



**Town of Nahant
Joint Meeting
Board of Selectmen & Board of Health
Meeting Minutes
March 18, 2021 at 6:30pm via Zoom
Mark P. Cullinan, Chairman
Joshua A. Antrim, Vice Chairman
Eugene Canty, Recording Secretary
Antonio Barletta, Town Administrator**

1. Meeting Opening 6:30pm

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

MC-opened the Joint Meeting of the Nahant Board of Selectmen & Board of Health at 6:30pm.

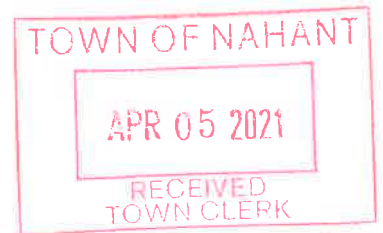
a. Coronavirus update with Health Nurse Deborah Murphy and Health Officer John Coulon

Deb Murphy: Currently 14 active COVID cases. Age group with highest positive cases is from 0-19 and the second highest is 20-29. Lynn, Swampscott, Marblehead and Chelsea are all in the yellow, Nahant is in the grey and Revere is in red. In the last 14 days we have had 547 people tested with 9 positive cases. Large cluster of positive cases at Swampscott High School from a gathering held. Starting Monday March 22 a new group of people become eligible for the vaccine. Lynn vaccine center will be expanding to meet the demand. About a 1/3 of Nahant residents have been vaccinated.

John Coulon: On Monday March 22 the state will move into phase 4 step 1. Gathering limits for public venues go to 150 outdoor and 100 indoors. Private property stays at 25 outdoor and 10 indoor. Ball parks opening to 12% capacity. Dancing allowed on dance floors. Travel orders change to a travel advisory. There are people who will be exempt from the advisory.

TA: Anyone looking to put in an Event Request with the town, we added a cover letter to our new form asking the coordinator to provide COVID guidelines and provide a summary of how they will adhere to current guidelines and educate participants of event of guidelines.

Outdoor dining: The BOS have the ability to expand the premises to outdoor dining for local businesses. Working with town counsel to figure out the process to do that as it has changed since last year.



2. Opening Comments

JA- On March 25th there is a presentation by the Nahant Open space and rec commission which will continue the mission of that committee and get an open space and rec plan together.

MC- Winter parking ban in effect until March 20 from 12am-6am

Parking stickers now available for purchase at nahant.org

Last day to object or withdraw nomination papers is March 24 at 4pm at the Clerk's office

Last day to register to vote for the election or town meeting is March 30

Compost area will open on Saturday April 3rd for the season, Open on Sat&Wed from 9am-3pm

Recycling for white goods/metal/tv/computers starts 4/24/21-10/30/21 on the last Saturday of every month, drop off at the DPW from 8am-noon. Certain fees may apply. Check only no cash.

Charles Kelly scholarship-now accepting applications. Due April 16, 2021 by 12:30pm

3. New Business

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Easter Bunny Parade on April 3, 2021 through the town of Nahant and that the organizer will adhere to COVID safety guidelines.

GC: second

Roll call vote:

JA: yes

GC: yes

MC: yes

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Nahant's Cultural Councils Art Festival event on May 1 2021 at East Point in the lodge park and canoe beach area

GC: second

Roll call vote:

JA: yes

GC: yes

MC: yes

Motion:

GC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the request for Nahant Youth Soccer on Saturdays from 5/1/21-6/26/21 from 8:30am-10:30am

JA: second



Roll call vote:

GC: yes

JA: yes

MC: yes

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the appointment of Officer Keene Allen as a Nahant full time police officer.

GC: second

Discussion:

TA: Officer John Hogan of the Nahant Police dept. recently resigned and will be joining the Swampscott Police dept. and we will now bring on Officer Allen

Roll call vote:

JA: yes

GC: yes

MC: yes

Motion:

GC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from February 18, 2021.

JA: second

Roll call vote:

GC: yes

JA: yes

MC: yes

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from March 4, 2021.

GC: second

Roll call vote:

GC:yes

MC: yes

JA: yes

***Mass Historical Commission grant and Letter of Support from the Board of Selectmen.**

Sharon Hawkes (Nahant Library Director)- The Nahant Library recently completed the work on the Library Terrace restoration. Now the Board of Trustees are looking to repair more, including

the roof, vent cap, tiles, chimney, drainage, window frame repairs, bulkhead. We sent an application to the CPC for a grant as well. This is a request for a letter to the Mass Historical Commission for assistance with this project as well.

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to authorize the Town Administrator to sign documents associated with the Mass Historical Commission Grant.

GC: second

Roll call vote:

JA: yes

GC:yes

MC: yes

Lowlands Sewer Manhole Repair Bid.

TA: Part of our ACOP from DEP and in general, the DEP is pushing I/I systems. We have a gravity sewer that goes through the golf course and lowlands. This procurement is FEMA funded and is a project to replace the 8 manholes along that gravity line with water tight covers. So if we were to have a flood we wouldn't have salt water getting through the covers and into the sewer system. We had 4 bids. We opened them on March 11. The lowest bid was from N Granese and sons was \$38,020. The second lowest was Blue Diamond Equipment Company at \$54,400, Green Mountain Pipeline Services at \$63,021, and National Water Main Cleaning Company at \$78,700.

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen approve N Granese and sons to receive the bid award for the Lowlands Sewer Manhole Repair bid.

GC: second

Roll call vote;

GC: yes

JA: yes

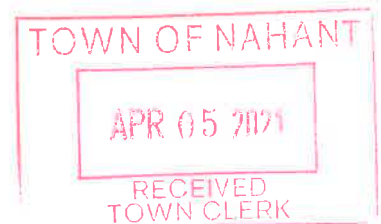
MC:yes

4. Ongoing Business

a. Marijuana Bylaw discussion and vote to send to the Planning Board

TA: This bylaw is to allow a business to sell Marijuana. We are trying to be ahead of the game if we had proposals to open such a business then we would have the bylaw in place. Showed the draft Marijuana bylaw on the screen and explained the parts of the bylaw.

Motion:



Dan Skrip: A vote from the Board of Selectmen to send a draft of the Marijuana bylaw to the planning board for a hearing in order to put them in a position to make recommendations at town meeting.

JA: so moved

Roll call vote:

GC:yes

JA:yes

MC:yes

b. Plastic Bag Ban Bylaw Discussion

Dan Skrip (Town Counsel) – Max McDonough and I have been working together on this and we found some bylaws across the commonwealth that were approved and we took those and matched them together and tailored this bylaw for the town of Nahant. We are getting up to speed with other coastal towns. It won't affect a ton of people around town as we don't have many businesses. Showed the draft bylaw.

Max McDonough: This bylaw would reduce the use of plastic bags in town from restaurants and stores, the bags have a detrimental effect on coastal towns.

c. Vote to approve FY 22 Budget adjustments and send to the Advisory and Finance Committee

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to approve the FY22 budget adjustments as presented and send to the Advisory and Finance committee for their ongoing review.

GC: seconded.

TA: explained the recent budget adjustments.

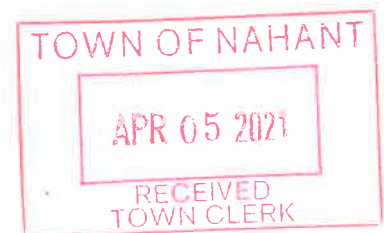
Roll call vote:

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

GC: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to open the 2021 Annual Town Meeting warrant as presented for submittal of articles by all town boards, committees, and personnel and public for consideration for placement on the annual town meeting warrant.

JA: seconded

TA: discussed the changes to the articles

Roll call vote:

JA; yes

GC;yes

MC; yes

Motion:

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen vote to accept and close the 2021 Annual Town meeting warrant as presented and send it to the Advisory and Finance Committee to be taking positions with understanding that ongoing review by the Board of Selectmen and that modifications may occur at a later time.

GC; seconded

Roll call vote:

JA: yes

GC: yes

MC: yes

e. Wall that Heals update

Bob Fields (American legion)-volunteers and donations are coming in regarding the wall that heals, getting COVID guidelines together.

5. Preserving East Point

MC: During our last meeting a few residents had some questions.

First question was: Why did the town of Nahant join the two lawsuits between Northeastern and the Nahant Preservation Trust instead of consolidating it into one? We did so because we believe that is was in the best interest of the town to do so. The lawsuit was initially brought by Northeastern against not only the Nahant Preservation Trust but 28 residents as well. In turn those 28 residents and NPT brought suit against Northeastern as a means to protect the environment and preserve east point. We joined the lawsuit in hopes to have the land considered conservation land at east point. The aims of the lawsuit are consistent with the preservation of east point as a natural resource area as provided by town meeting actions 30

yrs ago and since exemplified by further development of lodge park. The town has its own claims in this case concerning Northeastern's promises to maintain east point as a wildlife preserve. Spoke about Nahant Preservation Trust and what they do for the town and how they give back. Joining forces with them strengthens our case.
Read more questions from residents regarding Northeastern and east point.

Ken Carangelo (resident)- Spoke about Northeastern expansion and the lawsuit.

Jeff Musman (resident)- Explained what the Nahant Preservation does and how it operates.

Jim Walsh (resident)- Spoke about the Northeastern expansion and eminent domain.

***Citizens Forum**

Diane Monteith (20 Seabreeze lane) - Thinks its healthy to have these informed discussions regarding northeastern.

Motion:

Adjourn to Executive Session

JA: I move that the Board of Selectmen adjourn into Executive Session in accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(2) to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with the Town Administrator and in accordance with MGL chapter 30A, section 21(a)(3) to discuss strategy regarding ongoing litigation-Michael Feinberg v Town of Nahant, et a.;

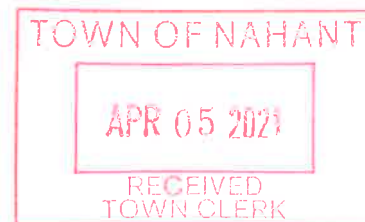
MC: to have these discussion in open session would defeat the purpose of an executive session

Roll call vote:

JA: yes

GC; yes

MC; yes.



Meeting Adjourned to Executive Session on March 18, 2021 at 9:15pm

Meeting Minutes prepared by Kristin Taylor, Administrative Assistant on March 22, 2021.

Meeting Minutes approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 1 day of

 April 2021

APPROVED via Zoom