Board of Selectmen Meeting
June 30, 2011

Present:             Elaine Titus, Chairman             Mark Cullinan, Town Administrator
                      Michael Manning, Vice Chairman
                      Richard Lombard, Secretary

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS:
Ms. Titus welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr. Manning thanked the town’s people for coming out to vote at the special election held on June 25, 2011 and expressing their opinion to assure a democratic process. Mr. Lombard thanked Superintendent Lowe, the DPW, and summer help for doing a great job preparing the town for the 4th of July including cleaning the beaches. Mr. Lombard stated that there we will work together to get through dealing with the results of the override vote together. Ms. Titus stated that both supporters and non supporters of the override were very passionate and suggested both sides come together to do best by the children of Nahant. Ms. Titus also commended the DPW for a good job and has recently seen some suggestions being fulfilled such as parking lot lines at the Lowlands parking area and recycling bins at town beaches.

Ms. Tarmy asked that the Town as a whole work together for the children.

MINUTES APPROVAL:
A motion was made to approve the minutes of the June 2, 2011 Board of Selectmen meeting.

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

BANS/RANS:
Mr. Manning stated that at this time each year, the Town borrows money (RANS) in anticipation of tax receipts. Mr. Manning also stated that the BANS is a general obligation bond and is a temporary short term borrowing. Mr. Cullinan stated that this BANS money will be used for the Bear Pond Project.

A motion was made to approve RANS in the amount of $1,300,000 at 1.25% interest payable May 15, 2012 to First Southwest Bank.

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

A motion was made to approve BANS in the amount of $488,000 at 1.25% interest payable July 8, 2011 to Eastern Bank.

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

NORTH SHORE RUGBY ROAD RACE:
Mr. Harry Pratt of the North Shore Rugby Football Club stated that this is a short race that will start and end at the Kelley Greens Golf Course starting at 10:00 am and ending around noon on August 21, 2011. He also stated that he has been in contact with the appropriate authorities in regards to Police and Fire details and has spoken to Mike O’Callahan regarding parking. Mr. Pratt asked if there was anything the Town would like to promote at the race and stated that a donation would be made to a local charity and asked if they had anyone in mind. Mr. Manning suggested that donations to the Town of Nahant Schools would be appreciated since the override did not pass recently. Ms. Titus and Mr. Lombard agreed.

A motion was made to approve the event request of the North Shore Rugby Football Club to hold a road race on August 21, 2011 from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm.

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

INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTER PROCLAMATION:
Ms. Titus stated that the Board had received a letter from the Independent Living Center of the North Shore and Cape Ann as in past years. Mr. Manning stated that the author of the letter was Shawn McDuff, a son of Nahant, former ADA Coordinator for Nahant, and current Director of Access Advocacy for the Independent Living Center. Mr. Manning stated that Sean McDuff has asked the Board of Selectmen to proclaim July 26, 2011 as “ADA Day”.

A motion was made to proclaim the 26th day of July 2011 as the Spirit of 21st Anniversary of the Americans with Disability Act (ADA).

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

NAHANT VILLAGE CHURCH ONE DAY LIQUOR LICENSE:
Ms. Titus stated that the Nahant Village Church is requesting a one day liquor license for a fund raiser to be held on July 23, 2011 from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm in support of the church’s community outreach work. Mr. Cullinan stated that this request does not require a license due to the fact that the alcohol being served is complimentary and is not for sale. Mr. Manning stated that we respond to the Village Church with a letter stating this fact and wished them luck raising funds.

A motion was made to send the response letter.

Motion Manning
Seconded Lombard
Voted Unanimous Vote in Favor

APPROVE SOCCER COOK OUT:
Ms Titus stated that a request from the Nahant Youth Soccer is requesting the use of Short Beach for a small cook out to be catered by Mount Vernon Restaurant on Friday, July 15th, 2011 from 4:30pm to 8:30 pm. Mr. Cullinan stated that this request is for use of the beach only and is not requesting a liquor license.

Motion Lombard
Seconded Manning
Voted Unanimous Vote in Favor

OPEN SPACE COMMITTEE PLAN:
Mr. Cullinan stated that this committee is currently working on a policy for private memorials on public property and is asking the Board to review it. Linda Pivacek of the committee stated that the town’s people like the memorials and that it is a good opportunity to enhance public spaces and the area in review is Bailey’s Hill. Ms. Pivacek briefly explained the policy and they met with the neighbors and everyone is in accord. The Board thanked the committee for initiating the policy and all agreed it was a great idea.

SHORT BEACH/ NLSS PLAN:
Mr. Cullinan stated that he had the kick off meeting with various community board members today on an advisory capacity regarding the short beach plan and that it went well. He also
stated that a public meeting will be held at the end of July for public input. Mr. Cullinan stated that five firms bid on the project and out of the five there were three very good proposals, however Stantec, the company who designed the causeway plan, was awarded the project due to this fact and they are familiar with the Town’s needs.

**SHAWN MURTAGH DPW:**
Mr. Cullinan stated that there will be 2 vacancies on the DPW when David Wilson retires on July 3, 2011 and that Superintendent Lowe is requesting to fill one position. The applicant, Shawn Murtagh, has had experience in different areas including water and sewer and feels this appointment will be beneficial to the Department and requested the Board support this appointment. A motion was made to endorse the Administrator’s appointment.

Motion: Manning  
Seconded: Lombard  
Voted: Unanimous Vote in Favor

**CODE RED:**
Mr. Cullinan explained that this communication system is better than the hardwired Reverse 911 system and has met with representatives. This system allows the residents to sign up online and choose what type of alerts to receive and how they are received, i.e. regular landline, cellphone, email, facebook, text, etc. Mr. Cullinan stated the cost would be $4,000.00 and this money would come from the pager account and other various accounts that won’t be needed once this system is in place. Mr. Manning stated that he spoke with Mr. Cullinan about questions he had within the agreement and is in the process of rectifying them.

**UNION CONTRACTS:**
Mr. Cullinan stated that he had been working with the Police, Fire and Department of Public Works unions and have finally come to a resolution on their new contracts. Mr. Cullinan stated that there were no changes and requested the board to ratify them. Mr. Manning pointed out that in prior contracts the unions had worked with the Town in hard times and accepted contracts with 0,2,and 0 percent raises and then accepted an additional one year extension with 0 percent raises. The current contracts with 3,3, and 3 percent raises would mean that the average raises over the seven years was between 1 and 2 percent.

A motion was made to approve the Police, Fire and DPW Contracts effective July 1, 2011 thru June 30, 2014 as outlined by the Town Administrator.

Motion: Lombard  
Seconded: Manning  
Voted: Unanimous in favor.
Mr. Cullinan thanked all the union members who worked cooperatively to negotiate all three department contracts. The Board also thanked the Unions for a job well done.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE:**

Mr. Cullinan stated that he will be resigning effective November 5, 2011 and suggested the board to set up a search committee to find a new Town Administrator and work along side the Town Moderator, Dave Conlin. Mr. Lombard stated that he was happy for Mr. Cullinan and sad at the same time for leaving. Mr. Manning stated that he enjoyed working with Mark all these years and commended him on his many talents. Ms Titus stated that she enjoyed working with Mark. The Board thanked Mr. Cullinan for all he has done for the town and wished him luck on his new ventures.

Mr. Manning nominated Jeffery Musman to serve as a Board of Selectman appointee to the search committee and stated that he awaited suggestions for other members from Ms. Titus and Mr. Lombard. The Board agreed to table the motion for appointment for this meeting and to continue discussion at the next meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Ms. Titus stated that Dave Wilson’s retirement party will be held on July 9, 2011 at the Knights of Columbus Hall and that tickets are $25.00 per person.

Ms. Titus read the schedule of events for the holiday weekend events.

Ms. Titus read a memo from Kathy Famulari, Town Treasurer/Collector, that attendance for the August 4, 2011 Board of Selectmen’s meeting is mandatory to sign off on the $750,000 borrowing for the MWRA.

Mr. Manning stated that the Tennis Program will now be located at the Country Club and more information will follow.

**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 8:41 p.m.
The minutes were prepared by Mary S Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 7th day of July 2011.

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