

Town of Nahant, MA
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen
&
Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 3, 2020 6:00 PM
Richard J. Lombard, Chairman
Mark P. Cullinan, Vice Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator

1. Meeting Opening 6:00 pm- due to technical difficulties meeting opened at 6:15pm

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the June 3, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard- I

Mark Cullinan- I

Josh Antrim- I

Unanimous vote in favor

- a. Coronavirus Update with Health Nurse Deb Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon
 - i. Statistics
 - ii. Governor Baker – Phase 1 & 2 Reopening Overview
 - iii. Review of local orders and potential changes in accordance with Governor Baker’s Phase 1 & 2 Reopening Guidelines

Meeting opened with a Coronavirus update from Health Nurse Deb Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon and Town Administrator (TA) Tony Barletta Health nurse announced that there has been 41 positive cases in Nahant, 6 deceased.

As of today there are zero active cases.

Health officer John Coulon discussed communication with local businesses and local recreation coordinators regarding phase in reopening approach.

Town Administrator, Tony Barletta discussed Governor Baker’s Executive order that was signed on Monday June 1st and provided an update on local impacts. Announced that DCR parking lot on causeway is fully opened and that the opening of local parking lots may occur early next week. Also spoke about phase two reopening approach allowing for parks and playgrounds to be open with a ten person group maximum limit and that local playgrounds may open as early as next week.

Mr. Cullinan asked for an update on religious institutions

Jen McCarthy resident responded stating that Village Church is preparing to open but may be a couple of weeks and St Thomas Aquinas will be opening this Sunday with a 75 person group maximum limit.

b. Coronavirus Update with Health Nurse Deb Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon

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- ii. Governor Baker – Phase 1 & 2 Reopening Overview
- iii. Review of local orders and potential changes in accordance with Governor Baker’s Phase 1 & 2 Reopening Guidelines

2. Opening Comments

Mr. Lombard read aloud the following open comment;

- a. Purchase your beach parking sticker on Nahant.org

Mr. Cullinan announced a funeral procession parade for Jim Hosker for this Saturday.

Mr. Lombard spoke in regards to dogs on beaches without leashes.

TA read the By-Law Nahant Police Bylaw Section 13. Control of Dogs

- i. No person shall permit a dog, owner or kept by him, to enter on or remain on any Town beach, from May through September 30 each year, except on the beach on Castle Road opposite the Coast Guard Station may be used year round for the exercise of dogs not on a leash.

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Scott Grieves stated that he is increasing patrols in that area.

Mr. Antrim spoke about this being the first meeting since the Memorial Day video and commended Molly Conlin and Bobbie-Jo Blair and all of those involved on an excellent job.

Mr. Antrim also reminded folks that comments on NEU FEIR are June 12th. It was also mentioned that a letter on behalf of the TA and Board of Selectmen would be submitted for comments to the FEIR.

3. New Business

- a. Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from May 21, 2020

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the May 21, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Roll Call Vote

Richard J. Lombard- I

Mark P. Cullinan- I

Joshua A. Antrim- I

Unanimous vote in favor

- b. Postpone Annual Town Meeting – Vote

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 1 of Chapter 53 of the Acts of 2020, move to postpone Annual Town Meeting from June 27, 2020, to a date to be determined.

Seconded by **Mr. Antrim**

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard- I

Mark Cullinan- I

Josh Antrim- I

Unanimous vote in favor

TA stated that ATM would be sometime in the fall (likely Sept) explained the cause for postponement was due to public health and concern for large group of attendees. Also due to uncertainty in revenues because of Coronavirus impacts at the state and local level. Providing more time with help to alleviate those issues.

Mr. Cullinan asked for Town election details.

TA spoke about the elections; hoping to open the Clerk's office next week. Certainly Wednesday but hoping by Tuesday.

- c. Vote to Cancel 4th of July Fireworks and Accompanying Activities
 - i. 3rd of July Horribles Parade & 4th of July Town Races

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to postpone the 4th of July, 2020 fireworks to a date to be determined.

Seconded by **Mr. Cullinan**

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard- I

Mark Cullinan- I

Josh Antrim- I

Unanimous vote in favor

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Summer Park League

It was announced that full determination has yet to be decided. Could open in Phase II. The recreation program coordinators are discussing internally.

- b. Edgehill Condominium Association Board of Trustees & Property Manager request a Board of Health hearing regarding correction order letter for 299 Nahant Road issued May 19, 2020

Health Officer John Coulin provided background details of the health inspections and reports along with the request of this hearing before the BoH.

The request for this hearing was regarding an extension to the deadline of the correction order.

Residents of the Edgehill spoke about the issue of fumes and how long it has been going on. The property Manager spoke and said that they are trying to fix it but they are in the early stages of it and are unsure of the exact problems.

Mr. Antrim has asked John Coulon to provide a status report at the next BoS meeting in two weeks (June 17th). Feels as though the extended deadline of July 27th is too far off to go without an update on this topic.

Mr. Lombard asked for a report in ten days. Not to wait for a Selectmen's meeting.

5. Town Administrator Report

a. Nahant Police Bylaw Section 13. Control of Dogs

*This topic was taken out of order and addressed during opening comments.

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6. Citizen's Forum

Joseph Mellen- the Rockledge has the same issue with a deteriorating chimney. He's asked the trustees to look into it and he hasn't received any response. Joe is asking chairman Lombard to send an inspector his way.

Mr. Lombard asked for Health officer, John Coulon to look into it.

TA asked for Joe to send an email to Health officer in order to set up a time for him to inspect.

Health Nurse Deb Murphy would like to connect with Jen McCarthy regarding the opening of the park league. She would like to discuss the restrictions and perimeters.

Alice Court- June 12th is the date for the response to MEPA regarding NEU FEIR and the postpone of the Town Meeting will affect some of the proposals regarding the Town's response to NEU's proposals for development at East Point. Wondering if the Town has any update regarding those proposals and if the Town will be responding by June 12th to the FEIR

TA- Yes, we are working with KP Law putting together a joint letter with the Board of Selectmen and myself. We will submit by the deadline of June 12th.

Mr. Cullinan- Tony, myself and Town Counsel met with NEU the content of that meeting is under attorney client privilege. They plan on meeting again on Monday and at some point, we will report out.

TA (through the group chat) **Cora Long**- where can I get a list of legal multifamily homes, homes with in-laws, guest houses, vacation rentals and airbnbs in Town?

TA I would think that the Assessor's office can help assist with the first part of that question.

Town Counsel, Dan Skrip addressed Airbnbs; Airbnbs are required to be register with the DOR to be legal. You can retrieve a list through the DOR (Department of Revenue).

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to go into executive session in accordance with G.L. c. 30A, sec 21(a)(3) to discuss the lease and valuation of real

property – Kelley Greens Golf Club, 1 Willow road, Nahant and Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to imminent litigation- 2 Linda Lane.

We will not reconvene into open session.

Seconded by Mr. Antrim

Roll call vote

Richard Lombard- I

Mark Cullinan- I

Josh Antrim- I

Unanimous vote in favor

Mr. Lombard stated that we are adjourning this meeting and going into Executive Session.
Good night.

- 7. Adjourn:** To Executive Session – Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(6) to discuss the lease and valuation of real property – Kelley Greens Golf Club, 1 Willow Road, Nahant. And Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to imminent litigation- 2 Linda Lane.

Meeting adjourned 7:33 pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

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

Board of Selectmen