SPECIAL BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES AUGUST 25, 2011 – 7:00 P.M. WHISCONIER MIDDLE SCHOOL SEMINAR ROOM

CALL TO ORDER: First Selectman William R. Davidson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

PRESENT: William R. Davidson, First Selectman; Howard Lasser, Selectman; Steve O'Reilly, Selectman; public & press; Virginia Giovanniello, Recording Secretary.

SOUTHERN WATER LINE PROJECT PHASE II: The Selectmen held an informational meeting to present the Southern Water Line Project Phase II plans and to give property owners along the proposed water line an opportunity to ask questions. Mr. Martin Handshy, Water Consultant to the Selectmen, Steve Sullivan, Professional Engineer with CCA, and Mr. Farrell, Aquarion Water Company's Liaison for the Town, participated in the discussion. The First Selectmen sent a letter to the property owners along the proposed route on August 5th along with preliminary calculations to determine each property owner's benefit assessment. The assessment is subject to final engineering work and actual construction bids. The Selectmen also stated that condominium residents and owners should talk to their condominium association about connectivity charges, water quantity and water quality to give them a better idea of separate costs associated with connecting to the water line. Property owners will not be billed until the system is built in 2013. The town has applied for a STEAP grant, as this has been very successful in the past, and hopefully, the town will receive these funds to help with the cost of this "user paid system." There is a Special Town Meeting on Thursday, September 8th to discuss and consider authorizing the appropriation to fund the costs of the planning, design and construction of the water line at a Referendum on Tuesday, November 8th.

<u>ADJOURN</u>: Howard Lasser made motion to adjourn at 8:10 p.m., seconded by Steve O'Reilly. Motion carried unanimously.

William R. Davidson First Selectman Howard Lasser Selectman Steve O'Reilly Selectman