

Selectmen's Meeting – November 7, 2005

Mr. Silvia, Mr. Eckenreiter and Mr. Manzone were present.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Silvia called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of October 24, 2005. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of the executive session of October 24, 2005. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Seven names were received for the Park and Recreation Study Committee. (Each Selectman had a copy.) Mr. Silvia added Hawk Medeiros' name to the list. Selection of Committee to be on November 21, 2005.

Mattapoisett Water District Meeting at Board of Public Works on Tuesday, November 8th from 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

East Fairhaven School Pre-construction Meeting scheduled for November 9th is postponed.

Homeland Security Meeting at Town Hall, Wednesday, November 9th at 3:00 p.m.

Conflict of Interest Meeting at Town Hall, Wednesday, November 9th 6:30 p.m.

Town Hall is closed on Friday, November 11th, Veterans' Day.

Meeting with VADAR for Town computer software is Tuesday, November 15th at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall

East Fairhaven School Ground Breaking is Wednesday, November 16th at 11:00 a.m. at the site.

Mattapoisett River Valley Advisory Committee will meet at Public Works at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 16th.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

William Roth was present to discuss the following:

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Mr. Roth announced that \$18,000. Smart Growth Application was approved. Funds will be used for cluster zoning, farming by-law, etc. Seaport Council Meeting, November 15th from 2-4 p.m. in Salem, MA.

Cushman Park Neighborhood – five proposals were received. Mr. Manzone volunteered to review proposals and participate in interviews for selection. Interviews to begin on Thursday, November 17th at 4:00 p.m.

Hoppy's Landing Pier and Dock Grant Change Order #2 – Mr. Manzone motioned to have Chairman Silvia sign the \$2,000. change order with CLE Engineering for grain size sampling. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Kelly's, Linberg & Pease Park Dredging – Mr. Manzone motioned to sign \$200,000. payment for dredging. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2005 Mini Grant GIS/GPS Mapping System Hardware Support – Mr. Manzone motioned to have Chairman Silvia sign letter to Acushnet in support. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Request for Legal Services:

A. Hoppy's Landing Tolling Agreement – Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to sign the Tolling Agreement. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.

B. Zoning Interpretation – issue between William Roth and Wayne Fostin. Mr. Manzone motioned to send to Town Council. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Surplus Equipment/Computers – Mr. Manzone motioned to declare Planning Office Computers as surplus equipment. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Selectmen accepted \$93.00 donation to the Animal Shelter Gift Account.

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Betsy Lebeau to the Beautification Committee. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Building Department Construction Report for October 2005 was reviewed and will be placed on file.

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Selectmen accepted notice of Dennis Vello's letter of resignation from Conservation Commission. Notice of vacancy will be placed on the cable TV bulletin board.

PERSONNEL BOARD

Non-Union adjustment effective July 1, 2005 - Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to accept the Personnel Board items 1, 2 and 3, as proposed. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Salary adjustment for the Director of Finance and Executive Secretary were discussed in executive session.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Department request for Civil Service list – Mr. Manzone motioned to request list for 5 Intermittent Part-time Police Officers. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

School Resource Officer/Senior Class Advisor – Mr. Manzone motioned to classify Patrolman Timothy F. Souza as a Municipal Employee to serve as Senior Class Advisor. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EAST FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL

East Fairhaven School Funding Agreement was passed over until issues with Agostini Construction are resolved.

NSTAR GAS (APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas main and service at 35 Bay Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas main and service at 21 Bridge Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas main and service at 15 Cherry Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas main and service at 10 Saratoga Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas facilities on Brown Street at Houle Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas lines at 6 Deane Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING
OLD OXFORD PUB

7:00 p.m. – Public Hearing Old Oxford Pub – Present: Dawn Bourgeois and Dan DePina

Chairman Silvia read notice. Mr. Osuch asked for “green cards” notice to abutters. Dawn Bourgeois indicated the cards were not returned, submitted receipt for mailing. Mr. Osuch indicated that the property owners abutting were not notified. Dawn Bourgeois stated she was told to notify the abutting stores by Selectmen's secretary. Discussion continued. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the 264 square foot addition to be used for storage. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

150 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD

Meeting with Steve and Mary Sturgeon – Nearly 40 people in attendance in support of the Karate School. Mr. Eckenreiter left room stating his children were former students. Mr. Silvia stated that no decision would be made on the lease of the Old Council on Aging Building, just gathering information on all Town leases.

Mr. Sturgeon passed out a handout to each Selectman, and then read a portion about the accomplishments of the Karate School with children who have attended. He also explained the programs that have been offered. Mr. Sturgeon indicated he could pay a fair rent for the building. Mary Sturgeon spoke about teaching their students respect.

Linda Daigle, next door neighbor, spoke in support. Several others all spoke in support of the Town leasing to the Karate School.

Mr. Manzone stated he listened to the presentation that was made. He represents the residents of Fairhaven and will do what is best for the Town.

Mr. Silvia stated the Town is looking at all its leases. He thanked those who attended.

Mr. Eckenreiter returned at 7:45 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Eckenreiter spoke about Veterans' Day Flag Ceremony and speakers scheduled for 9:30 a.m. at the High School.

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Ms. Silvia spoke about the Governor on Friday, November 4th presenting an Oil Cleanup Trailer to the Town at a ceremony in New Bedford.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss: salary adjustment for Finance Director and Executive Secretary, leases for Seaport and Old Senior Center, Auto Repair and Use Car Licenses and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote – Mr. Silvia in favor, Mr. Eckenreiter in favor, Mr. Manzone in favor.



Jeffrey W. Osuch
Executive Secretary