

Selectmen's Meeting – January 25, 2010

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Dr. Bowcock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of January 11, 2010. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2010 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2010 CDBG FINAL HEARING

2010 CDBG Final Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The Director of Planning and Economic Development was in attendance and discussed the Middle Street Phase II Project (See attached.) and the continuation of the housing rehab project. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the Project as submitted. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF RECREATION

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Warren Rensehausen, Director of Recreation, requesting permission to extend memberships for thirteen (13) days, due to the closure of the Wellness Room because of a broken water pipe. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to extend memberships for 13 days for full members only. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

VIVEIROS LAND CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

Allen Decker, Land Protection Director for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, was in attendance. He gave a brief summary of the acquisition of the Viveiros Property off Sconticut Neck Road by the Fairhaven-Acushnet Land Preservation Trust and the proposed Conservation Restriction. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the "Conservation Restriction to the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, Inc., Viveiros Tract, Off Sconticut Neck Road, Fairhaven". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DREDGING LICENSES

William DeCosta and Steven Tomasik submitted a letter requesting they be allowed to purchase a quahog dredging license, even though the deadline to obtain a license was December 31, 2009. Mr. DeCosta, Mr. Tomasik and the Shellfish Warden were present. The Shellfish Warden stated he had no problems issuing a license, but could not change the Town's By-Laws. Discussion followed. Mr. Murphy motioned to issue a Commercial Dredge License for the 2009 season. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. 2010 season begins on April 1, 2010.

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Mr. Murphy motioned to charge \$10.00 for a replacement Waterways Sticker. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend a meeting on January 26, 2010 at the Board of Public Works to review a proposal for the Digester Tank from another company.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Advisory Committee Sub-Committee and the District Committee will meet at 10:00 a.m. on January 26, 2010 with David Hill and Patrick O'Neil.

Interviews for the Union Wharf Project are scheduled to begin at 4:15 p.m. on January 26, 2010.

Dr. Bowcock, Attorney Crotty and CCI will meet at 1:00 p.m. on January 28, 2010 to discuss the Wind Turbine Project.

William Roth and Wayne Fostin will meet on January 28, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the new "Stretch Code".

Finance Committee will meet on January 28, 2010 and February 4, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

New School Committee will meet on February 1, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the School Administration Building.

Meeting with the School Building Authority is scheduled for February 16, 2010 in Boston.

The Retired Employees Health Insurance Committee will meet on Tuesday, February 2, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

The Board signed the "Lease of Town Land for Solar Panel Electric Generation", as voted at the October 27, 2009 Special Town Meeting.

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the "Solar Power Purchase Agreement". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock signed the agreement.

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the "Agreement for Use of Grant Funds for the Fairhaven Landfill Solar Project". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock signed the agreement.

Mr. Murphy motioned to place "A Request for Proposals" in the Central Register and the Standard Times for "Operation and Maintenance of Municipal Street Light System". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Murphy motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the "Agreement", when received from NSTAR Electric, to purchase the street lights. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Appointments will be scheduled on the February 8, 2010 agenda with the Police Chief, Fire Chief and the Board of Public Works to discuss their FY 2011 budget requests.

Dr. Bowcock will represent the Board of Selectmen for Police Union and Dispatcher Union Contract negotiations.

Mr. Murphy will represent the Board of Selectmen for Fire Union Contract negotiations.

Mr. Silvia will represent the Board of Selectmen for Clerical Union negotiations.

Mr. Silvia, who owns property on Wilbur's Point, left the room when Dr. Bowcock read the letter from GPCS Fiber. (See attached.) The company plans to bring "high speed services" (digital cable TV, digital telephone and high speed internet) to Martha's Vineyard. The company plans to build their operations center at the AT&T building on Bridge Street. The fiber optic line will run from Fairhaven to Falmouth to the Elizabethan Islands. The high speed services will also be available to Fairhaven residents.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

\$50.00 donation to the Gift Account was accepted.

Proposed increased in fees for the Animal Control Department was briefly discussed. It will be placed on the February 8, 2010 agenda.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for December will be placed on file.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Dr. Bowcock read Thomas Perry's letter of resignation, effective January 11, 2010, from the Fairhaven Housing Authority. (See attached.) The Board accepted, with regret, Mr. Perry's resignation and wished him well in the future. A notice of vacancy will be placed on the Cable TV bulletin board. Deadline to submit an application to the Selectmen's Office is February 8, 2010. The vacancy will be filled on February 19, 2010.

99 RESTAURANT –PUB

99 Restaurant of Boston, LLC d/b/a 99 Restaurant-Pub, 32 Sconticut Neck Road, submitted an application for a Change of Officers & Directors. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the

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application. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for approval.

RRR AUTO SALES, INC.

The Board thanked Louis Baptiste, Jr. of RRR Auto Sales for his letter.

2010 LICENSE RENEWALS

Bull's Eye Roast Beef, Dattco Sales & Service and Ray's Fair Repair have not completed the requirements for 2010 license renewals. Hearings will be scheduled for the next Selectmen's Meeting.

2009 TOWN REPORT

Mr. Murphy motioned to place the "summer scene of Fort Phoenix" submitted by Frank Rezendes on the cover of the 2009 Annual Town Report. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Donna Blasingame resigned as Conservation Commission Secretary. A notice to fill the vacancy will be placed on the Cable TV bulletin board. Deadline to submit an application to the Selectmen's Office is February 8, 2010.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session to discuss a letter from Civil Service, the SEMASS Contract and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary