

Selectmen's Meeting – November 13, 2006

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

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

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of October 30, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of the October 30, 2006 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of November 3, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR FY 2005 SMALL CITIES GRANT  
&  
FY 2007 SMALL CITIES APPLICATION

Director of Planning and Economic Development and John Ryan, President of Breezeway Farm Consulting, Inc., were present.

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign the Grant Administration Services Agreement between the Town of Fairhaven and Breezeway Farm Consulting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Bridge Street Infrastructure Improvement and Housing Rehabilitation Project)

A public hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m.”to solicit citizen comments on the following: 1) Review the FY 2005 Planning Grant. 2) The Town’s FY 2007 CDBG application, including the Community Development Strategy. The Town will discuss eligible activities – including neighborhood infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, economic development, planning and public facilities. The Town intends to apply for \$1,000,000 for infrastructure improvements and a regional housing rehabilitation loans and grants in the Cushman Park neighborhood along with other Towns. The grant will be administered with private consultants. Any persons or organizations will be given the opportunity to be heard and the Town will make reasonable accommodations for the disabled with one week’s prior written notice to the Selectmen’s Office.” Mr. Eckenreiter opened the hearing and discussion followed. There was no comment from the public. Residents were encouraged to contact the Planning Department with questions or comments.

Mr. Manzone motioned sign the grant application in the amount of \$10,000. for funding to update the GIS System. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Town’s share is 1/3 of the \$10,000. Mr. Roth reported the \$3,500. is available in the department budget.

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ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$30.00 were accepted.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for October 2006 will be placed on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Eckenreiter read the Police Chief's letter of Commendation for Detective Pamela Bourgault into the record. (See attached.)

EAST FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign Change Order # 5 in the amount of \$19,639.00 to the contract with HMFH Architects, Inc., 130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA for the East Fairhaven School. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to authorize payment in the amount of \$783,262.70 to Agostini Construction Company, Inc., 243 Narragansett Park Drive, East Providence, RI for the East Fairhaven School project. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign the contract in the amount of \$5,370.00 for the Local Cultural Allocation for the Fairhaven Cultural Council. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Nunes reported the recently hired Payroll Clerk is no longer interested in the position.

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Barbara Loranger, Payroll Clerk. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COALITION FOR BUZZARDS BAY

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign the "Statement in Support of Appealing the Federal District Court Ruling in USA et al v. Commonwealth of MA DEP". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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### COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Terrence Meredith to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2008)

### NSTAR GAS

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 252 Main Street digging on the Taber Street side only. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for emergency relay of gas main and services at the intersection of Ferry Street and Main Street and going westerly to the intersection of Ferry Street and Middle Street northerly on Middle Street to house 7. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Eckenreiter said he was honored to speak at the Wood School for Veterans' Day. He was impressed with the children and their presentations.

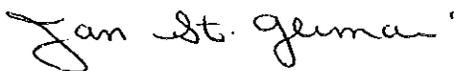
John Medeiros, Jim Cochran, Jerry Payette and Ralph Tate were thanked for their hard work to make the first Fairhaven Veterans' Day Parade a success. Fairhaven residents were also thanked for attending the event.

Fairhaven Historical Society will hold an exhibit of Eldred paintings at the Academy Building on November 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Pat Elliott, 39 Union Street, gave his thoughts and opinions on the closing of an elementary school in Fairhaven. Brief discussion ensued. School Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 15, 2006 to make a decision on the school closing.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 p.m., Mr. Manzone motioned to go into executive session to discuss Animal Control Officer issues and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.



Jan St. Germain  
Secretary



**GARY F. SOUZA**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

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**DONALD A. JOSEPH**  
LIEUTENANT

November 6, 2006

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

**RE: Letter of Commendation  
Detective Pamela Bourgault**

Gentlemen:

Detective Pamela Bourgault served as a temporary Sergeant during the period July 9, 2006 to October 8, 2006. She was temporarily promoted in order to replace a permanent sergeant who was required to be out on extended sick leave. During that time she served as the 4 pm to midnight shift commander.

My decision to promote her was an easy one. She has always been a self motivated person and has continually displayed intelligence, maturity and compassion for vulnerable people in her assignment as Domestic Violence/Elder Protection Officer. She developed proactive education and abuse prevention programs for the elderly such as the Alzheimers Alert and Cops & Donuts programs.

She has the ability and patience to take the time to actually listen to people in order to get to the bottom of their problem and take the time to work with them to find solutions. Her ability and willingness to empathize with people in need is among her finest traits

Detective Bourgault performed exemplary service as commander of the busiest shift during our busiest time of the year. It is not easy to take command of officers as their superior when all know that you will soon be returned to the ranks. But she performed admirably with her intelligence, a great deal of common sense and due to the respect she has earned from fellow officers over the years.

As a shift C.O., Detective Bourgault was conscientious in making sure all calls for service on her shift were handled professionally and fully and fairly investigated. She

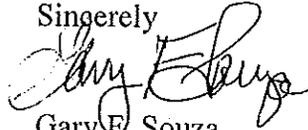
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realized that a large part of being a superior officer is to be a teacher and took the time to impart her experience and knowledge to younger, less experienced officers.

My only regret is that I am unable to retain Detective Bourgault as a sergeant and sincerely hope that she will someday become a permanent sergeant. She is truly an asset to the community and the Fairhaven Police Department.

A copy of this letter has been placed in her permanent file.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary E. Souza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "G".

Gary E. Souza  
Chief of Police