Annual Town Meeting Warrant

September 26, 2020

TO THE CONSTABLE OF THE TOWN OF NAHANT:

GREETINGS:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required forthwith to warn the inhabitants of the Town of Nahant, qualified as the law directs, to assemble behind the Town Fire Station on Saturday, the 26th day of September 2020 to act on Article One and to commence action on the remaining Articles at 12:30 pm

ANNUAL RESOLUTION

Motion by Judy Zahora: I move that the Town adopt the following resolution:

Resolved, that the Town Meeting adopt the following rule governing motions and amendments made during the 2020 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 $10,849,982 for fiscal year 2021, and

Whereas, Proposition 2 ½ makes it unlawful for the Town to levy taxes in excess of $10,849,982 for the fiscal year 2021, without a vote to override the limit,

Therefore, in order to insure compliance with the levy limit imposed by Proposition 2½, the participants of the 2020 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, 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 unanimous vote in favor at 12:55 pm

ARTICLE 1. (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, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion by: Bob Vanderslice

I move that the Town vote to amend Article XIII, Section 5, Subsection B of the Nahant Town By-laws for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2021 by replacing the existing section with the section under part one as shown in the [September, 2020] Report and Recommendations of the Advisory and Finance Committee on pages six and seven. Also to Amend the Classification “to add one position to be called “Reference and Adult Services Librarian” with a salary range of $16,500 - $56,430 without changing the Library budget

Pass by Mr Perry Barrasso. Motion to make an amendment to the Board of Assessors on page six. He would like to make a position change from "Assistant Assessor" to "Town Assessor." Seconded by Katherine Sherber.

Voted: Upon amended motion and duly seconded it was unanimous in favor of changing the Job position to "Town Assessor".

Mr. Dan Munnelly and Ms. Bonnie D'Orlando spoke on behalf of the motion for reclassification and the library employee, Carolyn Zierling.

Voted: After a brief discussion confirming the funds for the added position would not make any change to the Library Budget and accolades for Ms. Carolyn Zierling, Library employee , motion was made and duly seconded the vote was 75 in favor and 8 opposed at 1:08 pm.

ARTICLE 2. (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 by Mr. Vanderslice: I move that the Town vote to fix the salaries of the following elected officials:

Selectmen at the annual salary of $ 1

Constable at the annual salary of $ 50

Assessors at the Annual Salary of $ 1

Town Clerk at the annual salary of $ 57,169 PASS

Seconded by Julie Tarmey

PASS by Mark Cullinan Board of Selectman- moved to amend said motion for Article 2 (Compensation for Elected Positions) and strike the Town Clerk Annual Salary of $57,169 and replace said salary with $60,637. Seconded by Joshua Antrim.

VOTED: After brief discussion both in favor and against making the amendment to the Article, motion was made and duly seconded by Mr. Antrim. A vote was taken 67 in favor and 14 opposed at 1:18 pm.

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 by Mr. Vanderslice - I move to indefinitely postpone this article.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Fulghum unanimous vote in favor at 1:20 pm

ARTICLE 4. (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, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion by Mr. Fulghum: I move that the Town vote to transfer the sum of $ 494,422 from Free Cash and $60,000 from Overlay Surplus and raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021:

Moderator, general expenses	$60
Selectmen, salary	3
general expenses	140,400
Town Administrator, salaries/wages	226,151
Health inspector	10,867
Public health nurse	3,533
Asst. health inspector	0
Town physician	500
ADA coordinator	500
general expenses	39,150
capital outlay	2,900
of which $2,900 is funded from Free Cash,	
Advisory and Finance Committee, general expenses	20,160
Town Accountant, salaries/wages	192,000
general expenses	9,217

Assessors, salaries/wages general expenses	153,633
Treasurer/Collector, salaries/wages	125,832
general expenses	62,250
capital outlay	1,400
of which $1,400 is funded from Free Cash	
Town Counsel, annual fee	55,000
Town Hall, Salaries/wages	31,261
general expenses	47,500
capital outlay	10,000
of which $10,000 is funded from Free Cash,	
Data Processing, salaries/wages and general expenses	196,800
Town Clerk, salaries/wages and general expenses	78,925 **PASS**
capital outlay	1,400
of which $1,400 is funded from Free Cash	
Election/Registration, salaries/wages/general expenses	16,715
Conservation Commission, general expenses	1,260
Planning Board, general expenses	2,650
Board of Appeals, general expenses	2,900
Police Department, salaries/wages	1,348,928
general expenses	148,580
capital outlay	60,750
of which $60,750 is funded from Free Cash,	

Fire Department, salaries/wages	933,829
general expenses	170,600
capital outlay	30,000
of which $30,000 is funded from Free Cash	
Inspectional Services, salaries/general expenses	17,809
Building Inspector, salaries/wages	18,102
general expenses	7,000
Plumbing/Gas Inspector, salaries/wages	6,935
general expenses	950
Wiring Inspector, salaries/wages	6,935
general expenses	950
Civil Defense, salaries/wages and general expenses	13,297
Animal Control, salaries/wages	9,983
general expenses	3,990
Parking Clerk, general expenses	13,500
Harbormaster, salaries/wages	3,323
general expenses	7,280
Wharfinger, salaries/wages	1,942
general expenses	1,752
capital outlay	1,500
of which $1,500 is funded from Free Cash	
School Department, salaries/wages and general expenses	3,723,815
Transportation expenses	216,859
Essex North Shore Agricultural & Technical School Assessment	188,428

Debt Service	365,600
Public Works, snow removal	30,000
Salaries/wages & general expenses for Public Works administration, highways & streets, beaches & parks, cemetery and overhead	427,740
capital outlay	36,500
of which $36,500 is funded from Free Cash,	
Debt Service	67,690 PASS
Library, salaries/wages & general expenses	228,127
Recreation, General salaries/wages & general expenses	3,090
Recreation, Sailing salaries/wages & general expenses	5,000
Recreation, Tennis salaries/wages & general expenses	2,880
Council on Aging, salaries/wages & general expenses	58,105
Veterans Agent, salaries/wages & general expenses	46,815
Historical Commission, general expenses	0
Memorial Day Committee, general expenses	7,500
Fourth of July Committee, general expenses	2,300

Beautification Committee, general expenses	2,150
Military Housing, general expenses	83,980
Debt, principal & interest	405,467
of which $10,000 is funded from Overlay Surplus and $152,527 is funded from Free Cash	
Pension and annuity expense, Essex Regional Retirement Board expense, Unemployment Compensation, Group Health & Life Insurance expense Medicare tax expense	2,055,000
Retirement Account	50,000
of which $50,000 is funded from Overlay Surplus,	
Insurance Committee, general expense	283,472
Reserve Fund	343,913
of which $197,445 is funded from Free Cash,	

(Not to be read): Total $12,875,338

$236,357 Cherry Sheet Assessments Part of book total

Note: $811,264 transfer to W/S Ent. Fund and OPEB and Stab $125,000 Part of book total.

1st PASS Mark Cullinan, Board of Selectman Chairman " I Move to amend line item #24 Town Clerk, salaries/wages in the omnibus budget by striking said amount and replacing it with $69,388and therefore also amend the motion of Town Clerk, salaries/wages and general expenses by striking said amount and replacing it with $82,393 to account for the increase in the Town Clerk Salary voted on in the previous Article 2 and such funds of $3,468 will come from the Overlay Surplus account."

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Antrim unanimous vote in favor at 1:26 pm

Omnibus Vote: after brief discussion with regards to the purchase of the Street lights and its savings to the town as well as the short term bond rate to purchase said street lights was responded to by Mr. Tony Barletta and Ms. Deb Waters the motion was upheld and duly seconded vote was 71 in favor and 4 opposed at 1:41pm

ARTICLE 5. (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, 2020, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion by Mr. Dewitt Brown – I move that the Town following sums be raise and appropriated the following sums for the operation of the Water Sewer Enterprise Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021;

Salaries	$ 412,345
Expenses	1,185,991
Capital Outlay	0
Debt	811,264
Emergency Reserve-uncollectible	40,350
Total	$ 2,449,950

AND THAT $1,864,546 be funded raised as follows from:

Water and Sewer Department RECEIPTS for said purposes $1,864,546

With $811,225, raised through debt shift, and Indirect Costs appropriated in the General Fund but assigned to the Enterprise for funding in the amount of $225,860.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Barbara Beatty vote was 72 in favor and 4 opposed at 1:43pm

ARTICLE 6. (Water/Sewer - Equipment and Paving) To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from retained earnings in the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund a sum of $30,000 for paving throughout Town, including all costs incidental to or related thereto, or take any other action relative thereto.

Motion by Mr. Brown I move that the Town vote to appropriate from retained earnings in the water and sewer enterprise fund $30,000 to pave roads and sidewalks throughout Town, including all costs incidental or related thereto

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Lewis a vote of 65 in favor and 6 opposed at 1:45pm

ARTICLE 7. (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, 2021, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION: Mr. Dana Sheehan - I move that the Town following sums be raise and appropriated the following sums for the operation of the Rubbish Enterprise Fund: for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021;

Salaries	$ 59,081
Expenses	453,620
Total	$ 512,701

AND THAT $512,701 is to be raised as follows from:

Rubbish Department RECEIPTS $ 512,701 for said purposes.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Zahora vote 65 in favor and 5 opposed at 1:47pm

ARTICLE 8. (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: Barbara Beatty - I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate from available funds received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in Fiscal Year 2021, 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. Vanderslice 2/3rds vote 63 in favor and 3 opposed at 1:49 pm

ARTICLE 9. (Recreation Revolving) To see if the Town will vote to accept M.G.L. Chapter 44, section 53D, thereby reauthorizing Parks and Recreation revolving accounts for general recreation, basketball, sailing, tennis, Fourth of July, tot lots, playground equipment, and Youth Commission, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Mr.JOHN FULGHUM - I move that the Town vote to accept MGL Chapter 44, Section 53D, thereby reauthorizing Parks and Recreation revolving accounts for General Recreation, Basketball, Sailing, Tennis, Fourth of July, Tot Lots, Playground Equipment, and for the Youth Commission.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Beatty vote 63 in favor and 4 opposed at 1:51 pm

ARTICLE 10. (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 by Ms. Judy Zahora - I move that the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $25,000 to the Other Post-Employment Benefits Liability Trust Fund and to fund this appropriation from free cash.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Brown vote 61 in favor and 4 opposed at 1:52pm

ARTICLE 11 (Stabilization) To raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, or transfer from available funds the sum of $100,000 to the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Mr. JOHN FULGHUM -I move that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $100,000 to the Stabilization Fund and to fund this appropriation from free cash.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Tarmey vote 63 in favor and 4 opposed at 1:53pm

ARTICLE 127. (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 $100,000, for paving throughout Town, including the payment of all incidental or related costs, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Mr. Jeff Lewis - I move that the Town appropriate $100,000 to pay costs of paving throughout the Town, including the payment of any other 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 under and pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, §7(1), or pursuant to any other enabling authority, and to issue bonds or notes of the Town therefor; and that any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, less any such premium applied to the

payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with M.G.L. c. 44, §20, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Ms. Beatty 2/3rds vote 63 in favor and 4 opposed at 1:55pm

ARTICLE 13. (Fire Capital—Fire Dispatch) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate and/or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, transfer from available funds, the sum of $2,500, or any other sum of money, for the annual capital assessment used towards equipment maintenance and upgrades, including the payment of all incidental or related costs; or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Mr. JOHN FULGHUM - I move that the Town vote to appropriate from Free Cash the sum of $2,500, for the annual capital assessment used towards fire dispatch equipment maintenance and upgrades, including the payment of all incidental or related costs.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Sheehan vote 64 in favor and 3 opposed at 1:57pm

ARTICLE 14. (Sewer Capital) To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate $4,600,000, or any other greater or lesser amount, to pay costs of repairing and/or replacing portions of the Town's sewer collection system, including the payment of all costs incidental and related thereto, and to determine whether this amount shall be raised by borrowing or otherwise, including by borrowing all or any portion of this amount through the Massachusetts Clean Water Trust, or to take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Ms. JULIE TARMY - I move that the Town vote to appropriate and raise by borrowing the sum of $ 4,600,000 to pay the costs of improvements to the Nahant sewer collection system, including the costs incidental or related thereto; that to meet this appropriation, the Treasurer, with the approval of the Board of Selectmen, is authorized to borrow $4,600,000 said amount under G.L. c.44, §8 of the General Laws or any other enabling authority; that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid available for the project; and that the Board of Selectmen is authorized to take any other action necessary or convenient to carry out this project; and that a. Any premium received upon the sale of any bonds or notes approved by this vote, and each prior vote of the town that authorizes the borrowing of money to pay costs of capital projects, less any such premium applied to the payment of the costs of issuance of such bonds or notes, may be applied to the payment of costs approved by this vote in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 20 of the General Laws, thereby reducing the amount authorized to be borrowed to pay such costs by a like amount.

Voted: A brief discussion and clarification of pipeline and its associated costs and responsibilities by Mr. Tony Barletta, vote on the motion and duly seconded by Mr. Lewis 2/3rds vote 67 in favor and 1 opposed at 2:09pm 9/26/2020

ARTICLE 15. (Continue Committees) To see if the Town will vote to continue the following standing committees to June 30, 20210: Community Preservation Committee, Cable TV Advisory Committee, Veterans Memorial Committee, Sailing Committee, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Coast Guard Design and Development Advisory, Housing Committee, Town Charter and Bylaw Committee, Tennis Committee, Town Owned Land Study Committee, Nahant Alternative Energy Committee, Golf Course Management Advisory Committee, and the Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, Conservation Committee, Cultural Council, FEMA Flood Insurance Study Committee, Green Community Committee, MVP Committee, Noise Abatement Committee, Nahant Fire Station Architectural Assessment Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Ms. JULIE TARMEY - I move that the Town vote to continue the following standing committees to June 30, 2021: Community Preservation Committee, Cable TV Advisory Committee, Veterans Memorial Committee, Sailing Committee, Cemetery Advisory Committee, Coast Guard Design and Development Advisory Committee, Town Charter and Bylaw Committee, Tennis Committee, Town Owned Land Study Committee, Nahant Alternative Energy Committee, Golf Course Management Advisory Committee, Open Space and Recreation Plan Committee, Conservation Committee, Cultural Council, FEMA Flood Insurance Study Committee, Green Community Committee, MVP Committee, Noise Abatement Committee, Nahant Fire Station Architectural Assessment Committee.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Sheehan vote 63 in favor 4 opposed at 2:11pm

ARTICLE 16. (Gifts) To see if the Town will vote to accept gift(s) or grants of money for the Nahant Life-Saving Station, Greenlawn Cemetery, Fourth of July Committee and Fireworks, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Johnson School Programs, Beautification Program, Sailing Committee, Tennis Committee, Charles Kelley Scholarship Program, Veterans Memorial Committee, Nahant Community Garden, Nahant Public Library, Youth Commission, Nahant Public Safety Departments, Department of Public Works, Nahant Veteran's Association and Memorial Day Committee, Nahant Santa Parade Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

MOTION by Ms. JUDY ZAHORA -I move that the Town vote to accept gift(s) or grants of money for the Nahant Life-Saving Station, Greenlawn Cemetery, Fourth of July Committee and Fireworks, Recreation Commission, Council on Aging, Johnson School Programs, Beautification Program, Sailing Committee, Tennis Committee, Charles Kelley Scholarship Program, Veterans Memorial Committee, Nahant Community Garden, Nahant Public Library, Youth Commission, Nahant Public Safety Departments, Department of Public Works, Nahant Veteran's Association and Memorial Day Committee, Nahant Santa Parade Committee.

Voted: Upon motion and duly seconded by Mr. Vanderslice vote 64 in favor and 2 opposed at 2:13pm

MEETING Dissolved by David Conlin Town Moderator 2:15 pm