

Selectmen's Meeting – August 9, 2010

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

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

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of July 26, 2010, with corrections. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the August 26, 2010 executive session, with corrections. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

PLANNING BOARD

Members of the Planning Board were in attendance to interview, with the Board of Selectmen, candidates to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board. Director of Planning and Economic Development was also present. Mr. Murphy read from M. G. L. Chapter 41, §§11, 81A, procedure to fill a vacancy on a Town Board. (See attached.) Jeffrey Lucas, Ann Richard and Kenneth Kendall were interviewed. Wayne Hayward nominated Jeffrey Lucas; Albert Borges nominated Jeffrey Lucas; Gary Staffon nominated Jeffrey Lucas; Joseph Moura nominated Kenneth Kendall; Raymond Fleurent nominated Jeffrey Lucas; Michael Silvia nominated Ann Richard; Brian Bowcock nominated Ann Richard and Charles Murphy nominated Ann Richard. Jeffrey Lucas was appointed to the Planning Board. Term to expire with the next Town Election, April 4, 2011.

SECTION 12 LIQUOR LICENSE HOLDERS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 10:00 a.m. Sunday sales by restaurants, hotels, clubs and general on premises section 12 Liquor License holders. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (New law allowing the early opening was approved by the legislature and became effective July 1, 2010.)

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

\$20.00 donation to the Gift Account was accepted.

INSURANCE

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Travis Kessock, Edward Jones Financial Advisor, requesting permission to offer additional insurance to Town employees. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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CITY OF LOWELL

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Bernard F. Lynch, Lowell City Manager, requesting Fairhaven file a home rule petition to allow the Town to “design” health insurance plans for Town employees. (See attached.) The request was taken under advisement.

TOWN CLERK

Mr. Murphy read the list of Poll Workers for the Tuesday, September 14, 2010 State Primary and the Tuesday, November 2, 2010 State Election. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the list of Poll Workers. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

RECREATION/SENIOR CENTER REPAIRS

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the agreement with Dyer Brown SouthCoast Architects, One Jonny Cake Hill, New Bedford, MA in the amount of \$4,000. for Fairhaven Recreation/Senior Center Repairs – Phase 2 (painting of the fascia). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve payment to Village Forge, Inc., 51 Industrial Drive, Readville, MA in the amount of \$9,036.02. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Recreation/Senior Center Repairs)

SRPEDD

Mr. Silvia explained SRPEDD's Regional Plan for Sustainable Development: Southeastern Massachusetts Partnership Agreement. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to forward the Agreement to the Sustainability Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia explained SRPEDD's “Municipal Assistance Request Form”. (See attached.) The request form will be forwarded to the Director of Planning and Economic Development.

SEAPORT INN

“Quotation of Appraisal Services” from Arthur Larrivee for the Bridge Street Extension will be discussed in a future executive session.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Mr. Murphy read Vivian Lewis' letter of resignation from the Cultural Council. (See attached.) The Board accepted the resignation and thanked Ms. Lewis for her service to the Town.

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Don Wilkinson requesting appointment to the Cultural Council. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Mr. Wilkinson to the Cultural Council. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2013.)

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NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 34 Center Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

The Boar thanked Harbormaster David Darmofal and Shellfish Constable Tim Cox for the long hours they both spent patrolling the waters, after sharks were sighted in the area. They kept the public well informed not only of this situation, but also the dead pogeys that washed up on West Island and Sconticut Neck. The Division of Marine Fisheries and Board of Health worked with the Harbormaster and Shellfish Constable and reported this is a natural process. The fish are chased by larger fish, get stuck in a cove and deprived of oxygen and die. The tide washed them ashore and the outgoing tide will take them out.

Mr. Silvia reported the North Fairhaven Improvement Association will begin a project to rehabilitate Benoit Square, including a better electrical system.

Dr. Bowcock reported he spoke with Louise Merrick and members of the West Island Improvement Association, concerning the beach on the left side of the Causeway, after the bridge. West Island residents want the beach to be kept clean and accessible to the public. The Improvement Association plans to invite the Board of Selectmen to their next meeting to discuss these issues. The Police Department will ticket illegally parked vehicles on West Island.

Director of Planning and Economic Development updated the Board on the Middle Street Project, including the re-building of the Pump Stations.

Letter from residents of Birchfield Street concerning "car repairing" at 17 Birchfield Street was briefly discussed with several residents. (See attached letter.) The Building Commissioner is looking into the matter.

At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to adjourn. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary