Board of Selectmen Minutes Tuesday, January 25, 2012 at 9:00am Town Hall Meeting Room

The meeting was called to order at 9:00AM by Chair, Marie Sobalvarro in the Town Hall Meeting Room. Selectmen Marie Sobalvarro, Ron Ricci, Tim Clark and Peter Warren were all in attendance as well as the Town Administrator Tim Bragan and Executive Assistant Julie Doucet. Bill Johnson was absent.

MEETING WITH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (IAC)

IAC members Patricia Natoli and Jeff Grecco were present. A memo was presented from the IAC which Tim Bragan summarized. He said basically the memo stated due to the plan design changes already voted on by Minuteman-Nashoba Health Group and the short timeline that is mandated by the state the IAC feels they are not in a position to endorse or reject these changes and is recommending to simply move forward with the process of having the Public Employee Committee (PEC) negotiate a mitigation plan for the town's savings derived from the health plan changes. The IAC asked if the 30 day negotiating period could be extended in order to give all parties a bit more flexibility and extend the deadline by 15 days. They also recommended that multiple opportunities (on at least two separate dates) be made available to all town employees to attend health fairs in order to fully explore the plans offered and to learn more about the flexible spending accounts. Bragan said the 30 days does not start until formal notice has been provided to the PEC.

SUPER TOWN MEETING – Vicksburg Square redevelopment

Representatives from MassDevelopment Ed Starzec Director of Land Entitlements and Lee Smith Legal Counsel were present. After some discussion, it was decided two additional public hearings would be held to accommodate a Super Town Meeting in late March. The BOS agreed to hold a public hearing at their February 21st BOS meeting. Dates discussed for holding a Super Town Meeting were March 26-28th with the 28th being the preferable date.

DPW PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENT

DPW Director Rich Nota we present to recommend promotion of Larry Allard to the vacant position of Equipment Operator. On a Clark/Ricci motion, the board voted unanimously to approve the promotion of Larry Allard to position of Equipment Operator.

Nota said he interviewed four candidates for the two open Truck Driver/Laborer positions and is recommending the appointment of Robert Szocik of Lunenburg and Nicholas Ammesmaki of Ashby. He said Szocik brings many years of construction experience to the department and Ammesmaki is a young man with great promise and a desire to make public works a career. On a Ricci/Warren motion, the board voted unanimously to accept the DPW Director's recommendation to appoint Robert Szocik and Nicholas Ammesmaki.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:38am.

Documents referred: **MEETING WITH INSURANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE** – memo dated 1.23.2012 **DPW PROMOTION AND APPOINTMENT** – recommendation letters dated 1.18.2012 1.19.2012