

## Hingham Receives Seaport Economic Council Grant

The Town of Hingham was one of nine communities to be awarded funding from the Seaport Economic Council on February 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Council which is headed by Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito, funded awards totaling just over \$5,000,000. The grants which are targeted to coastal communities ranged from \$33,000 to \$1,000,000 with the Hingham allocation being \$700,000. Hingham's application for a new beach bath house/snack shop building fell under the Seaport Council's "Supportive Coastal Infrastructure Project" category and was prepared by Hingham Town Engineer Roger Fernandes on behalf of the Trustees of the Bathing Beach.

The concept of a new multipurpose bath house/snack shop building was first envisioned in the 2007 Harbor Master Plan. The Trustees have requested \$150,000 in CPC funding from 2016 Town Meeting to serve as the Town's 20% matching funds to the Seaport Council funding. If Town Meeting allocates funding this April, the Town Engineer and the Trustees with input from the Harbor Development Committee and the Board of Selectmen, will solicit conceptual architectural and engineering design work and begin seeking public input during the approval/permitting phase of the project.