

Selectmen's Meeting – April 9, 2007

Mr. Manzone, Mr. Silvia and Dr. Bowcock were present.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Manzone called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Manzone and Mr. Silvia welcomed Dr. Bowcock back to the Board of Selectmen and look forward to working with him.

Mr. Manzone stated there was a "breach in public trust in the Tax Collector's Office". Rosalyn Fernandes was arraigned last Friday. The situation is being investigated. It was "our people" that found the breach and acted quickly. Mr. Manzone said he deeply regrets the incident occurred.

#### RE-ORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD

Mr. Osuch - This is the re-organizational meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The first order of business is to appoint a Chairman.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Manzone. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Dr. Bowcock motioned to close the nominations. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. On the nomination of Mr. Manzone for Chairman, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve as Board Clerk. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve as Board Clerk, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Silvia to serve as Contract Compliance Officer. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve as Contract Compliance Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve as Affirmative Action Officer. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve as Affirmative Action Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Manzone to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Manzone to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

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Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Personnel Board. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Personnel Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Little Bay Conservation Management Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Little Bay Conservation Management Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Manzone to serve on the Historical Commission. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Manzone to serve on the Historical Commission, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of March 29, 2007. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### PERSONNEL BOARD

John Nunes, Director of Personnel, submitted a memo stating that on March 21, 2007, the Personnel Board voted the following changes:

1. Thomas Cooney, Director of Recreation from a Step 13-1 to 13-3 effective the date of this Selectmen's meeting.
2. Add bus monitors at the Council on Aging to the schedule "A" first step. They are currently paid at a "A" step but not listed on the schedule.
3. Add Wellness -Coordinator paid under a grant to the schedule "A" first step. They are currently paid at this step but it is not listed on the schedule.
4. Change Bus Driver to Van Driver. Then change the pay grade from a Level 6 to a Level 3 Step 1. The current bus drivers would be kept at their current rate of pay and any new hires would be placed on the Level 3 step. Van Drivers are currently paid on a Level "A" grade.

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5. Add Social Day Aide who are now paid as a Level "A" to the schedule.

Mr. Silvia motioned to Approve #1. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve #2, #3, #4 and #5, Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works

Mr. Osuch will meet with representatives from the Chamber of Commerce on April 11, 2007 at 10:30 a.m.

East Fairhaven School Building Committee is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 12, 2007 at the school.

Fire Union Contract negotiations are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on April 12, 2007

Meeting with Sylvia Insurance is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on April 12, 2007 at the Town Hall

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Treatment Plant meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on April 12, 2007

Finance Committee will meet on April 12, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Hoppy's Landing Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 17, 2007

Buzzards Bay Action Committee meeting is scheduled for noon on April 19, 2007 in Wareham

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve payment to Agostini Construction Co., Inc., 243 Narragansett Park Drive, East Providence, RI in the amount of \$277,464.14. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (East Fairhaven School Project)

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

The Board of Appeals submitted a request for authorization for legal services for an "opinion as to two principal dwellings on same lot and the creation of two lots out of lots held in common ownership" at 228 Sconticut Neck Road. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Manzone abstained.

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Rene Fleurent, Jr. requests appointment as an Associate member on the Board of Appeals. The Board of Appeals will be asked to interview Mr. Fleurent and submit a recommendation to the Board of Selectmen.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

\$35.00 donation to the Gift Account was accepted.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for March 2007 will be placed on file.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Manzone read Robert A. Thayer's letter of resignation from the Community Preservation Committee. (See attached.) Mr. Thayer is the Housing Authority's representative on the Committee.

COUNCIL ON AGING

The Council on Aging extended an invitation to the Board to attend a "strategic planning meeting" at the Council on April 28<sup>th</sup> beginning at 8:30 a.m. Mr. Manzone will attend.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

The Director of Planning & Economic Development submitted an "Engineering Funds Application" to request use of Engineering Funds and an "Abutters Petition - Engineering Funds Request for Street Acceptance Plans" to be signed by 75% of abutting property owners for the Board to consider. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the applications. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone read the letter from the Police Chief stating that Dispatcher Lisa Cabral resigned effective April 7, 2007. (See attached.)

PASTA HOUSE RESTAURANT

An application was received from the Pasta House Restaurant, 100 Alden Road, to change the manager from Sandra Pires to Mario Ribeiro. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the application. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for approval.

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#### NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mr. Manzone read the letter from Steven Bouley requesting permission to hold a service in front of the Town Hall on May 3<sup>rd</sup> at noon for a "National Day of Prayer" and to use the auditorium in the event of rain. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### OUR LADY'S HAVEN

Mr. Manzone read a letter from Manuel Benevides, Administrator of Our Lady's Haven, informing the Selectmen of their intent to hold a "Family Fun Day" on June 30, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (See attached.)

#### MAY 5, 2007 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Warrant for the May 5, 2007 Special Town Meeting was reviewed and Selectmen voted their recommendations. (See attached.)

#### OTHER MATTERS

The North Fairhaven Improvement Association held their Annual Easter Hunt this past Saturday. Mr. Silvia reported it was very successful and thanked volunteers and those who donated candy for the event.

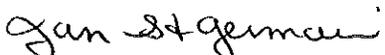
In the near future, the Board will meet with each Improvement Association to discuss any issues they may have.

Jim Sweeney of CCI Energy has offered a bus trip to Hull on a day the turbine is operating. Date and time to be determined.

Memo from Nils Bolgen regarding "Clarification of Wind Turbine Noise Results" was discussed.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:25 p.m., Mr., Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss the Harbormaster Job Description, Fire Union Contract negotiations, Comcast Cable negotiations, a letter from CCI Energy, a letter from Massachusetts Technology Collaborative and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

  
Jan St. Germain  
Secretary

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April 5, 2007

BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
FAIRHAVEN MASS

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Fairhaven  
Town Hall  
Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 0719

Dear Board,

As of this date I am resigning my position on the Community Preservation Committee, to which you as a Board of Selectmen appointed me. I am informing the Housing Authority, which I represented, with a copy of this letter.

Having lost the election for the open seat on the Fairhaven Housing Authority, I think it makes sense for me now to resign my seat as Housing Authority representative on the Community Preservation Committee, and leave this open for a sitting Board member to fill.

My brief time on the CPC was challenging and highly rewarding. The proposals which were presented for funding before the Town Meeting came at a momentous time and may result in real benefits for all the Town of Fairhaven.

Sincerely yours,

*Robert A. Thayer*  
Robert A. Thayer

cc: Community Preservation 4/10/07  
Town Clerk



**GARY F. SOUZA**  
CHIEF OF POLICE

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS  
**TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN**

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FAIRHAVEN, MA 02719  
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**DONALD A. JOSEPH**  
LIEUTENANT

April 6, 2007

Board of Selectmen  
Town Hall  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Gentlemen:

I regret to report that Dispatcher Lisa Cabral has resigned effective April 7, 2007 in order to accept a position as a police officer with the U. Mass. – Dartmouth Police Department.

She has been an outstanding employee and I deeply regret to see her leave.

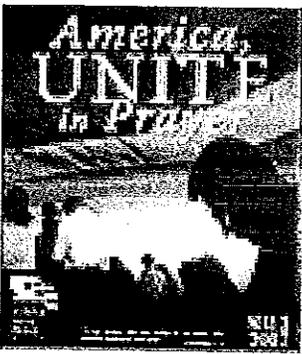
Sincerely

Gary F. Souza  
Chief of Police

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The Annual National Day of Prayer  
First Thursday of May  
Prayer for the Nation, 2007

February 25, 2007

Town of Fairhaven  
Board of Selectmen  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Board of Selectmen,

The first Thursday in May has been sanctioned by the Government of the United States as "National Day of Prayer." Celebrating it's 56th year, this year's theme is "America Unite in Prayer"...May it be so for His Church in America to be UNITED in Prayer! Theme Verse: 2 Chronicles 7:14 On behalf of this recognized effort, I am asking for permission to help coordinate people to gather in front of the Town Hall at noon on Thursday, May 3, 2007 with the sole purpose of praying for our Nation and Government.

With your approval, clergy and/or representative members of local churches will participate in the structured part of the session. We may include a song or two, with a tasteful music accompaniment. Of course, the Board of Selectmen and any other interested citizens are welcome to attend in a prayerful spirit also.

Should the weather be inclement, is there a possibility of using the auditorium for our stated purpose?

In anticipation, I appreciate your response that will allow us to move forward with our eighth year of participation in Fairhaven on this "National Day of Prayer." If you have any concerns or suggestions of facilitation, please call me at (508) 997-5616.

Respectfully,

Steven J. Bouley  
NDP Participant  
52 Cottage Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
APRIL 9, 2007

cc: Franke Foster 4/10/07



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March 27, 2007

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BOARD OF SELECTMAN  
FAIRHAVEN MASS

Mr. Michael Silvia, Chairman  
Board of Selectmen  
Fairhaven Town Hall  
40 Center Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Chairman Silvia:

On behalf of the Our Lady's Haven Fundraising Committee, I would like to inform you of our plan to hold a **"Family Fun Day"** on Saturday, June 30, 2007 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on our grounds. We plan to have children's games, a kiddie bouncer and food to include: Lobster Rolls, Linguica Sandwiches, Hot Dogs and Soda, for sale.

As you may be aware, we also have a booth at this year's Fairhaven Homecoming Day Fair that same day, providing non-alcoholic margaritas for sale.

We have decided to have this **"Family Fun Day"** at the request of several of our family members who visit the Homecoming Fair when they visit their loved ones. This will be an excellent way to keep children busy with entertaining fun while their parents enjoy the fair.

It will be necessary to erect a small tent over our eating area and we will be seeking a permit for this purpose. We would also appreciate your direction as to what other necessary permits or steps need to be taken. Please feel free to provide any suggestions you may have to assist us in this endeavor.

Sincerely,

Manuel Benevides,  
Administrator

cc: Board of Health

Police Chief

Building Commissioner

4/10/07

