

**Town of Nahant
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen & Board of Health
Thursday February 18, 2021 via Zoom
Meeting Minutes
Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman
Eugene Canty, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

Attendance: Mark P. Cullinan (MC), Joshua A. Antrim (JA), Eugene Canty (GC), Antonio Barletta (TA).

1. Meeting Opening 6:30pm

MC- Opened the Joint Meeting of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health at 6:30pm on 2/18/21 via Zoom.

Deborah Murphy (Public Health Nurse) – Nahant came out of the red last week and are now in the grey. Last week our numbers were 614 people tested with 10 people being positive for that two week period. Today the numbers for 1/31/21-2/13/21 were 610 people tested and 8 people were positive. Surrounding communities have also come down in positive covid cases.

John Coulon (Health Officer) Governor Bakers order went into effect increasing capacity limits for restaurants and close contact services from 25% to 40%. The gathering limits remain at 10 people indoors and 25 people outdoor.

TA- Thanked town hall staff and volunteers for helping schedule vaccine appointments for residents and the Lynn Community Health Center for running the clinic. The Lynn Vaccine site is always looking for volunteers and employees to help run the clinic if anyone is interested.

2. Opening Comments

MC: Water and Sewer bill and Vehicle excise tax due March 1, 2021. Winter parking ban in effect until March 20,2021 from 12am-6am. CPC Grant applications due March 12, 2021 to ktaylor@nahant.org or manual submission to the Town Hall. Nomination papers for candidates running for town offices and committees due to the Town Clerk by March 4, 2021.

3. New Business

a. Approve 2021 Lobster Trap Storage Leases

Motion:

Josh: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the following 2021 Lobster Trap Storage Leases as presented and further, that the release of said leases are subject to payment of all outstanding fees, fines, and payment to the Town of Nahant to:

Bill Mahoney
Brian Mahoney

Gene: Second

Roll Call Vote:

JA- yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

b. Approve Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from February 4, 2021

Motion:

Josh: I move that Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from February 4, 2021

Gene- Seconded

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

c. Approve appointment of Timothy Furlong to the Nahant Police Department as Police Chief effective August 1, 2021 and to rejoin the Nahant Police Department as Interim Patrolman.

TA: We are able to bring Officer Furlong back on as a Patrolman due to a vacant roster seat and he will take over as Chief in August.

Chief Robert Dwyer (NPD) – My biggest decision when retiring was making sure we had someone able to take over. Officer Furlong has worked under me for about 15 years. He knows the town and the internal operations of the department.

Timothy Furlong (NPD)- Excited for this opportunity and thanks the TA and BOS for this opportunity. Looks forward to working with the Chief and for the town.

Motion:

Mark: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Timothy Furlong to the Nahant Police Department as Police Chief effective August 1, 2021 and to rejoin the Nahant Police Department as Interim Patrolman.

GC: Second

Roll Call Vote:

JA-yes

GC- yes

MC-yes

- d. Approve appointment of Steven Scaglione to the Nahant Fire Department as a Firefighter effective July 1, 2021.

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Steven Scaglione to the Nahant Fire Department as a Firefighter effective July 1, 2021.

GC- Second

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

- e. COA Director Linda Peterson

TA- Our Council on Aging Director Linda Peterson is announcing her retirement.

Linda Peterson- Announced her retirement. Has enjoyed the last 12 years working and running the department.

4. Ongoing Business

- a. Vote to approve FY 22 Budget Adjustments and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee

Motion:

Josh: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the FY 22 Budget Adjustments as presented and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee for their ongoing review.

GC- Seconded

TA: Read the budget adjustments.

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

- b. Vote to open and close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee

Motion:

Gene: I move that the Board of Selectmen open the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant as presented for submittal of articles of all town boards, committees, personnel, and the public for consideration of placement onto the annual town meeting warrant.

JA-Second

Discussion:

TA: We had a placeholder in Article 13 for the revolving funds we would like to create for Concom and ZBA.

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel)- Explained what article 13 is doing. The Municipal Modernization Act allowed us to create bylaws that helps us develop a fund for town agencies that provide some type of service to the town without the need to renew that fund every year. This is a bylaw change that we initiated back in 2019 and we are adding to it. Already existing is the Council on Aging and Cemetery Revolving fund. We are adding these two agencies as their services have increased. We may have to change the amount of the fund going forward. It does not come from the Tax levy.

Roll Call Vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

Motion:

Josh: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept and close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented and send it to the Advisory and Finance Committee to begin taking positions with the understanding that ongoing review will occur by the Board of Selectmen and that modifications may occur at a later date.

GC- Second

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

- c. Vote to approve seasonal tent operation extension request at Oceanview for 2021 Season

TA- Oceanview has a seasonal tent up that was approved by the BOS to have up from March-May and October-Jan. They would like to have the tent up from May-October as well.

Motion:

JA- I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to grant the Oceanviews request for a seasonal tent operation extension from the second week in May 2021 to the third week in October 2021.

GC-second

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

5. Preserving East Point-Continued Discussion
 - a. Letter sent to Ralph Martin from Board of Selectmen.

MC- We did receive a response from Ralph Martin and it is being reviewed by town counsel.

6. Town Administrators Report
 - a. Trash Contract Negotiations

TA- Commending the DPW with a quick response to the water/sewer break on lower Fox Hill Rd. The cost of waste and recycling has increased nationally. We signed a one year deal with Waste Management last year. Because of COVID our tonnage has gone up do to people being home more. TA talked about different trash options, uniformed barrels and/or staying with the same system we have. Thinking of having uniformed barrels for recycling and keeping trash the same.

7. Citizens Forum

Ken Carangelo- Could the Board of Selectmen discuss the Eminent Domain warrant article and explain the intent of having the 20 plus acres included in that language?

MC- Articles on the warrant are nothing more than place holders on the warrant. What matters is the motion made at town meeting. Our intent is to take a conservation easement of a portion of east point. As we get closer to town meeting and town counsel reviews we will have a better idea of the motion.

Vi Patek- There is a compost service available in for residents for a cost.

8. Adjourn to Executive Session

Motion:

Mark: So declared- Adjourned to Executive Session and will not return to Public Session. In accordance with MGL Chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss impending litigation regarding Play It As It Lies Inc.; and in accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(6) to consider the lease of Kelly Green's Golf Course to R&B Management; and in accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with the Town Administrator.

JA-seconded

Roll Call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

Meeting Adjourned 8:19pm

Meeting minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on March 8, 2021.

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 18 day of

March 2021

Approved
via zoom by BOS