the request by the Town of Nahant, including all incidental and related costs.

MOTION 18A: DEBORAH WARREN (Little League Lighting) *Majority vote*
I move that the sum of \$45,000 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues to complete the installation of lighting for the Little League Field at the Flash Road Recreation Area.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Kent voted:

71 in favor and 43 opposed at 4:34 pm on May 16, 2026

- B. To appropriate the sum of \$40,000 from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues for preservation of the Town Hall to fund handicap access improvements consistent with the request by the Town of Nahant, including all incidental and related costs.

MOTION 18B: DEBORAH WARREN (Town Hall Handicap Access) *Majority vote*
I move that the sum of \$40,000 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues to fund handicap access improvements at Town Hall.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Reis voted:

103 in favor and 2 opposed at 4:35 pm on May 16, 2026

- C. To appropriate the sum of \$48,950 from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues to continue Bailey's Hill complex ecological restoration work, consistent with the request by the Open Space and Recreation Committee/Town of Nahant, including all incidental and related costs.

MOTION 18C: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Bailey's Hill Restoration) *Majority vote*
I move that the sum of \$48,950 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues to continue the Bailey's Hill complex ecological restoration work.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Kent voted:

100 in favor and 11 opposed at 4:36 pm on May 16, 2026

- D. To appropriate the sum of \$49,000 from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues for Phase 2 of the ecological restoration of Lodge Park, consistent with the request by the Open Space and Recreation Committee/Town of Nahant, including all incidental and related costs.

MOTION 18D: **BARBARA BEATTY** (Lodge Park Restoration) *Majority vote*
I move that the sum of \$49,000 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues for Phase 2 of the ecological restoration at Lodge Park.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Vanderslice voted:

95 in favor and 18 opposed at 1:06 pm on May 16, 2026

- E. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$30,000 from Community Preservation FY2027 estimated revenues for the purpose of paying an outstanding invoice associated with the preparation of the Town of Nahant's Open Space Master Plan by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC), consistent with the request by the Open Space and Recreation Committee/Town of Nahant, including all incidental and related costs.

MOTION 18E: **BARBARA BEATTY** (Open Space Master Plan) *Majority vote*
I move that the sum of \$30,000 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues to pay an outstanding invoice associated with the preparation of the Town of Nahant's Open Space Master Plan by the Metropolitan Area Planning Council.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. McMakin voted:

89 in favor and 21 opposed at 1:08 pm on May 16, 2026

- F. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$51,341 from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues and \$23,659 from the Community Housing Reserve for the purpose of replacing asphalt shingle roofs on three residential buildings owned by the Nahant Housing Authority located on Emerald Road, consistent with the request by the Nahant Housing Authority, including all incidental and related costs.

MOTION 18F: **BARBARA BEATTY** (Nahant Housing Authority Roofs) *Majority vote*

I move that the sum of \$51,341 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues and \$23,659 is appropriated from the Community Preservation Housing Reserve to replace the asphalt single roofs on three residential buildings owned by the Nahant Housing Authority on Emerald Road.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Sheehan voted:

103 in favor and 10 opposed at 4:39 pm on May 16, 2026

- G. To appropriate the sum of \$10,000 from FY2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues for administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

MOTION 18G: **BARBARA BEATTY** (Administrative Expenses) *Majority vote*

I move that the sum of \$10,000 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues for administrative and operating expenses of the Community Preservation Committee.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Bell voted:

91 in favor and 20 opposed at 4:41 pm on May 16, 2026.

- H. To appropriate \$114,675 for the payment of the entirety of the bond of the \$500,000 Public Library/Town Hall Bonding authorized by the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (Article 21E), with the sum of \$88,709 from the balance of the principal from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues and \$25,966 from the Community Preservation General Reserve.

MOTION 18H: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Public Library/Town Hall Debt Service)

Majority vote

I move that the sum of \$88,709 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues and the sum of \$25,966 is hereby appropriated from the Community Preservation General Reserve for the payment of the debt service for the Public Library/Town Hall Bonding authorized by the 2021 Annual Town Meeting (Article 21E).

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Reis voted:

106 in favor and 6 opposed at 4:42 pm on May 16, 2026

- I. To appropriate \$66,522 for the payment of debt service on the \$350,000 Public Library/Town Hall/Greenlawn Cemetery Entrance Archway Bonding authorized by the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (Article 22H), from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues for the fourth year on the bond payments.

MOTION 18I: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Town Hall/Cemetery Debt Service) *Majority vote*

I move that the sum of \$66,522 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues for the payment of the debt service for the Town Hall/Cemetery Bonding authorized by the 2022 Annual Town Meeting (Article 22H).

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Drayton voted:

104 in favor and 7 opposed at 4:43 pm on May 16, 2026.

- J. To appropriate \$83,889 for the payment of debt service on the \$500,000 Public Library Bonding authorized by the 2025 Annual Town Meeting (Article 24E), from FY2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues for the second year of the bond payments for interest and principal.

MOTION 18J: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Library Debt Service) *Majority vote*

I move that the sum of \$83,889 is hereby appropriated from Fiscal Year 2027 Community Preservation estimated revenues for the payment of the debt service for the Library Bonding authorized by the 2025 Annual Town Meeting (Article 24E).

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Sheehan voted:

105 in favor and 6 opposed at 4:44 pm on May 16, 2026

- K. To recommend the Town set aside from FY2027 Community Preservation Fund estimated revenues for later appropriation and any other amount not otherwise set aside or appropriated as aforesaid to be maintained in the Community Preservation Fund General Reserves Account for later appropriation.

MOTION 18K: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Revenue Set-Aside – General Reserve)

Majority vote

I move that the Town set aside revenues from Fiscal Year 2027 estimated Community Preservation Fund revenues for later appropriation any other amount not otherwise set aside or appropriated as aforesaid to be maintained in the Community Preservation Fund General Reserve Account.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. McMakin voted:

94 in favor and 10 opposed at 4:44 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 19. (Amend General By-Laws) To see if the Town will vote to amend Article II, Sections 2 and 9, of the General Bylaws with underlined text to be inserted and ~~strikethrough~~ text to be deleted, as follows:

SECTION 1. The Annual Town Meeting shall be held on the ~~third~~ second Saturday in May of each year. All business, except the election of officers and the determination of such matters as by statute law are required to be elected or determined by official ballot, shall be considered at 12:30 p.m. For such consideration, a quorum of seventy-five (75) voters is required; however, a number less than the quorum may adjourn the meeting.

SECTION 2. The Annual Town Election shall be held on the ~~last third Saturday~~ Tuesday of ~~April~~ May each year. The polls shall be open at 7:00 a.m. and shall remain open until 8:00 p.m.

SECTION 9. When a question is under debate, no motion shall be in order except to indefinitely postpone, to refer, to recommit, the previous question and to amend, which several motions shall have precedence in the order named. However, the Meeting may order that the vote on any motion shall be taken by a “yes” and “no” ballot furnished by the Town Clerk if, on a motion so made, there shall be twenty-five (25) or more voters in the affirmative, and a motion so to vote shall be in order at any time and shall take precedence over any motion or amendment before the house except a motion under Section 15 (formerly 15-A) of this article. A motion to refer, to recommit and the previous question shall be decided without debate. No person shall speak upon the same question more than twice or more than ~~ten (10)~~ four (4) minutes at any one time, unless permitted by the Moderator ~~if another person wishes to speak on the same question.~~

MOTION 19: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Amend General By-Laws) *Majority vote*
I move that the Town amends Article II, Sections 1, 2, and 9 of the General By-Laws to reflect the changes as prescribed on page 29 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by **Mr. McMakin** voted:

65 in favor and 22 opposed at 5:22 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 20. (Amend Town Charter) To see if the Town will vote to amend Article 2, Section 2-5, of the Town Charter with underlined text to be inserted and ~~striketrough~~ text to be deleted, as follows:

SECTION 2-5:

MEETING The Town Meeting shall meet one time each calendar year and shall be held at such time as shall be fixed by by-law. Special Town Meetings may be called as prescribed in Chapter 39 of the General Laws.

A Town Meeting shall, unless a different time or method is prescribed by law, be called by posting an attested copy of the warrant calling the same in at least four public places in the Town, not less than ~~fourteen (14)~~ seven (7) days before the date fixed for the meeting.

MOTION 20: **DEBORAH WARREN** (Amend Town Charter) *Two-thirds vote*
I move that the Town amends Article 2, Sections 2-5 of the General By-Laws to reflect the changes as prescribed on page 29 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by **Mr. Sheehan** voted:

78 in favor and 12 opposed at 5:25 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 21. (Wireless Communications Zoning By-Law). To see if the Town will vote to approve modifications to the Nahant zoning by-law, Section 13: Wireless Communications Zoning By-Law incorporating current FCC rules and regulations, a new sub-Section 13.08 and other various amendments, such as:

- 1.) The application for an Eligible Facilities Request shall be made to the Administrative Approval Granting Authority, the Planning Board.
- 2.) The design of the Eligible Facilities Request shall maintain the original appearance.
- 3.) The Town Clerk shall accept application and materials/documentation.
- 4.) Eligible Facilities Requests shall demonstrate compliance with all FCC rules and regulations.
- 5.) Radio Frequency Emissions Analysis: This MPE report shall include all existing and proposed new equipment.

and additional updates concern enforcement, consultant fees, MPE reports exceeding FCC limitations, spelling corrections, and improvements to certain sentences for clarity, a copy of which can be reviewed in the Advisory and Finance Committee Report, and in the Town Clerk's Office; or take any other action related thereto.

MOTION 21: **TIM BELL** (Wireless Communications Zoning By-Law) *Two-thirds vote*
I move that the Town amends Section 13 of the Wireless Communications Zoning By-Law and add a new sub-section 13.08, as set forth on pages 65 to 73 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by **Ms. Reis** voted:

94 in favor and 2 opposed at 5:28 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 22: (Amendments to General, Police and Personnel By-Laws). To see if the Town will vote to amend the General, Police and Personnel By-Laws by replacing all references to “Board of Selectmen” or “Selectmen” with the words “Select Board”, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 22: **ALEX KENT** (General, Police and Personnel By-Laws) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town amends the General, Police and Personnel By-Laws by replacing all references to “Board of Selectmen” or “Selectmen” with the words “Select Board.”

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Vanderslice voted:

87 in favor and 6 opposed at 5:29 pm on May 16, 2026.

ARTICLE 23. (Citizen’s Petition – Prohibition of Professional Application of a Certain Class of Rodenticides). To see if the Town of Nahant will vote to prohibit the application of first- or second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides (SGARS) or future-generation anticoagulant rodenticides by professional pest control companies on all Nahant properties.

MOTION 23: **VI PATEK** (Citizen’s Petition – Prohibition of Professional Application of a Certain Class of Rodenticides) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town of Nahant adopt a new by-law, as appearing in Appendix 12 of the Advisory and Finance Committee Report on pages 91 to 93, to prohibit the application of first and second generation anticoagulant rodenticides (also known as SGARS) and future generation anticoagulant rodenticides by professional pest control companies anywhere in the Town of Nahant.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Bea Rogers voted:

89 in favor and 8 opposed at 5:39 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 24. (Citizen's Petition – Ban SGARS in Nahant, MA). To determine whether the Town will authorize the Select Board to petition the General Court for special legislation substantially in the form below:

That notwithstanding chapter 132B of the general laws or any other general or special law to the contrary, the Town of Nahant may by ordinance prohibit the application of second-generation anticoagulant rodenticides within the Town of Nahant, including application of such pesticides by licensed commercial applicators as defined in 333 C.M.R. 10.00, except as allowed by the Board of Health to remediate a public health condition; this act shall take effect on its passage.

MOTION 24: **VI PATEK** (Citizen's Petition – Ban SGARS in Nahant, MA) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town of Nahant authorize the Select Board to submit a Home Rule Petition to the General Court for special legislation permitting the Town to enact a by-law (see Article 23) prohibiting professional application of a certain class of pesticides called SGARS.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by Bea Rogers voted:

91 in favor and 7 opposed at 5:41pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 25. (Citizen's Petition – Allow Transferrable Parking Stickers). To see if the Town of Nahant will allow resident parking stickers to be transferrable between vehicles.

MOTION 25: **PETER GAWLOCKI** (Citizen's Petition – Allow Transferrable Parking Stickers) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town of Nahant allow resident parking stickers to be transferrable between vehicles.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by **Ben Zack** voted:

48 in favor and 49 opposed at 5:57 pm on May 16, 2026

ARTICLE 26. (Continue Committees) To see if the Town will vote to continue the following standing committees to June 30, 2027: Community Preservation Committee, Veterans Memorial Committee, Sailing Committee, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Harbor Advisory Committee, Town Charter and By-law Committee, Town Owned Land Study Committee, Golf Course Management Advisory Committee, and the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, Cultural Council, FEMA Flood Insurance Study Committee, MVP Committee, Noise Abatement Committee, Short Term Rental Committee, Public Safety Designer Selection Committee, Rights of Way Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION 26: **ALEX KENT** (Continued Committees) *Majority vote*

I move that the Town continue the following standing committees to June 30, 2027: Community Preservation Committee, Veterans Memorial Committee, Sailing Committee, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Harbor Advisory Committee, Town Charter and By-law Committee, Town Owned Land Study Committee, Golf Course Management Advisory Committee, and the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, Cultural Council, FEMA Flood Insurance Study Committee, MVP Committee, Noise Abatement Committee, Short Term Rental Committee, Public Safety Designer Selection Committee, Rights of Way Committee.

VOTED: Upon motion and duly seconded by **Ms. Reis** voted:

83 in favor and 4 opposed at 5:58 pm on May 16, 2026

PETER BARBA: The Business of this meeting being concluded, I declare this 2026 Town Meeting dissolved. Thank you

TIME: 5:28 pm

I hereby certify that I am the Town Clerk for the Town of Nahant and I further Certify the following is a true and accurate account of the actions taken at the Annual Twon Meeting, held on Saturday in the Nahant Town Hall on the 16th of May 2026.

*Diane M. Dunfee
Town Clerk, CMMC*