

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
January 20, 2011**

*Present: Richard Lombard, Chairman
Elaine Titus, Vice Chairman
Michael Manning, Secretary*

*Mark Cullinan, Town Administrator
Charles Riley, Town Counsel*

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting.

Motion: Titus
Seconded: Manning
Voted: Unanimous in favor.

CAUSEWAY UPDATE:

Mr. Jim Caputo, DCR; Bill Mertz, Stantec Engineering; and Dante Roberto, Pihl Construction were present at the meeting to discuss the progress on the causeway. Mr. Lombard commended the DCR, construction and engineering teams on the job done to date. Mr. Caputo thanked the residents of Nahant, the Police, Fire and DPW for their help and patience through the process to this point. Mr. Caputo stated that the ramp near the Tides was in the permitting stage, which would provide easier water or emergency rescue access to the beach for public safety personnel.

Mr. Bill Mertz stated that the construction was on schedule and that the Summer/Spring construction would have minimal impact on the town. Mr. Mertz stated that there is a great team working on the project and things are running smoothly. Ms. Titus stated that she was glad to hear things are going well. Mr. Manning thanked everyone for coming to the meeting tonight and for the update. Mr. Riley reminded residents that even though there is no construction on the weekends, the speed limit is 25 mph 24/7.

FY12 WARRANT UPDATE:

Mr. Cullinan presented the Board of Selectmen with an updated FY12 Warrant and stated that there were a few additions such as Article 17 on the rubbish and that the School Committee was asking the Board of Selectmen to place a ballot question for a proposition 2½ override. Mr. Cullinan stated that omnibus article could have two budgets, one with the override and one without. Mr. Cullinan stated that the School Committee is also requesting a joint meeting with

the Board of Selectmen and Finance & Advisory Committee sometime in March. Mr. Cullinan stated that there is about a \$200,000 gap between his budget and what the school is looking for primarily due to SPED.

ASSISTANT TREASURER/COLLECTOR APPOINTMENT:

Mr. Cullinan stated that due to the retirement of Joan Bingham and the recent appointment of Kathy Famulari as Treasurer/Collector, there was an opening for Kathy's position. Mr. Cullinan stated that he had posted the job opening internally and that he was seeking approval on the appointment of Susan Behen as Assistant Treasurer/Collector.

A motion was made to approve the appointment of Susan Behen as Assistant Treasurer/Collector effective February 18, 2011.

Motion: Titus
Seconded: Manning
Voted: Unanimous in favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMARKS:

Mr. Lombard thanked the Fire Department for shoveling out the fire hydrants around town and commended them and the Police Department for doing a great job. Mr. Lombard stated that there was a storm expected and 6 – 10” of snow was expected and that there was no on street parking from midnight through 6:00 a.m. even for those who have a winter parking waiver from the Police Department.

Ms. Titus stated that there would be a benefit for Brit Roossien who is battling lymphoma on Friday, February 4, 2011 at the Nahant Country Club from 6:30 – 11:00 p.m. Ms. Titus stated that persons interested in purchasing tickets could contact Liz Carlson.

Mr. Lombard stated that there would be a benefit/raffle for the Lion's Club for eye research at Tides on Thursday, February 3, 2011 from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m. and that 10% of the proceeds would go to eye research.

ADJOURN:

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

Motion: Manning
Seconded: Titus

Voted: Unanimous in favor.

The minutes were prepared by Susan J. Behen, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 3rd day of February 2011.

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