

Board of Selectmen Meeting November 1, 2012

*Present: Andrew Bisignani, Town Administrator
Michael Manning, Chairman
Richard Lombard, Vice Chairman
Perry Barrasso, Secretary
Charles Riley, Town Counsel*

The meeting convened at 7:30 p.m.

OPENING REMARKS:

Mr. Manning welcomed everyone to the meeting. Mr Barrasso commended all public safety departments on the great job they did during the recent storm. Mr Manning and Mr Lombard agreed and invited the department heads to the next scheduled meeting to thank them in person.

MINUTES APPROVAL:

A motion was made to approve the minutes from the October 18, 2012 Board of Selectmen's meetings.

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

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Mr Bisignani stated the Community Preservation Committee has a tentative meeting date of November 7 and the Coast Guard Housing Committee will be meeting on the 14th to strategize marketing of the properties and is getting organized. Mr Manning stated the CPC should be up to speed due to the quickly approaching annual town meeting. Mr Bisignani stated he has sent out budgets to all department heads for their review. Mr Bisignani thanked all of the departments for being so well organized for the recent storm and was impressed how well all departments worked as a team and how smoothly everything was accomplished. Mr Bisignani assured everyone that the water meter issues are being resolved and should be done by the end of the month. He also encouraged everyone who hasn't had their water meter replaced to do so as soon as possible to avoid a high estimate on their next billing or possible water termination if necessary. The Board all agreed with the Town Administrator. Mr Manning made a motion to "encourage everybody to get their water meter changed before the 16th and for those who fail to get their water meter changed by the 16th of November we authorize the DPW to take the list of the remaining buildings that haven't had their meters changed and one at a time shut them off until such time as all the meters in town have been replaced." Mr Barrasso seconded the motion for discussion and asked Town Counsel if there were any public health issues regarding water shut off. Mr Riley explained that the Town of Nahant has adopted Ch40 S 42A which allows the town to levy and collect water receipts, if those receipts are not paid then the town has the right to shut the water off and added that he is in favor of the motion. Mr Manning stated that the town has a water/sewer ordinance that allows the water department to enter onto any property to make sure the water meter is safe and will put this process in place. Mr Barrasso made a friendly amendment to the motion for additional costs will be the homeowners responsibility, Mr Lombard

added \$150.00 as that amount. Mr Manning accepted this friendly amendment. Unanimous Vote in Favor. Mr Bisignani stated that he has the article that was voted on at Town Meeting for the Coast Guard Housing Committee. Mr Manning stated that the first vote was to authorize the committee to retain an advisor to help prepare a plan for developing the property and come back to the Town before the sale of the property. It must proceed in a certain way and look at how the Town wants the property disposed of. Mr Lombard asked if the Town retained the %50,000 bond given by the contractor when they bailed on us. Mr Riley responded with a no.

NLSS PUBLIC FORUM:

Mr Manning stated that the first Public Forum regarding the Life Saving Station went very well and requested a second meeting be held on November 8, 2012. A motion was made to schedule the next NLSS public forum on November 8, 2012.

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

Mr Lombard stated that the wave wall along the causeway is final and was under the impression that it would be continuous from one end of the causeway to the other instead of chain link and suggested the Board meet with Sen McGee to discuss this public safety issue and to extend the contract one year and 1-2 million dollars. Mr Riley advised the Board to put this in a form of a vote. Mr Lombard mad a motion to send Sen. McGee and Walsh, DCR and Pihl Construction a letter requesting a meeting about the wall to explain what happened. Seconded by Mr Barrasso. Unanimous Vote in Favor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Mr. Manning read the announcements as presented in the Board's packet.

ADJOURN:

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

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

The minutes were prepared by Mary Lowe, Administrative Assistant.

The minutes were approved by the Board of Selectmen on the 15th day of November 2012.