

Selectmen's Meeting – February 28, 2005 6:30 p.m.

Brian Bowcock called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Michael Silvia motioned to accept the minutes of February 14, 2005. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Brian Bowcock introduced John Nunes the Town's new Finance Director.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meetings this week:

Tuesday, March 1st at 2:00 p.m. FEMA Meeting in Westport, the Blizzard of January 22nd and 23rd

Wednesday, March 2nd 9-11:30 a.m. Blue Cross/Blue Shield new Medicare Prescription Drug Benefits at Day's Inn, New Bedford

Thursday, March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. Clerical Union at Town Hall

Thursday, March 3rd at 3:00 p.m. Brian Smith at Town Hall

Thursday, March 3rd at 6:00 p.m. East Fairhaven School Building Committee at the High School

March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Finance Committee at the Board of Public Works

The CDBG application was filed in Boston today.

The Board of Selectmen discussed and voted on some of the Articles for the Annual Town Meeting.

Article

1. Michael Silvia voted to adopt Article 1. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
2. Michael Silvia voted to adopt Article 2. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
3. Michael Silvia motioned A. \$10,096.74, C. \$604.51 and E. \$2,676.42. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. Section B and D were held.
4. Budgets – hold
5. Michael Silvia motioned \$2,500. from Tourism Account for Cultural Council. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
6. Hold till meeting with the School Department.
7. Michael Silvia motioned A. \$8,500., B. \$2,500., C. \$1,000., D. \$500., E. \$1,000. from Tourism Account. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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8. Michael Silvia motioned \$4,500. for Government Access. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 9. Michael Silvia motioned \$11,500. for Town Hall Repairs. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 10. Michael Silvia motioned to Yield to the Petitioner. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
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 12. Hold until Board of Public Works provides a list of priorities equaling or less than \$247,000.
 13. Michael Silvia motioned \$10,000. for Shellfish Propagation. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 14. Hold Part A and B until explanation from School Department.
 15. Michael Silvia motioned to adopt Hoppy's Landing Revolving Account FY 06 - \$25,000. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 16. Michael Silvia motioned to adopt Hazardous Material Revolving Fund FY 06 - \$100,000. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 17. Hold. Michael Silvia wants to discuss with Tourism Committee the Tourism Account and use for Town Hall Repairs.
 18. Hold
 19. – 22. Zoning – hold
 23. Michael Silvia motioned \$57,000. from Sewer Enterprise Account for Estuaries Project. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 24. Hold until explanation from Schools.
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 26. Michael Silvia motioned A. Adoption, B. \$0.00, C. \$318,875. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 27. Hold until explanation from School.
 28. Brian Bowcock discussed the purpose for purchasing the street lights. No vote taken.
 29. Hold until explanation from School Department.
 30. Michael Silvia motioned \$95,000. Revolving Social Day. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.
 31. Hold
 32. Hold
 33. Hold
- No further discussion on articles.

DATTCO SALES & SERVICE REPAIR LICENSE HEARING
72 SYCAMORE STREET

Patrick Sullivan represented Dattco. Brian Bowcock read the hearing notice. Patrick Sullivan explained that school busses would be repaired on site. Repairs would be M-F 7:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Winfred Eckenreiter stated that the paper work was in order

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and motioned to approve the Repair License. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Following vote, Catherine Colomb, 75 Sycamore Street, concerned with hours of operation, open doors and the dumping of sewage and odors. Patrick Sullivan stated he was only involved with the school busses not the coach busses. Brian Bowcock requested that complaints be put in writing. Ms. Rovedo, 73 Sycamore Street, complained about noise. Beatrice Braga, 75 Sycamore Street, also complained about noise.

**M & G AUTOMOTIVE, INC. CLASS II CAR DEALER
294 HUTTLESTON AVENUE**

Attorney Mulford, Daniel Good and Kenneth Marasca represented M & G. Brian Bowcock read the public notice. Attorney Mulford explained that M & G wanted to open a used car business on the TJ Restaurant site. Requested 40 car license. Also requested a waiver for 6 car display area in front of building. Winfred Eckenreiter had a problem with the request for a 20 foot set back waiver in front of building. He wanted to see greenery in front. Discussion. The current building is grandfathered with parking allowed in front that backs out into Route 6. M & G wants to have only six display cars in front with customer parking in the back of the building. If and when the building is altered, M & G would have to comply with the Planning Board requirements. February 24, 2005 letter of opposition from Jack Tam was read. Kathy Sturtevant, representing the Ocean Meadows Condo Association, raised concerns about spot lights shinning into windows of condo owners. Dan Good stated that the hours of operation would be till 8:00 p.m. nightly and possibly to 9:00 p.m. on Friday. Spotlights would be for security on site and would shine only on cars. All repairs of vehicles would be done at Midas, which he owns. Winfred Eckenreiter motioned to approve the Class II License. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. No waiver was granted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS – FY 06 BUDGET

Board of Public Works present to discuss their budgets. Present: Robert Bosworth, Ronald Manzone, John Roderiques, Frank Rezendes, Richard Brodeur, John Charbonneau, Linda Lima, Ed Fortin, Bob Carey and Kathy Tripp.

John Charbonneau presented the Highway Budget. Little on no increase in operating accounts. John Charbonneau wanted gasoline to read \$7,000., not \$9,000. and diesel \$18,000., not \$16,000. Salaries will be reduced by \$9,609.60 as the cash out for Paul Costa will be in the Special Town Meeting, not the Annual as Mr. Costa will be retiring in May 2005. \$25,000. increase in Rubbish Contract that was bid. Equipment Purchases were discussed with pictures distributed. Truck #18 - 1 ton parked since August. Can't repair, dump body reusable \$35,000. 1994 backhoe spent \$10,000. on repairs last year to replace. \$64,000. 2 yr. lease. \$33,000. each year. 3 year lease \$23,000. 4 year lease \$17,000. each year. Also request a new plow for Truck 26 –

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\$6,000. and replacement of 3910 tractor for mowing \$35,000. Transmission is blown. Discussion followed. Jeffrey Osuch suggested that cuts in equipment requested of \$60 – 70,000. and possible \$5-10,000. in rubbish for tree collection, leaf collection and advertising.

Bob Carey presented Park Budget wanted to add \$1,000. for electricity, no agreement with Recreation Committee. Also need \$18,500. to replace a 1984 Ford 1710 Tractor. Jeffrey Osuch suggested cuts of \$3-5,000. in salaries, lifeguards and summer help.

Sewer Department Linda Lima basically level funded - \$35,000. increase in contract assistance to replace handrails and bar racks at pump stations. Bob Carey explained one new employee \$31,000. because of 7 new pump stations and miles of pipe.

Water Department – Ed Fortin explained add 1 new position because of work load. Replacement of 1990 van - \$18,000. Increase in water purchase because of fees charged.

General discussion followed on Articles.

1. Roadwork – BPW to make up priority list not to exceed \$247,000.
2. State Aid to Highways
3. \$275,000. for Mattapoisett Water District for design of pipe lines and retro fit Water Pumping Stations in valley to new plant.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT FY O6 BUDGET

Present: Superintendent Ansay, Ralph Tripp, Kevin Gonsalves and new Business Manager Paul Kitchen. Superintendent Ansay discussed her budget increase in operating, heat, light, bussing, etc. Jeffrey Osuch requested an explanation on \$800-900,000. Circuit Breaker money. Ralph Tripp explained that the Circuit Breaker money was above the budget. Ralph Tripp explained the cost of Special Needs, transportation, etc. General discussion on SPED and the budget increase of \$1.7 million. Jeffrey Osuch explained the Town Budget must cut \$2.9 million to be balanced. Kevin Gonsalves stated that Town Meeting would decide. No decision made.

ANIMAL SHELTER

\$10.00 donation to the Animal Shelter Gift Account was accepted.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Michael Silvia motioned to hire Roger Poitras, Jr. as an Associate Wire Inspector. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote unanimous.

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Michael Silvia motioned to allow Fran Robillard to carry over 5 vacation days. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Board of Selectmen accepted letter of resignation from Mark DaNeves. (Permanent-intermittent Officer)

UNION WHARF FEES & BOAT RAMP FEES

Henry Cebula objected to Commercial Water User Fee of \$1.00 and \$3.00 per foot. Gary Golas read off fees for commercial boats in Westport, Provincetown, New Bedford, Chatham, Marblehead, Plymouth, D.N. Kelly's Shipyard and Tripp Boat Yard. Mr. Cebula objected to raising the fee. After discussion, Michael Silvia and Winfred Eckenreiter stated they were against raising the fees.

Boat Ramp Fees – letter from Public Access Board was discussed. Michael Silvia motioned new fees for parking at Seaview Avenue and Pease Park Boat Ramps to be \$5.00 daily and \$30.00 annually. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote unanimous. Michael Silvia motioned new fees for parking at Hoppy's Landing to be \$5.00 daily and \$30.00 annually. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote unanimous. Gary Golas requested an explanation if fee to be charges per foot for jet skis and boats under 16 feet in length. Board of Selectmen agreed to no fee.

TOWN CLERK

Michael Silvia motioned to approve the list of Poll Workers for the April 4th Annual Town Election. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote unanimous.

JOHN MANJIRO FESTIVAL OCTOBER 1, 2005

Michael Silvia motioned to allow the Sister City Committee to use Town Hall on October 1, 2005 and also to place an Article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant for \$5,000. from Tourism Account to assist the Sister City Committee. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Winfred Eckenreiter motioned to approve the petition for maintenance to gas lines at 1 Jerusalem Road. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

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2005 LICENSE RENEWALS

Winfred Eckenreiter motioned to approve a Common Victualer License for Scramblers Breakfast and Bagel. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

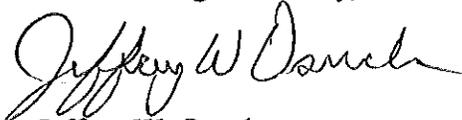
Winfred Eckenreiter motioned to approve a Lodging House License for Harborside Inn. Michael Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Michael Silvia mentioned North Fairhaven Improvement Association "Man of the Year" awards to be given out on March 5th. David Darmofol and others will be given awards. Winfred Eckenreiter stated that Thursday, March 3rd is the first debate for candidates at Alden Court.

Michael Silvia motioned to adjourn at 10:00 p.m. Winfred Eckenreiter seconded. Vote unanimous.

Next meeting is Monday, March 7th.



Jeffrey W. Osuch
Executive Secretary