

Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00 PM

Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Mark P. Cullinan, Vice Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator

1. Meeting Opening 7:00 pm

Opening Comments

Mr. Cullinan made a motion to open the meeting

Mr. Antrim seconded

Roll call vote

Mr. Antrim-yes

Mr. Cullinan-yes

Mr. Lombard-yes

Unanimous vote in favor

2. New Business

- a. Approve Board of Selectmen (BoS) Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2019, BoS Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2020, BoS Meeting Minutes from January 30, 2020 & BoS Meeting Minutes from March 19, 2020.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes from December 19, 2019

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Mark-recused himself from the roll call vote

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Antrim-yes

Mr. Lombard -yes

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes from January 9, 2020

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Mark-recused himself from the roll call vote

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Antrim-yes

Mr. Lombard-yes

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve meeting minutes from January 30, 2020

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Antrim-yes

Mr. Lombard-yes
Mr. Cullinan-yes
Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve meeting minutes from March 19, 2020

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Mr. Lombard-yes

Mr. Cullinan-yes

Mr. Antrim-yes

Unanimous vote in favor

- b. Vote to accept and sign the Gift Agreement of \$50,000 from the Nahant Preservation Trust, to assist the Town with evaluating development of the property located at East Point.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen execute Gift Agreement Pursuant to G.L. C.44 §53A and accept a gift of \$50,000 from the Nahant Preservation Trust to assist the Town with evaluating development of the property located at East Point.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Mr. Cullinan asked for this document to be posted on our Town website

TA confirmed that it would be posted.

Roll call vote

Mr. Lombard-yes

Mr. Cullinan-yes

Mr. Antrim -yes

Unanimous vote in favor

- c. Vote to adopt an alternative agenda notice posting method authorized by 940 CMR 29.03 to Nahant.org

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; Pursuant to 940 CMR 29.03, I move that the Board of Selectmen adopt www.Nahant.org as the official method of posting notices for meetings of public bodies in the Town of Nahant.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll call vote

Mr. Lombard-yes

Mr. Cullinan-yes

Mr. Antrim -yes

Unanimous vote in favor

- d. Postponing Annual Town Election Date to Saturday, June 20, 2020.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; Pursuant to Massachusetts Session Laws, Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, I move that the Board of Selectmen postpone the Annual Town Elections from Saturday, April 25, 2020, to Saturday, June 20, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

TA Legislation was adopted at the State level allowing municipalities to postpone their annual elections until June 30th given the Coronavirus State of Emergency. The candidates that are on the

ballot are set. Nothing can be added, nothing can be removed. The only thing that is linked to the date of the election, that will be moving with it, is voter registration. Which has to be 10 days prior to the election.

Town Council (Dan Skrip) added; in addition to absentee voting, they are now instituting early voting by mail. You can apply to Carol Nelson for an application to early voting by mail and literally mail in your vote.

Roll Call vote

Mr. Lombard-yes

Mr. Antrim-yes

Mr. Cullinan-yes

Unanimous vote in favor

e. Lady Apple II- Vote to take title ownership of abandoned vessel for purposes of disposal

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Town apply for the title to the abandoned vessel - Lady Apple II - pursuant to MGL, Chapter 91, Section 40 for purposes of disposal.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Town Council (Dan Skrip) briefed the Board on the details of this vessel.

*A discussion about this vessel took place between the Board, TA and Town Council.

Roll call vote

Mr. Cullinan-yes

Mr. Antrim-yes

Mr. Lombard -yes

Unanimous vote in favor

3. Ongoing Business

Health Nurse (Deb Murphy)- I released two people from quarantine today. Travelers that had done their home quarantine with no symptoms.

Mr. Antrim- we had a great briefing yesterday from several departments regarding Covid-19. Special thanks to everyone involved with putting in the extra effort. Its encouraging to see how well this community has pulled together.

Mr. Cullinan echoed Josh's words. Thank you all. Great team. On a budget note he noticed that there is a new light at the Lifesaving Station. Its very nice. A few community members came together to do that. Appreciate it.

4. Town Administrator Report

5. Citizen's Forum

Michelle Capano- Northeastern University has put their final EIR. Public comment period ends April 24th. Wondering if the Board of Selectmen are going to ask MEPA for an extension?

Mr. Antrim-we need to request that for 60 days or for as long as the State of Emergency stays in effect.

Mr. Lombard- Tony will you write that letter on behalf of the Board of Selectmen?

TA- Absolutely. KP Law is already working on it, but I am happy to talk with her about adding in an extension request.

Mr. Cullinan- regarding construction, landscapers, etc. working around Town. One of the issues are inspectors going into homes to inspect. You'll advise the Board on what you think they should do at some point.

TA Currently, all inspectors conduct inspections virtually or photo documentation. Basically, not going into the house. It is certainly on our radar. We will have a discussion as soon as we get more guidance.

Mr. Antrim the National Grid effort on 1 Willow Road is closed indefinitely. Is that correct?

TA Zach was going to follow up with Faith at National Grid. We want to get that work done. We'll see.

Question came in; regarding the Jesmond Nursing Home. Health Nurse will address this question;

Health Nurse (Deb Murphy) Had a conversation with the administrator a couple of weeks ago. The following week, she had a conversation with the nursing Director, but has yet to receive any information to think that there would be anything alarming. The nursing home has her information and they know how to contact her if they need to.

Question came in; Landscapers- are they allowed to work or not?

TA as of now, there is no restriction on landscaping. The Governor did announce starting tomorrow all coastal parking lots will be closed. An effort to encourage social distancing.

TA Dunkin Donuts closed today. We are down to Seaside Variety and Seaside Pizza for food options in Town.

TA Anchor Food Pantry. I believe that has been posted on Covid-19 website. Folks are also able to get school lunches. All of this information will be on our website.

6. Adjourn:

Mr. Cullinan made a motion to adjourn

Mr. Lombard seconded

Roll call vote;

Mark Cullinan-yes

Josh Antrim -yes

Richard Lombard-yes

Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned 7:05 pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _____ day of _____ 2020.

