

**Town of Nahant
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen & Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
Thursday March 4, 2021 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 Barletta (TA)

1. Meeting Opening 6:30pm

Motion:

MC: Opened the Board of Selectmen & Board of Health joint meeting at 6:30pm

TA: Coronavirus numbers have been going down. The state is running into a supply and demand issue with the vaccine. They have increased the number of vaccine sites but unable to get vaccines. There are no first dose vaccines available so the state is prioritizing the second doses. Johnson and Johnson vaccine has been given the green light and will start to get distributed. Our call center is still up and running.

John Coulon (Health Officer)- Governor Baker announced we will enter phase 4 step 1 on March 22, 2021. Every time the State announces new phases and announcements on Coronavirus it gets posted to our towns COVID 19 website and facebook.

2. Opening Comments

MC: Winter Parking Ban in effect until March 20, 2021 from 12am-6am. 2021 Parking Stickers available starting March 15, 2021 at nahant.org. CPC Grant applications due by March 12, 2021 submit to ktaylor@nahant.org. or manual submission to town hall. The Johnson School students help pick the color of the

parking sticker this year which is winter white with green writing. COA Director Job opening-submit resume and letter of intent to ktaylor@nahant.org or to town hall. Charles Kelly Scholarship accepting applications due April 16, 2021.

3. New Business

a. Max Mcdonough Presentation-re plastic bag ban proposal

Max Mcdonough- Swampscott High School student proposing a plastic bag ban proposal. Nahant currently does not have a bylaw on plastic bags. Compostable/biodegradable paper and plastic bag decompose in less than a year.

b. National Grid Petition- Cliff St. underground conduit request

John Jankowski (National Grid)- This petition comes from a customer at 24 Cliff St. Nahant who is updating her service and National Grid needs to do some work in order to update. Need to upgrade the transformer and cable. Manhole 4 in front of 24 Cliff St we will be installing a new conduit and cable.

Motion:

GC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the petition submitted by National Grid to construct a line of underground electric conduits, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, under and across the public way or ways hereinafter named. Said underground conduits to be located substantially in accordance with the plan filed herewith marked: Cliff St, Nahant, MA.

The following are the public ways or part of ways along which the underground electric conduits above referred to may be laid:

Cliff St-National Grid to install beginning at a point approximately 300 feet northeast of the centerline of the intersection of Cliff St. and Vernon St. and continuing approximately 40 feet in a southeast direction. National Grid to trench and install 1-3" conduit concrete encased from MH 4 to customer owned landhole (house #24).

JA- second

***Discussion:**

No discussion or public comment

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

- c. Town Administrator performance evaluation and Board of Selectmen 2021 goals.

MC- The Board of Selectmen evaluation of the Town Administrator included looking at the TA's communication skills, administrative skills, Financial skills, setting goals/priorities, capital planning.

JA- Shared the screen shot of the document that summarizes the TA evaluation. TA started during a challenging time for the town and he is doing an excellent job, improving as he gains experience. Read some other key highlights of evaluation.

Shared and read goals for the upcoming year including administration goals, Infrastructure, communication, budget/finance goals for the TA and BOS.

4. Ongoing Business

- a. National Grid Presentation-re: electrical outage issues Little Nahant

TA- shared his screen with the National Grid Presentation for Little Nahant.

Faith Hassel (National Grid)-Explained how Nahant is fed electrically. Nahant has two underground feeds and we tap off of the feed to tap into Little Nahant. The other two feeds continue up to the Nahant substation. Gave data on how many outages Little Nahant and Big Nahant has experienced in the last 3years. Little Nahant has the stepdown transformers and Big Nahant has the substation. We do have back-ups now for the stepdown transformers making it quicker for us to restore service. Big Nahant is fed by that substation and in there is equipment that automatically switches when it detects no voltage. B/c Little Nahant is fed by and overhead stepdown transformer it does not have an automatic switchover so when there is an issue a crew needs to come out to fix the problem. We will be working on tree trimming throughout the town to avoid tree limbs on wires. We have been talking to TA and Zach and BOS trying to figure out a way to get an automatic switch into Little Nahant.

- b. MVP-Applied Coastal Trey Ruthven Presentation on Short Beach access designs.

TA- Trey Ruthven will be presenting from Applied Coastal. Applied Coastal was hired by the town through utilizing grant funding from the MVP program. We first secured funding to produce a vulnerability report and then we got money from an action grant for our issues on Nahant Rd and Lowlands area. The height of our dunes at Short Beach is higher the access

points are lower than that. So if we have a storm surge even though the dune is higher we still get flooding. So we want to get the access points near the same height of the dune to avoid and/or help with flooding.

Trey Ruthven (Applied Coastal)- Showed pictures of Short Beach area/lowlands after the March 2018 storm. Showed images and data of a wind rose and wave rose. Explained coastal storms and water levels. The access points are currently 10-14 ft and should be raised to help with the storm surge while still allowing access at those points for the public. Showed images for Access point planning and different options at the three access points, Spring Rd, across from Nahant Heritage trail/parking lot, and the area/access point at the life-saving station. There are different options considered for updating these access points including mats or staircases. Spoke about the next steps for this project and the MVP grant presentation.

MC-Asked when we re nourish Short beach for this dune work will we be re nourishing first and then putting the access points in or vice versa? Also will we bring have sand hauled in or pump it from offshore.

Trey Ruthven- The project would happen simultaneously with re nourishing and putting in ramp systems/access points. It would also depend on the speed of funding and permitting. Re-nourishing the beach, when we build up the dunes and access points we will be using a mix of sand, gravel, cobble. If you do dredge we would have to look at the material and if it will hold up.

- c. Vote to approve FY22 Budget adjustments and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee

Motion:

Josh: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the FY22 Budget adjustments and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee.

GC: second

Discussion:

TA: Explained what the budget adjustments are.

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

- d. Vote to Open and Close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee.

Motion:

Josh: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant as presented for submittal of articles by all town boards, committees, personnel and the public for consideration of placement onto the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

GC: Seconded

Discussion:

TA: Explained the changes to the warrant. Trying to organize the warrant and order of articles.

Roll call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

Motion:

Josh- I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to close the May 15, 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant as presented and send it to the Advisory and Finance committee to begin taking positions with the understanding that the ongoing review will occur by the Board of Selectmen and that modifications may occur at a later time.

GC-second

Roll call vote-

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

5. Preserving East Point

- a. Update on communication with NEU regarding possible mediation.

MC- We are working on a few presentations on NE regarding our proposals and eminent domain at end of March or April.

6. Town Administrators Report

- a. My City Pocket App

TA- The town has a new notification app that we will be using. It is a free download and the app allows us to send out notifications to your phone. The app is called My City Pocket App. It could be any kind of messages sent to you, a snow day, special event, water break etc.

7. Citizens Forum

Ken Carangelo (resident)- Asked about current communication with NorthEastern University and asked about litigation between Northeastern. Read a letter signed by 10 citizens. Asked about gift agreements and letters.

MC- We have not heard back from Northeastern after the last letter we sent. The BOS will answer the questions from the letter once received.

8. Adjourn to Executive Session and to return to public session

Josh: 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. (Adjourned to executive session at 9:12pm)

GC-second

Roll call vote:

GC-yes

JA-yes

MC-yes

Reconvene to Public Session:

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Kelly Green's Golf Course lease and Memorandum of Understanding to R&B Management.

GC-second

Roll Call vote:

JA-yes

GC-yes

MC-yes

Meeting Adjourned at 9:18pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on March 15, 2021.

Meeting minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the

18 day of March 2021

Approved via zoom by BOS