

**Board of Selectmen Meeting
May 5, 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.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mr. Lombard welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated that the Town Meeting was a success.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

A motion was made to nominate Elaine Titus as Chairman, Michael Manning as Vice Chairman, and Richard Lombard as Secretary of the Board of Selectmen for the upcoming year until after the next Annual Election.

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

MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the April 28, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting as presented.

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

TOWN MEETING REVIEW/OVERRIDE & FY 12 PROJECTS:

Ms. Linda McCarthy of Nahant came forward and presented the board with a petition of 174 signatures to show support for another ballot vote regarding Proposition 2 ½ override after failing to pass on the original ballot voted on April 30, 2011. Mr. Cullinan stated that the petition was not necessary due to the fact that only the Board of Selectmen have the authority to approve another ballot vote. Mr. Lombard stated he wanted this resolved in the fairest way. Mr Manning asked why should the people of Nahant have to vote again on another day on the same topic when they already voted. Ms Titus stated the discrepancies between the two votes

and was confusing to the Town's people. Mr. Lombard stated he wanted to give people another chance. A motion was made to hold another ballot election for the Proposition 21/2 override.

"I move to notify the Town Clerk to place the following question on the ballot set for June 25, 2011:

Shall the Town of Nahant be allowed to assess an additional \$260,000. in net real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding operating budgets for the school and town departments for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2011."

Voted: Lombard, Titus – Aye
Manning – Nay
Motion passed 2-1

Ms Titus called for a five minute recess to allow for the people to exit the building.

Mr. Cullinan stated that there will be a lot of work done this summer and briefly explained each project. He also stated that the MWRA loan awards are granted after funds are received and they only accept applications twice a year for work using these funds. A letter will be placed in the bid proposal package for water meter replacement that indicates that such funds have been applied for and are expected to be granted prior to bid award. Mr. Manning stated that the Town did not receive the grant for a new fire truck and suggested to Mr. Cullinan to have someone request a debriefing to let us know weak points in the prior proposal so as to have improved chances at preparing a better one the next time we apply.

HANSON ONE PITCH:

A motion was made to approve the Gary Hanson One Pitch Softball Fundraiser at the baseball fields behind the fire station.

Motion: Lombard
Second: Manning
Voted: Unanimous Vote In Favor

Mr. Lombard stated that this is an ongoing event that is for a great cause and there are never any problems and everyone should stop by. Ms Titus encouraged everyone to participate.

QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Cullinan stated that the third quarter finances are on schedule at roughly 75%, due to the department heads being very conservative and we will end the year in the black. He also stated that the rubbish and recycling may show a slight reduction in fees next year. Even though state aid is down it does not look like decreased state aid will result in any problems. Ms Titus and Mr. Lombard congratulated Mr. Cullinan on a job well done.

ZONING MAP:

Mr. Cullinan stated that the new zoning map was approved at the past Town Meeting and that the Board of Selectmen should sign it to make it official.

SELECTMEN'S SCHEDULE:

The Board of Selectmen set their summer schedule as follows:

June: 2 & 16

July: 7

August: 4

ADJOURN:

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

Motion: Lombard

Seconded: Manning

Voted: Unanimous in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

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

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 19th day of June 2011.
