

**Town of Nahant, MA
Board of Selectmen**

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
Thursday, September 19, 2019 7:00 PM**

**Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Francis J. Barile, Vice Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

1. Meeting Opening 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

a. Opening Comments

Mr. Antrim- In his opinion the Town is going in the right direction. Everyone is working hard, together & creatively. Thank you for your patience as we continue to accomplish larger projects around Town.

- i. Present Citation- A citation was presented to Rosamond Puleo for over 20 years of dedicated service to the Town of Nahant
- ii. Mr. Lombard read aloud; Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday; October 19, 2019 from 8am-12pm hosted at 250 Commercial Street Lynn
- iii. Mr. Lombard read aloud; Nahant SWIM Inc. hosting Annual Ocean Conservancy Global Beach Cleanup Day: Saturday, Sept. 21st 11am-2pm Life Saving Station
- iv. Mr. Lombard read aloud; Break Water – We have requested a break water at Willow Road. TA and Corp of Engineers are working on this.

b. Approve Meeting Minutes from June 19, 2019

Mr. Barile read the following motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the meeting minutes from June 19, 2019

Seconded by Mr. Lombard

Unanimous vote in favor

2. New Business

b. Approve Event Request for PTO Sponsored Outdoor Movie Night Fri. Sept. 20th at 7:15pm (behind the Nahant Fire Station).

Mr. Barile made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the PTO Sponsored Outdoor Movie Night to be held at Flash Road Park on Friday, September 20th at 7:15pm

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Alice Court- 7 Valley Road Brought up the mosquito issue/West Nile. Wonder if the PTO was aware of this information.

TA We are going to continue to approve the event request and let the PTO decide.

Unanimous vote in favor

3. Ongoing Business

a. National Grid Petition: 65 Pond St (Tabled at last BoS meeting 9.5.19)

TA There is still a petition in front of the board for approval to put the poll on Town property. Last BoS meeting board voted to continue that until tonight. We were expecting National Grid to be here but we don't

see them. Over the last two weeks; I reached out to National Grid and spoke with the neighbors. It seems like a potential compromise here is that the pole be moved onto Town property splitting the property line of the two abutters, Ms. Lee has offered for the anchor to be put on her property. One of the conditions to be included in this is to require that National Grid take on all financial responsibility in moving the pole including the underground conduit and lastly that it be placed on the grass portion of the public property. I haven't heard back from National Grid yet. We don't know if the Board adds conditions to this approval if it has legal ground to hold them to it, but we are certainly applying pressure.

Mr. Antrim read a motion; I move that, with the following three conditions, the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the petition submitted by National Grid to relocate one existing pole (P15) approximately 18 ft south of existing P15 location near 65 Pond St:

- 1) National Grid shall take full financial responsibility associated with moving the pole including, but not limited to, any costs associated with relocating any affected property owners' underground laterals, conduits, cables, wires, fixtures, etc.;
- 2) National Grid shall place the new, relocated pole in the grass on town property (just in front of the property line splitting 61 and 65 Pond Street) and not take any space away from the existing paved area of the sidewalk; and
- 3) National Grid shall place the anchor for the new, relocated pole within the boundaries of 65 Pond Street upon National Grid's receipt of that property owner's written authorization.

Seconded by Mr. Barile

Mark Reenstierna 61 Pond St- I got an email today from National Grid and they said that he is going to bear the cost of moving his wires.

Helen Sisk 64 Pond St- If that pole is moved, I am the neighbor that is most visually impacted.

*A discussion regarding the National Grid petition took place.

An amendment to the motion on the table was made; no change to the direction of the existing service line to 64 Pond St.

Mr. Barile confirmed the amendment

Mr. Antrim seconded

Unanimous vote in favor (motion and amendment carries)

2. New Business

a. Fy2020 Tax Classification Hearing

Mr. Lombard entertained a motion; I move to open the Tax Classification Hearing with the Board of Assessors

Mr. Barile seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

Sheila Hambleton- Thank you for having the assessors come and see you tonight about setting the residential factor of the fiscal year 2020 tax rate. In your book you have the LA 5 form. I will tell you in advance that I do not have the excise levy capacity and therefore we will have to continue the hearing a suggested date of October 17th (Thursday). Assessments are all approved, new growth is approved. \$57,691 in new growth (7% more than the past average 3 years).

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve a Residential Factor of "1" and **not** adopt a residential exemption or small commercial exemption for fiscal year 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Barile

Mr. Antrim- can you explain what this all means.

Sheila Hambleton- We are made up of 98% residential, 2% commercial industrial and personal property. And we have historically forever only had one tax rate.

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Lombard read aloud; this hearing will be continued to October 17, 2019 at which time the Board of Assessor's will inform the board of the excess levy capacity for the current FY20.

Mr. Barile made a motion to go back into regular session

Mr. Antrim seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

Moving Vietnam Wall Replica:

Toby Quirk- American Legion: Explained the project of the Vietnam wall moving replica. Would like conditionally feedback/approval tonight.

*A discussion between Toby Quirk and the board took place.

Mr. Lombard entertained a motion to approve their request to use Lowlands when the dates are fixed.

Mr. Barile so move

Mr. Antrim seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

4. Town Administrator Report

a. Meeting Minutes Clarification

TA did an overview of meeting minute requirements according to the Attorney General's office. Explained how Town Hall has tried to go above and beyond and will continue to try and go above and beyond these requirements.

Mr. Barile stated that other boards need to also take minutes, approve them and post them. They also need to all take the open meeting law test.

Reminder: Boat hauling days- Saturday October 12th and Monday October 14th call Jocelyn Marine at 978.462.9717 to schedule an appointment. Also water and sewer bills will be mailed out tomorrow.

Mr. Barile made a motion to adjourn

Mr. Antrim stated that the meeting minutes have improved. The YouTube option is pretty nice. He is going to keep this at a high level but he wants to make sure that this Board sets a positive example and respects the contributions of the volunteers. I'm going to make sure that happens while I am here.

Mr. Lombard We've always done that Josh. Without their help, the Town wouldn't work.

Mr. Antrim seconded the motion

Unanimous vote in favor

5. Adjourn:

Meeting adjourned 8:08pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the _____ day of _____ 2019.

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