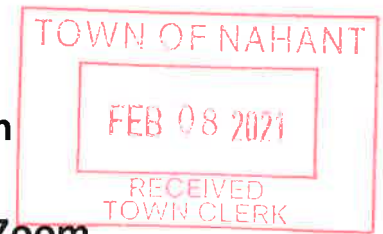


**Town of Nahant**  
**Joint Meeting**  
**Board of Selectmen & Board of Health**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday January 21, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom**  
**Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman**  
**Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman**  
**Eugene Canty, Recording Secretary**  
**Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**



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

**1. Meeting Opening: 6:30pm**

**Motion:**

**MC-** Opened the Joint Meeting with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Health on January 21, 2021 at 6:30pm.

- a. Coronavirus update with Health Nurse Deborah Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon.
  - i. Statistics
  - ii. Testing in Nahant
  - iii. Restrictions Extended
  - iv. Vaccine Information from the Commonwealth
  - v. Assistant Health Nurse Job Posting

**Deborah Murphy:** As of today Nahant has 200 total COVID-19 cases since the pandemic began and 25 active cases. Data shows for the month of November 2020 Nahant had 28 total COVID cases, December 2020 had 50 cases total and as of January 21, 2021 up to 51 cases. We participated with Lynn last week for the vaccine clinic to get our first responders vaccinated and they can go again next if they couldn't go this week. We had a couple active cases at the Johnson School this week and another break out of COVID at the Jesmond Nursing home.

**John Coulon:** Food inspections have continued. He has heard a lot of concern over COVID with the numbers/vaccine/testing. Businesses are worried about what will happen in the spring due to COVID. Changes to be announcement today by the Governor about restrictions. The 9:30 curfew will be rescinded starting Monday. Businesses should get some relief with curfew not in place any longer.

**TA-** We will continue to offer free COVID drive through testing at St. Thomas in Nahant from 1-3pm on Saturdays. The last two Saturdays of testing and this coming Saturday were made possible by the Nahant Preservation Trust. We exhausted our state funding for Public Health Costs. We also got a reserve fund transfer to help us bridge the gap between previous funding and any future funding. We hope to have enough funding to get us testing for the next 4 Saturdays. The Johnson School leaders Tony Pierantozzi and Kevin Andrews have entered into a state run pilot program that gives free COVID tests to students and school staff once a week for 6 weeks.

**Deborah Murphy:** We currently do not have the COVID vaccine in Nahant. We have a meeting scheduled tomorrow for the next steps regionally. You can go online to Mass.gov to find a location where you can get vaccinated if you qualify in the Vaccine Phase we are in.

**TA-** Assistant Public Health Nurse Job for Nahant to be posted to help out with contact tracing/COVID related issues.

## **2. Opening Comments**

**MC-** Winter parking ban in effect until March 20, 2021 from 12am-6am. DPW seeking snow removal operators and equipment. Call the Town Hall for more information.

## **3. New Business**

- a. Approve Lobster Trap Storage Leases

### **Motion:**

**JA-** 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 the payment of all outstanding fees, fines and payments to the Town of Nahant to:

Tim O'Keefe, Rick Moleti, Jim Moleti, Joel Marie, Josh Mahoney, Mark Irvine, Justin Mahoney, and Tucker Allard.

**GC-** seconded

### **Roll call vote:**

**GC-** yes

**JA-**yes

**MC-**yes

### **Discussion:**

**GC-** Asked if the remaining few Lobster Trap Storage leases will be approved.

**TA-** There are a few lobsterman that have not been approved yet. There are certain things they need to do before being approved.

- b. Approve Common Victualler License

### **Motion:**

**JA:** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the 2021 Common Victualler License for the Nahant Life Saving Station as presented and further that the release of said License is subject to payment of all outstanding fees, fines and payments to the Town of Nahant.

**GC-** seconded

### **Roll call vote:**

**JA-** yes

**GC-yes**

**MC-yes**

**c. American Legion Sign Discussion:**

**Bob Fields (American Legion Post 215):** The post will be hosting the Wall that Heals in the summer of 2021 following COVID guidelines between July 15-18<sup>th</sup> in Nahant. It is a 1/3 replica of the Wall in Washington D.C. We also have been working with the NPT to get an official sign for the American Legion Post 215. We will be going in front of the Planning Board as well to this approved.

**Frank Guidara:** Shared his screen to show an example of what the sign will look like. It will be 6ft by 3ft. The purpose of the sign is so that it can be viewed from Nahant Rd. We have looked at other signs in town, the Johnson School sign, the entering Nahant sign, and our sign will look similar. We also looked at 3 different areas of where to put the sign in front of the Nahant Life Saving Station. We have two suggestions for sign placement, we can notch the fence and put it in that way, or put it behind the fence.

**Motion:** For permission from American Legion Post 215 to erect a sign at the current post at the Nahant Life Saving Station. Support to be sent to the planning board and the concomm

**JA-yes**

**MC-yes**

**4. Ongoing Business**

**a. Spouting Horn Road Subdivision/Easement**

**MC-** This topic is about a Subdivision/Easement at the end of Spouting Horn Road and making sure the town's infrastructure is open and accessible we have two attorneys with us tonight Robin Stein from K.P. Law who is representing Nahant and attorney Stephen Smith who is representing the applicant.

**Robin Stein-** A copy of the easement was sent out to the selectmen. The applicant wanted to do a subdivision on Spouting Horn Road extension which would create one additional lot and it turns out there was some existing town water/sewer infrastructure already out there. So the purpose of the easement was to make sure the town still had access to the water/sewer infrastructure. This also went in front of the planning board and was approved.

**Motion:**

**JA-** I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the easement as presented.

**GC-** seconded

**Roll call vote:**

**JA-yes**

**GC-yes**

**MC-yes**

**b. DEP ACOP part four of timeline due date is 01/21/21**

**TA-** Just a quick background, the town has experienced multiple sewer main breaks and has received pressure from the state on the inflow and infiltration of our sewer system. Non sewer water infiltrating our system due

to breaks, sump pumps being discharged into the sewer system etc. The state is pressuring communities to fix these systems/issues. Due to our recent track record of sewer main breaks we were issued an administrative consent order from the state that over a two year period has a number of dates and key requirements that we need to meet. We have already met a few of them. The first was the draft of I/I bylaw to MADEP. The second part was phase 1-2 CCTV engineering report findings sent to MADEP. Next was the effective date of the order which was December 22, 2020. The fourth part was to have a plan/schedule to design/construct a forced main which was due today and submitted. We will be working with the state on a construction traffic plan and getting the job out to bid. We also have a few other parts on the timeline to complete.

**c. Tree City USA Arbor Day Proclamation**

**MC-** Read the Arbor Day Proclamation. Proclamation will be on April 30, 2021 this year.

**5. Preserving East Point**

**a. 1/27/21 at 6:30pm via Zoom and Cable TV: Eminent Domain 101 with Town Counsel**

**MC-** There is a scheduled Q&A session regarding what Eminent Domain is, the process, different types with people who are experts in the Eminent Domain field. Held via zoom and cable TV on 1/21/21 at 6:30pm. We will open it up to the public for questions and answers. The goal is to inform the public on what Eminent Domain and what it takes to enforce it.

**6. Town Administrators Report**

**TA-** Wanted to mention that the initial concomm meeting for the NOI's was held.

**MC-** Concom over heard the NOI's from Northeastern for the new facility and their water intake system.

**a. Elan City-My City Pocket new notification app**

**TA-** Shared his screen and showed what the new Elan City-My city Pocket app looks like. We are looking to get this app integrated into our town to notify residents. It is a free app. It alerts you on your smart phone. We can use it for many different notifications, snow emergency, road closing, special events, school closing etc. We will still be using code red, the message board, Facebook, our website, and our TV channel, as notification tools.

**b. Budget Process Update**

**TA-** By bylaw January 31, 2021 is the last day citizen petitions can be submitted for warrant articles to be included in this year's town meeting. This year's town meeting will be May 15, 2021. We are in the process of developing our annual budget which will be in front of the board at the next Board of Selectmen meeting to be voted on and sent to the Finance Committee. We met with the Finance Committee last week. They are launching their meeting now. In the process of finalizing meetings with department heads and putting the budget and warrant together. A Resident asked if the previous articles that were deferred from last year's meeting need to be resubmitted. Answer-If it was a citizens petition article that was pulled b/c we were trying to limit the size of the town meeting due to COVID then you would not have to resubmit and the Board of Selectmen will sponsor that. Anything new will need to be submitted by January 31, 2021. We give all the information to the Finance Committee. They have the info for about 8 weeks and go through their process, then it gets sent to the printer and the book will be delivered to each voting resident in town a week prior to the town meeting. This year we will likely have the town meeting outside at Flash Road Park. Due to COVID

restrictions we are unsure how many people we can hold. Reaching out to vendors for that date. The warrant is lengthy already we may have to split the meeting into two days.

**7. Citizens Forum**

Nothing in the citizen's forum that wasn't already discussed.

**8. Adjourn to Executive Session**

**Motion:**

**MC-** In accordance with MGL chapter 30A section 21(a)(6) to consider the lease of Kellys Green's Golf Course to R&B Management. In accordance with the MGL chapter 30A section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with the Town Administrator. Pursuant to G.L. c. 30A, §21(a)(3) to discuss strategy with respect to litigation-Northeastern University Marine Science Center, 430 Nahant Road, Nahant, if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body.

**Adjourned to Executive Session at 7:38pm on 1/21/21 and will not reconvene in Open Session**

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on February 3, 2021

Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 4<sup>th</sup> day of February 2021

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