Board of Selectmen Meeting July 7, 2011

Present: Elaine Titus, Chairman Mark Cullinan, Town Administrator

Michael Manning, Vice Chairman Charles Riley, Town Counsel

Richard Lombard, Secretary

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS:

Ms. Titus welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked all the Departments for their hard work during the holiday. Mr. Manning stated that the Sailing Program is running smoothly, the Fourth of July was great and it is a very active summer. Mr. Lombard commented that the Fireworks were fantastic and thanked DPW, Fire, and Police Departments for their hard work. He also stated that the response from the Fire Department to the minor incident was fantastic and that the new Tennis program is being run very well.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 30, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion: Manning Seconded: Lombard

Voted: Unanimous in favor.

SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Mr. Cullinan stated that anyone wishing to nominate a candidate for the search committee should get the names to Mary Lowe so she may submit a letter with this information to the Moderator. He also stated that he spoke with the Moderator who hoped to have the legal ad placed in the Item soon to have a committee formed by the end of July, and thought this was very ambitious. Mr. Cullinan stated he will speak to the Moderator and report back to the Board at their August 4th meeting.

PLANNING BOARD APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Manning stated that there was a vacancy on the Planning Board and that Mr. Richard Snyder requested a joint meeting to vote to fill the vacancy until the next election. Mrs. Sheila Hambleton stated her support for the candidate, Tom Donahue. Mr. Snyder also supported Mr. Donahue stating that his knowledge will be very useful to the Planning Board. Mr. Lombard

also showed his support by nominating Mr. Donahue for the vacancy. Mr. Manning seconded the Motion.

Discussion on the Motion: Mr. Cullinan stated that as a professional engineer, and with Right of Way expertise, he will be useful to the Town and thanked Mr. Donahue for volunteering.

Mike Manning

Voted:

Planning Board: Board of Selectmen:

Sheila Hambleton Lainey Titus
Richard Snyder Richard Lombard

Carl Easton
Cal Hastings

Gerry Raffaele

Unanimous Vote In Favor, for the term expiring at the conclusion April 2012 Town Election.

END OF YEAR MANAGEMENT REPORT:

Mr. Cullinan stated that this report is an estimate due to the fact that more money will be collected by July 15, 2011, which marks the end of Fiscal Year 2011. He also stated that he was pleasantly surprised and credited Kathy Famulari, treasurer/collector, for collecting many outstanding utility liens due to the Town. He also stated motor vehicle excise, interest on taxes, ambulance revenues, rentals and miscellaneous revenues have also increased. Rubbish and recycling revenue has increased thus lowering this year's fees and the water/sewer enterprise is up \$34,000. Mr. Cullinan explained that these numbers will be helpful in preparing next year's budget. Ms. Titus thanked Mr. Cullinan and Mrs. Famulari for their good work.

OPEN SPACE POLICY:

Mr Cullinan stated that the proposed policy for the Bailey's Hill Area needs to be approved. Ms. Titus stated that she reviewed the policy and the plans will increase the use of the area. Mr. Cullinan stated that money collected for the use of Bailey's Hill such as weddings is placed in a dedicated account for the upkeep of the area.

Motion: Lombard Seconded: Manning

Voted: Unanimous Vote In Favor

MARK CANTY CALL FIREFIGHTER:

Mr. Cullinan stated that he missed an appointment in June for Mark Canty as a call firefighter and that Chief Hyde had recommended him. He also stated that Mr. Canty will be attending the Academy in August.

Motion: Manning Seconded: Lombard

Voted: Unanimous Vote In Favor

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Manning read a letter received from Comcast stating that they are an employee-centered company and that they would not support the prior written resolution of the Town endorsing recognition of the IBEW as the sole bargaining agent for the employees without an employee referendum.

Mr. Lombard stated the David Wilson's retirement party will be held on July 9, 2011 at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Nahant at 7:00 pm and thanked Mr. Wilson for his 38 years of service to the Town as a call firefighter, DPW employee, and school committee member. Mr. Manning suggested anyone interested in purchasing a ticket should see Mary Lowe at the Town Hall.

ADJOURN:

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Selectmen.

Motion: Manning Seconded: Lombard

Voted: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Mary S Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 4th day of August 2011.