

**Town of Nahant, MA**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, March 5, 2020 7:00 PM**  
Richard J. Lombard, Chairman  
Mark P. Cullinan, Vice Chairman  
Joshua A. Antrim, Recording Secretary  
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator (TA)

**1. Meeting Opening 7:00 pm**

Pledge of Allegiance

Opening Comments

Mr. Cullinan asked to take the agenda out of order a bit. Start with the swearing in.

**2c. Appoint & Swear in Interim Town Clerk**

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to appoint Carol Nelson as interim Town Clerk per section 13-3 per the Nahant Town Charter

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Unanimous vote in favor

Town Moderator, Dave Conlin swore in Carol Nelson;

Town Moderator stated "I"

Carol Nelson stated "Carol Nelson"

Town Moderator read aloud the following: do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution and laws of the State of Massachusetts and our local ordinances and that I will faithfully and impartially perform and discharge the duties of the office of Town Clerk for the Town of Nahant according to the law and to the best of my ability

Town Moderator- "do you so swear"

Carol Nelson- "I so swear"

**2d. Swear in (4) New Call Firemen**

Carol Nelson swore in (4) new call firefighters; Douglas Cronin, Tara Driscoll, William Hussey and Evan Scourtas

Mr. Cullinan read aloud the following open comments;

- a. Charles Kelley Scholarship - Accepting Essays now. Due April 1<sup>st</sup>.
- b. The Solarize Team will be hosting informational meetings at the Nahant Life Saving Station every Thursday in the month of March from 7pm-9pm
- c. Beach stickers will be available for purchase on Nahant.org as of Monday, March 16th.

**2. New Business**

- a. Solarize Team: Initiative Update

Ellen Goldberg (Solarize Coach for Nahant) spoke about the campaign initiative regarding solarize technologies. Any questions please reach out at solarizenorthshore.org

- b. Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2019 and Executive Session Meeting Minutes from December 19, 2019 and January 23, 2019

Meeting Minutes are being tabled under the next meeting.

- c. Appoint & Swear in Interim Town Clerk- took this agenda item out of order and carried out earlier in the meeting.

- d. Swear in (4) New Call Firemen – took this agenda item out of order and carried out earlier in the meeting.

### **3. Ongoing Business**

- a. Proposal from Play It As It Lies regarding rent abatements

John Moore (manager of PIAIL) spoke about his proposal to the Town. John explained the extraordinary cost of bringing the building up to code in order to be handicap accessible, fire and health aspects. When he took over the lease he thought that there would be more capital improvement funds made available. This has caused severe financial strain to pay rent. They have asked for more rent relief. He is asking capital improvement funds to be condensed into a four year contract.

A discussion between the Board, John Moore and Dan Skrip regarding the financial status of Play It As It Lies, took place.

Mr. Antrim did mention that this topic is on the agenda for executive session this evening; I'm sure we will go through the proposal in Executive Session and ask questions then.

- b. Open and Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Send to the Advisory & Finance Committee

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the May 16, 2020 Annual Town Meeting Warrant for submittal of articles by all Town Boards, Committees, personnel, and the public for consideration of placement onto the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Seconded by Mr. Cullinan  
Unanimous vote in favor

TA stated that the Board is looking at a tracked change edited from the last Town meeting warrant that was approved. TA explained the tracked changes.

Mr. Cullinan made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept and close the Annual Town meeting warrant as presented and to send it to the Advisory & Finance committee to begin taking positions with the understanding that ongoing review will occur by the Board of Selectmen & that modifications may occur at a later date.  
Seconded by Mr. Antrim  
Unanimous vote in favor

- c. Approve the Amended Board of Selectmen's Budget and Send to the Advisory & Finance Committee

TA explained the changes the Board are looking at regarding the budget and the detailed budget.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the amended Board of Selectmen budget for FY2021 and to forward it to the Finance and Advisory Committee for their on-going review in the FY2021 Budget Development process.  
Seconded by Mr. Cullinan  
Unanimous vote in favor

### **4. Town Administrator Report**

- a. Snow & Ice Spending Report

Update: originally budget for FY20 snow & ice was budgeted at \$30,000. We have spent \$53,501. At Town Meeting we will do a line transfer to shift and cover the over expense.

b. COVID-19 (Coronavirus): Update to the Board of Health  
Health Nurse, Deb Murphy and Health Officer, John Coulon provided an update on Covid-19. Explained their roles and people/organizations that they are in constant contact with. Stated that the state of MA is still considered a low risk. Touched base on traveling & the school sector. Currently no cases in the Town of Nahant.

c. National Grid Infrastructure Upgrades  
TA- Gas main replacement is taking place on Willow Road this week. Completion time approximately April 29<sup>th</sup>. Construction days are Mon-Fri hours are 7:30am-4pm.

Mr. Cullinan- asked for purpose of this update?

TA it's an old gas main that was in need of repair for quite some time. We had a break this past winter down there.

A brief discussion about gas main work took place between the Board and TA.

## 5. Citizen's Forum

Mr. Cullinan stated the following: "An executive session is necessary to discuss the lease and valuation of real property – Kelley Greens Golf Club, 1 Willow Road, Nahant. And to discuss strategy with respect to litigation – Northeastern University Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant. And protect our litigation position regarding the Northeastern University Marine Science Center, And to discuss an Open Meeting Law complaint filed against the Board of Selectmen from Ralph Martin, Northeastern University, dated February 6, 2020, acknowledgement of the Open Meeting Law complaint, discussion and response to same; votes may be taken. We will not reconvene in open session.

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move to go into 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 M.G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation – Northeastern University Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant. And pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, s. 21, purposes (1) and (7)(Open Meeting Law)- Open Meeting Law complaint filed against the Board of Selectmen from Ralph Martin, Northeastern University, dated February 6, 2020, acknowledgement of the Open Meeting Law complaint, discussion and response to same; votes may be taken. We will not reconvene in open session

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Roll call vote

Josh Antrim- I

Mark Cullinan 0 I

Unanimous vote in favor

Josh made a motion to adjourn into Executive Session

Mr. Cullinan seconded

Unanimous vote in favor

**6. 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

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Meeting adjourned 8:18pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Bobbie-Jo Blair, Administrative Assistant

Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2020.

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