

Selectmen's Meeting – July 24, 2006

Mr. Manzone and Mr. Silvia were present. Mr. Eckenreiter was absent.

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 July 10, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2006 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

RONALD J. MANZONE

Mr. Manzone read the following "Letter of Disclosure", dated July 11, 2006 into the record. "To whom it may concern: I, Ronald J. Manzone of 28 Brook Drive, Fairhaven, Massachusetts holding the elected position of Selectman in said Town, would like to disclose that my son, Ronald J. Manzone, Jr., has been appointed on July 10, 2006, as a part time Assistant Harbormaster/Shellfish Warden. He had answered an advertisement that was on our local government cable channel. I did not take any part in the interviewing process, nor did I participate in the appointing process. Ronald Jr. will work under the direction of the Natural Resource Department Heads. I will have no control of his working hours or his work assignments. The Board of Selectmen do oversee and appoint the Department heads and approve their annual budgets. I shall now remove myself from any meetings, during any said discussions or decisions for those two departments." Mr. Manzone stated he notified the Ethics Commission and a copy of his July 11th letter is on file in the Town Clerk's Office.

KATHLEEN GUARINO

Kathleen Guarino was in attendance to express her disagreement with the Board's decision to allow chain gangs to work in the Town of Fairhaven. She said her objections are moral and ethical and is opposed to the idea of chaining individuals together and having them watched by a sheriff. Safety in the neighborhoods where the prisoners are working is also a concern. She asked the Selectmen to reconsider their decision. Numerous residents were present and expressed their opinions either for or against tandem work crews. Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police Chief stating that "as of this time, I have observed nothing that causes concern from a public safety standpoint." Mr. Manzone said he respects the issues presented. Prior to allowing the work crews into Town, he spoke with the Sheriff. Since the program was initiated in 1999, there have been no safety issues. The Town does not have the funds or the workforce to complete all the necessary repairs to Town buildings. The tandem crews will be doing work in the schools and at the Board of Public Works. They will not be brought into neighborhoods. Mr. Silvia stated a large portion of the Town's residents support the program. Work

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crews from the Sheriff's Department have been working in Town for years. The program is not a punishment for prisoners, they volunteer.

CHERRY PLAINS ESTATES

Representatives from Cherry Plains Estates, LLC were in attendance to discuss a proposed comprehensive permit development on a 56 acre site in East Fairhaven. (Mariner Youth Soccer Property) Access to the majority of the development would be from Stone Street with another proposed complex on Bridge Street. Numerous abutters to the site and members of "Friends of Nasketucket " were in attendance and discussion ensued on public safety concerns, increase in traffic on Route 6 and Stone Street, the number of proposed units and conservation issues. The developers will submit a site approval application to Mass Housing.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend a meeting on Tuesday, July 25, 2006 with Town Counsel to discuss the Estate of Raymond Eisenberg/Washburn Avenue property.

Sylvia Insurance Agency invited Mr. Osuch to attend an insurance seminar on Wednesday, July 26th from 8 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

East Fairhaven School Job Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26th and August 2nd at the site.

Hurricane Preparedness Meeting with department heads is scheduled for Monday, July 31st at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.

Executive Office of Environmental Affairs will accept comments until July 31, 2006 on the proposal submitted by Patriot Renewables LLC for the construction and operation of 90-120 wind turbine generators in the Buzzards Bay area. Mr. Silvia read the Selectmen's comments on the proposed project. (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to sign and send the letter to the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Employment advertisement for the position of Recreation Director will be placed in the Beacon, the Standard Times and on line with Bridgewater State College, Springfield State College and the University of Massachusetts, Amherst.

Board of Selectmen will schedule a meeting on West Island for August 14th to discuss hurricane preparedness.

Signing of State Grant for boat pump out will be placed on the July 31st agenda.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Commissioner submitted a request for authorization for Town Counsel for a Southeastern Housing Court Trial. Mr. Manzone withdrew himself from the issue because he knows the individual. Mr. Silvia stated Mr. Eckenreiter must also withdraw from issues dealing with the Building Department and Board of Health because of his lawsuit. Town Counsel will be asked for a legal opinion on the "rule of necessity".

CONSERVATION AGENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Chairman of the Conservation Commission requesting that Wayne Fostin receive the 2% salary increase as voted at Town Meeting. (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board of Public Works will hold a Town Auction on October 21, 2006 at the BPW Building.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police Chief requesting the Board of Selectmen authorize the layoff of Dispatcher Jay Cunha, effective July 30, 2006, due to lack of grant funding. (See attached.) The Board expressed their regrets to Jay, stating he was an excellent dispatcher. Mr. Manzone motioned to layoff Dispatcher Jay Cunha. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

BRAHMIN LEATHER WORKS

Mr. Osuch summarized the letter from Brahmin Leather Works, Inc., which explains their plans "to apply as a Certified Project under the Commonwealth's Economic Development Incentive Program that includes a state 5% EOA Investment Tax Credit and local property tax relief in the form of Tax Increment Financing." (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to form a committee to look into the matter. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint a representative from the Board of Assessors, Michael Silvia and John Nunes to the committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

SOUTH SHORE HOUSING

Mr. Silvia summarized the letter from South Shore Housing requesting the Board of Selectmen support the American Dream Downpayment Initiative Program. (See



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July 25, 2006

Secretary Stephen R. Pritchard
Executive Office of Environmental Affairs
Attn: MEPA Office [Aisling Eglington], EOEPA No. 13812
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
Boston, MA 02114

Re: South Coast Offshore Wind Project
Fairhaven, MA ENF Filing

Dear Secretary Pritchard:

The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen has reviewed the Environmental Notification Form (ENF) filed by Patriot Renewables, LLC. The Board of Selectmen also attended the public informational meeting held on Wednesday, July 12, 2006 at the Fairhaven Town Hall.

This Board would like to express our concern with the lack of information being provided to date. The Board is concerned with the location of the wind farm in Buzzards Bay, where numerous citizens fish, sail, lobster and where numerous commercial vessels travel in the Bay. No specific locations have been given for the wind turbines.

The Board of Selectmen is also concerned with the locations of the underground cable in the Egypt Lane area. This area is either part of or abuts the Atlas Tack Superfund Site, where heavy metals are known to exist in the mud flats where the underground cable is proposed.

This area south of Egypt Lane has numerous shellfish beds that could easily be disrupted by the installation of this cable. The ENF provides little information about the cable once it reaches land. Where specifically will it be located? What will it look like above ground?

While the Board of Selectmen understands that this ENF filing is just the beginning of the process, it would be extremely helpful to obtain additional information about the location of the wind farm and the underground cable.

Sincerely,


Ronald J. Manzone


Michael Silvia



FAIRHAVEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Town Hall

40 Centre Street

Fairhaven, MA 02719

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July 10, 2006

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Gentlemen:

This Board would like to request that the Conservation Agent, Wayne Fostin receive the two percent increase in pay that was approved at the last Town Meeting, as of July 1, 2006.

Very truly yours,

FAIRHAVEN CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Andrew Jones
Chairman

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN – JULY 24, 2006

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FAIRHAVEN MASS

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GARY F. SOUZA
CHIEF OF POLICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

DEPARTMENT OF POLICE
1 BRYANT LANE
FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719
www.fairhavenpolice.org

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DONALD A. JOSEPH
LIEUTENANT

July 17, 2006

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

RE: Dispatcher Lay Off

Gentlemen:

I regretfully request the Board authorize the lay off of Dispatcher Jay Cunha effective Sunday, July 30, 2006, due to lack of grant funding to continue paying his salary. He is the dispatcher with the least seniority.

As you are aware, two dispatchers (Cunha and Marie Bretz) are paid out of County Homeland Security grants the police department received in 2004 and 2005. They were hired in an effort to modernize and centralize public safety dispatch. The town elected to not appropriate the overtime funding necessary to complete the central dispatch project in F/Y 07. The project received an even greater blow when I was recently informed that no further County Homeland Security grants would be forthcoming.

We are currently using over \$ 1,100.00 per week out of the remaining grant funds to pay the two dispatchers. There is less than \$ 30,000.00 in that account.

I propose that we retain the more senior dispatcher so that we can have two dispatchers on duty during the day when it is busiest. Obviously, we will be able to retain one dispatcher twice as long as two of them.

Further, it is very likely that we will be losing one of our other dispatchers in a couple of months. By retaining a trained dispatcher like Bretz to occupy the position when it becomes vacant saves us the months required to train a newly hired dispatcher.

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I deeply regret having to make this recommendation.

Sincerely

Gary F. Souza
Chief of Police

cc: Fire Chief Francis

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ronald J. Maypon".A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Michael Silvia".



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FAIRHAVEN MASS

Mr. Jeff Osuch
Town Administrator
Fairhaven Town Hall
40 Centre Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Jeff,

Thank you for your continued support of Brahmin Leather Works, Inc.'s expansion plans in Fairhaven.

As noted, Brahmin is a manufacturer of leather handbags and accessories and has had a presence in Fairhaven since 1996. Currently we occupy and own a 21,800 square foot building in Fairhaven. Our expansion plans consist of constructing a 20,000 square foot on-site addition to meet our manufacturing requirements. The project investment is estimated at \$2 million: \$1.5 million in construction costs and \$500,000 for new machinery and equipment. We anticipate retaining 60 full-time jobs and creating 20 new full-time jobs as a result of our growth.

We intend to apply as a Certified Project under the Commonwealth's Economic Development Incentive Program (EDIP) that includes a state 5% EOA Investment Tax Credit and local property tax relief in the form of Tax Increment Financing (TIF). It is our understanding that our building is currently located in the existing Rte. 240/Alden Road Industrial Economic Opportunity Area. Specifically, we propose a 10-year TIF exemption term as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Exemption</u>
Year 1	90%
Year 2	85%
Year 3	80%
Year 4	70%
Year 5	60%
Year 6	50%
Year 7	40%
Year 8	30%
Year 9	20%
Year 10	10%



We believe this investment and new jobs created would stimulate the local economy. Brahmin is an active corporate citizen and very proud to partner with many local organizations.

The incentives offered would expedite our investment plans and make our expansion become a reality in Fairhaven.

Sincerely,


Scott Martin, Owner

cc: Fairhaven Board of Selectmen
Gay Wells, Regional Director, Massachusetts Office of Business Development
Lynn Tokarczyk, Business Development Strategies, Inc.



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Beth Thompson
South Shore Housing
169 Summer Street
Kingston, MA 02364

Re: ADDI Program

Dear Ms. Thompson.

Please be advised that the Town of Fairhaven is interested in participating in the ADDI South Shore Consortium program providing down payment and closing cost assistance, administered by South Shore Housing. This will serve as another tool to make affordable housing more available in our town. The funds will be used to provide financial assistance to low and moderate income families purchasing their first home. This program is a valuable resource for people looking to be homeowners.

Our community contribution includes;

- Staff time in referrals to SSH
- Staff time in program out reach/marketing
- Information about the program on town website
- Local funds to offer an associated downpayment assistance program

We are pleased to express our support for the ADDI Program in Fairhaven and look forward to continuing to participate in this important program.

Very truly yours,
Board of Selectmen

Winfred A. Eckenreiter



Ronald J. Manzone



Michael Silvia



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Leonard Coriaty, Executive Director
Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board, INC.
227 Union Street, Suite 206
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Leonard,

On behalf of *The Town of Fairhaven*, I am pleased to confirm our commitment to our collaboration in the Greater New Bedford Regional Economic Development Partnership in the Advanced Manufacturing application that you are submitting to the US Department of Labor.

Working together we can make an important contribution to assuring an adequate, innovative and sustainable supply of high-quality professionals in the manufacturing industry of our region and develop a regional transformational strategy to further unify the efforts of workforce development, economic development and education.

Our commitment to this partnership and collaboration includes:

- Leveraging resources and convening regularly to further the development of a regional economic transformation strategy.
- Quarterly review of the project's progress.
- Promotion of the project through means indicated to the WIB in a recent economic development partner survey.
- Support and collaborate in other regional transformational opportunities.

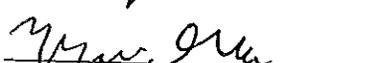
This is an exciting prospect and we look forward to our collaboration in this important work.

Sincerely,
Board of Selectmen

Winfred A. Eckenreiter



Ronald J. Manzone



Michael Silvia