

Selectmen's Meeting – February 8, 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 25, 2010. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the January 25, 2010 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

FY 2011 Police Department budget request was discussed with the Police Chief.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

FY 2011 proposed Fire Department budget, Fire Alarm budget and Fire Department Articles, submitted for the Annual Town Meeting, were discussed with the Fire Chief.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Board of Public Works Superintendent, Highway Superintendent, Water Superintendent and Sewer Superintendent were in attendance to discuss their FY 2011 budget requests. Articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting and Special Town Meeting were also discussed.

DIGESTER PROJECT

Director of Finance/Treasurer was in attendance to have the Board sign documents to finance the construction of a digester and other improvements to upgrade the Town's Wastewater Treatment Facility and Pump Stations. Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the documents. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy read the attached document into the record. Mr. Silvia motioned to vote #1- #7 and authorize the Clerk to sign the document. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to have the Chairman sign the "Certificate" and interim loan documents. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Advisory Committee will meet on February 9, 2010 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

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Meeting with WES Construction to discuss the Digester Project is schedule for 9:30 a.m. on February 10, 2010 at the Board of Public Works.

Meeting to discuss regionalization will be held at the Acushnet Town Hall on February 10, 2010 at 12:00 noon.

Briefing Session for the “Operation and Maintenance of a Municipal Street Light System” will be held on February 10, 2010 at 2:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

Clerical Union negotiations are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on February 10, 2010 at Town Hall.

New School Building Committee will meet on February 10, 2010 at 5:30 p.m. at the High School Library.

Finance Committee will meet on February 11th and 18th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Town Hall will be closed on Presidents Day, February 15, 2010.

Meeting with the School Building Authority to discuss the selection of an architect is scheduled for February 16, 2010 in Boston. Mr. Osuch and the School Superintendent will attend.

Fire Union negotiations are scheduled for February 17, 2010 at 9:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Bid opening for the “Operation and Maintenance of a Municipal Street Light System” will be held on February 18, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet on February 18, 2010 at 12:00 noon in Wareham.

Town Planner and representative from NSTAR will meet on February 19, 2010 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Doane Street.

Next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for 12:00 noon on February 19, 2010.

Proposed increases in boarding, surrender and adoption for the Animal Control Department will be placed on the February 19, 2010 agenda.

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the “Purchase and Sale Agreement regarding Municipal Street Lights”, effective March 1, 2010 in the amount of \$1.00. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to award the contract for Union Wharf – Engineering Recommendation to Apex Companies, Inc./CLE Engineers, Inc., subject to approval of a final contract from Town Counsel. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the “Seventh Amendment to the Waste Acquisition Agreement” with SEMASS. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. This 15 year contract extension must be ratified at the Annual Town Meeting.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for January 2010 will be placed on file.

TOWN CLERK

Dr. Bowcock read the list of Poll Workers for the April 5, 2010 Annual Town Election. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the list. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FAIRHAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

As a past President of the Fairhaven Improvement Association, Mr. Silvia left the room. Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Angela and Eric Dawicki, Chairmen of the Homecoming Committee, requesting permission to hold the Annual Homecoming Fair on June 26, 2010. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia returned to the meeting.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Anne O'Brien-Kakley requesting appointment to the Bicentennial Committee. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Ms. O'Brien-Kakley to the Bicentennial Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2011.)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Historical Society submitted an application to use the Town Hall Auditorium on February 26, 2010 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. for a lecture. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Department of Veterans Affairs, “Vet Center” 73 Huttleston Avenue, Fairhaven inviting the Board to attend a reception at the new Vet Center on February 25, 2010. (See attached.) The Board welcomed the Center to Fairhaven and wished them much success.

Mr. Murphy motioned to issue a Proclamation for “Silver Star Banner Day” on May 1, 2010. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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GREATER NEW BEDFORD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Inc. requesting permission to hold a 5K road race on May 30, 2010 beginning at 10:00 a.m. in New Bedford and continuing over the New Bedford/Fairhaven Bridge and back to New Bedford. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at the intersection of Hamlet and Hill Street and 25' in each direction. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 10 Hamlet Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Articles were drawn for placement on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Votes were taken for "Recommended Administration" for Article #4 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy made the motions and Mr. Silvia seconded. Votes were unanimous. (See attached.)

Votes were taken for "Recommend Selectmen" for Annual Town Meeting Articles. Mr. Murphy made the motions and Mr. Silvia seconded. Votes were unanimous. (See attached.)

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy reported he attended an event at St Mary's Church to celebrate 100 years of Boy Scouting.

Mr. Silvia attended a meeting at the Captain Whitfield House last Wednesday, which included a conference call from Japan, concerning the House.

Mr. Murphy left the room when Dr. Bowcock read the poster announcing the "Annual M.O.L.I.F.E., Inc. Charity Ball" on March 19, 2010 from 6:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. at White's of Westport. (See attached.) Man of the Year Award will be given to Amadeu Medeiros (Fairhaven), Woman of the Year Award to Dorothy Cabral (Acushnet), Lifetime Achieve Award to Joanne Rego (Fairhaven) and Personal Achievement Award to Brian Blanchette (Acushnet). Mr. Murphy returned to the meeting.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:30 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session to discuss a Civil Service issue concerning a Police Officer, Police Officers injuries, Health Insurance, Clerical, Police and Fire Contract negotiations, Council on Aging issues, the new "Stretch Building Code", the Wind Turbine Project and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary