

**Town of Nahant, MA**  
**Board of Selectmen**  
**Board of Selectmen Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 21, 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**

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

**Health Nurse; Deb Murphy-** We have had a total of 40 positive cases in Nahant. 3 new cases this week. Waiting on more test results to come back.

Starting tomorrow CVS will be opening a self-swab. You have to call and make an appointment. Through the drive thru you will be given a test kit, test yourself and return for test results.

The out of state mandate for two week quarantine is still in effect.

Jesmond Nursing Home is in great shape. They retested all of their positive patients and only one came back positive. Nobody with symptoms and nobody in the hospital.

**TA (Tony Barletta)-** Governor Baker put out guidance starting this week houses of worship, construction/manufacturing, and gun stores were able to open this week. Other types of businesses like curbside retail, personal services (i.e hair salons, barber shops, dog groomers, and car washes) will open no sooner than May 25<sup>th</sup>. Governor also announced new beach guidelines that will go into effect May 25<sup>th</sup>. Beaches are not open this weekend. Parking lots are closed this weekend as well. New beach rules include 12’ distance between towels/beach chairs, no more than 10 people in a group, wear a mask if you can’t keep 6’ social distancing, distance when using the restrooms and no sitting/crowding the entrancing to the beaches.

**TA** we had a call with all of the local brick and mortar business last Friday. Will try to keep line of communication open.

**Health Officer; John Coulon-** our conversations with business owners have included that they are responsible for activity that occurs within the establishment. Customers and employees must wear masks inside the establishment, interior must be marked for 6’ distancing in waiting lines and enforcing these restrictions fall on the owners with the support of the Health Officer where needed.

**TA** Activity at the wharf tends to increase. There will be absolutely no loitering on the wharf. No sun bathing/sitting on the wharf will be enforced.

Mr. Lombard thanked Health Officer and Health Nurse for all of their extra efforts and time dedicated to this pandemic.

Town Council Dan Skrip; we do have the ability to be more strict then the state mandates, given that we are a susceptible community and given our numbers. We can tailor our opens to our community.

## 2. Opening Comments

Mr. Lombard read aloud the following comments;

- a. Annual Town Election - Saturday, June 20, 2020
  - i. Planning for polling station. Change due to Covid-19
  - ii. Absentee ballot process overview
- b. Virtual Memorial Day Tribute
- c. Purchase your beach parking sticker on Nahant.org
- d. Water/sewer bills will be due Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>

TA clarified a few things about the upcoming election. There will be in person voting on Saturday June 20, 2020 at Town Hall. Elections will be held upstairs in the main hall. We want to be able to provide enough space for people to socially distance. For folks who don't feel comfortable coming to Town Hall and vote, you can submit an absentee ballot. In order to do so, you first have to submit an application for an absentee ballot. You can download the absentee application off the Town website. If you don't have a printer at home you can pick up an application outside the side door of Town Hall, on the Pleasant St side. In the filing cabinet there are copies of the application. You can also call and or email the interim Town Clerk. After filling the application out you can mail it in or drop it off at the drop box at the Town Hall. Then Carol will mail you an absentee ballot. Filled out ballot has to be received here at Town Hall before the polls close on Election Day at 8pm on June 20<sup>th</sup>. You have until noon the day before the election to request an absentee ballot application. Due to legislation that recently passed, you can register up until 10 days prior to the election.

Town Council Dan Skrip- Typically absentee ballots require a reason for needing it, which is not the case this year. If you do not want to vote in person this year, you can request an absentee ballot.

Town Moderator, Dave Conlin wanted to make it made clear that the Memorial Day parade has been cancelled and that a broadcast virtual Memorial Day video will be played in lieu of the parade.

Jen McCarthy- With regards to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. She is needing a definite answer within in the next few weeks.

## 3. New Business

- a. Approve Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes from April 16, 2020

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the April 16, 2020 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard I

Mark Cullinan I

Josh 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

Discussion:

Town Council; Dan Skrip- suggested that we suspend voting on this motion tonight and vote on it at the next BoS meeting. Dan Skrip confirmed that we will not host the ATM on June 27<sup>th</sup>. We just want to make sure that we are postponing properly.

Town Moderator asked if there was anything in the warrant that requires actual action before June 30<sup>th</sup>?

Town Council; Dan Skrip- responded it would be in the budget. New legislation has allowed for a 1/12<sup>th</sup> budget. That is the only thing that I can think of that we would have to do.

Mr. Cullinan asked Town Council if there was anything in the new legislation that mentioned deficit spending?

Town Council Dan Skrip- We are able to incur debts beyond appropriation at the moment. The Emergency Executive Order allows it.

Mr. Cullinan retracted his original motion until next week or the week after.

#### **4. Ongoing Business**

##### **a. Amend PIAIL agreement-Vote**

Mr. Antrim made a motion; I move that the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Section 5.8(iv) of the Kelley Greens Lease Agreement, amend the expiration date of the Agreement from December 31, 2021, to October 31, 2020.

Seconded by Mr. Cullinan

TA and Town Council explained the current situation with the PIAIL agreement and voted changes.

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard I

Mark Cullinan I

Josh Antrim I

Unanimous vote in favor

#### **5. Town Administrator Report**

##### **a. Boat launching date has been postponed until May 21<sup>st</sup>**

Boats have been launched. It was safe and successful

##### **b. Public Access equipment upgrades**

Project of installation is going to start next week. This includes a new switchboard, cameras and microphones. This is equipment for our local broadcasting channel and filming of meetings/events in the main hall.

Thank you to Peter Barber for donating to high end projectors that we may be able to incorporate into this project.

Green Communities street light project; we officially own all of our street lights. We are in the bid process of procuring the LED materials.

Commended the Fire Department for getting a new Ocean rescue truck.

Commended Molly Conlin chairwomen of Memorial Day parade and Bobbie-Jo Blair for spearheading the virtual Memorial Day parade along with the entire Memorial Day parade committee, the Women's Auxiliary, Fire Dept, Police Dept, DPW, Dave Wilson, Bradley McDonough and everyone else involved with this project. Thank you.

Mr. Cullinan- a question about the street lights; are we looking at the wattage throughout Town.

TA Absolutely- we hired Tanko and they did a full audit of our lights. We have all of that data.

## **6. Citizen's Forum**

**Sharon Hawkes** Nahant Public Library- online books and resources are available at the Nahant Public Library. Sharon provided an update of the current and future status of the library.

**Mr. Cullinan** A couple of things;

There is an archeologist that has been retained by Northeastern that is beginning to do some research up there.

I've asked the TA to contact Northeastern because we would like to sit down and talk to them and I think that goes along and we can do that soon. We will report back when we know.

TA The comment deadline for the final EIR was extended to June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Cullinan the FinCom voted to turn in a recommendation to you and the Board to hire an outside consultant to investigate the financial impacts of such a development on this Town.

Mr. Antrim the zoning bylaw change that was voted on last November; that has been posted on Nahant.org website and notice was in the Lynn Item as well.

**Alice Court-** For Nahant the playgrounds are not opening further. The golf course has been opened already with restrictions. Basketball and tennis courts are not open, but according to the governor's office tennis is a non-contact sport. That will be allowed to open as of May 25<sup>th</sup>, but is this one also being delayed by the Town of Nahant?

TA yes.

Zoom Chat Group- Any word on the sailing program?

TA nothing yet. No decision there yet.

Michelle Capano- will the beach cleanup be held also?

TA I'll have to connect with Vi on that.

## **7. Adjourn**

Mr. Cullinan moved to adjourn

Mr. Antrim seconded

Roll Call Vote

Richard Lombard I

Mark Cullinan I

Josh Antrim I

Unanimous vote in favor

Meeting adjourned 8:03 pm

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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