

Selectmen's Meeting – September 7, 2010

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Dr. Bowcock stated that because the Banquet Room is occupied tonight by the Board of Appeals, the Board of Selectmen are meeting in the East Room.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of August 23, 2010. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the August 23, 2010 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY HEARING

Second Community Development Block Grant Strategy Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to review the "2010 Fairhaven Community Development Strategy". The Director of Planning and Economic Development was present. He stated the Cushman Park area will remain the target area. In three to five years, a second target area may be considered. Mr. Roth suggested North Fairhaven and recommends a continuation of infrastructure and drainage projects. He will also look into using Block Grant Funds for Housing Authority projects. Discussion followed. Final Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 20, 2010.

Mr. Silvia motioned to have the Chairman sign a letter to David Dickerson, New Bedford Harbor Superfund Project, expressing the Town's "full support of the New Bedford Harbor Superfund Site Operable Unit 1 – Lower Harbor Confined Aquatic Disposal (CAD) Cell – Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

WES Construction Job Meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on September 14, 2010 at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on September 14, 2010 at the Board of Public Works.

New School Building Committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on September 14, 2010 at the High School Library.

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Buzzards Bay Advisory Committee will meet at 12:00 noon on September 16, 2010 in Wareham.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on September 16, 2010 at the Board of Public Works.

Personnel Board will meet on September 9, 2010 at the Town Hall.

Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize payment to Fall River Electric, 74 Corneau Street, Fall River, MA in the amount of \$2,850.02. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Town Hall Electrical Restoration)

Mr. Silvia motioned to have the Chairman sign the letter to all Town Departments regarding a discount off the catalog list prices for 320 items in the W. B. Mason Catalog. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to award the contract for Fairhaven Town Hall – Phase 5 Exterior window Repairs to Dimitrois C. Contraction, 80 Dale Street, Dedham, MA in the amount of \$19,640. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Osuch stated NSTAR will convert street lights on Route 6 to LED lighting. In the near future, Scoticut Neck Road and Washington Street will also be done. Funds will come from the Street Light Account.

Mr. Silvia motioned to hire Robert Lyman to appraise the Bridge Street extension/pier. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Osuch will negotiate a price for the appraisal.

Letter from the Harbormaster regarding the “procurement of a new boat” was briefly discussed. (See attached.)

Doug Robinson, Production Assistant, Screenwriter for Maranfilms was in attendance and requested “permission to use the conservation land at the foot of Little Bay Road as the location for our next project. The short film will be about the Vietnam War and we would like to start shooting as soon as possible “(See attached letter and release forms.) Discussion followed. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve use of the Little Bay area, subject to the proposed agreement being approved by Town Counsel. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for August 2010 will be placed on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Murphy read Town Counsel's letter of August 26, 2010 stating Arbitrator Craig E. Overton denied the Police Brotherhood's grievance on the Quinn Bill. (See attached.)

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Mr. Murphy read the letter from the Police Brotherhood regarding the Quinn Bill. (See attached.) A letter will be sent to the Brotherhood indicating the Board is willing to discuss educational incentives, once negotiations begin on a new contract.

HOPPY'S LANDING LEASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Lease Agreement by and between the Town of Fairhaven and Robert Sakwa for the lease of 250± square feet at Hoppy's Landing. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Lease to expire August 31, 2011.

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Lease Agreement by and between the Town of Fairhaven and Robert Hobson for the lease of 250± square feet at Hoppy's Landing. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Lease to expire August 31, 2011.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Associate Member Gerald Brecken, a full member of the Council on Aging. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2011.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Geraldine Frates and Francis Cox Associate Members of the Council on Aging. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2011.)

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Margaret McQuilkin to the Cultural Council. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2013.)

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Selectmen will meet on the following dates: Friday, October 1st at 12:00 noon, Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30 p.m., Monday, October 25th, November 8th, November 22nd, December 6th, December 20th and January 3rd (2011) at 6:30 p.m. No appointments will be scheduled for the October 1st meeting.

TOWN HALL RENTAL

Mr. Murphy read the letter from James Belliveau, owner of TOP Music, requesting the Town Hall Rental Fee for an event held on August 21st be waived. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to waive the fee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Custodial fee must be paid.

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TURKEY TROT FUN RUN/WALK ON THANKSGIVING

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Emilia Crotty requesting permission to hold a "Turkey Trot" on Thanksgiving Day to benefit Shepherd's Pantry. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Police Department will be notified.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE

Mr. Murphy read Jeffrey Lucas' letter of resignation from the Community Preservation Committee. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Ann Richard to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2011.)

TOURISM COMMITTEE

Mr. Murphy read Christopher Corkery's letter of resignation from the Tourism Committee. (See attached.) There is now an opening on the Tourism Committee for a representative from a business/hospitality business.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy will ask the Shellfish Warden to investigate trash coming into Fairhaven waters from New Bedford.

Dr. Bowcock summarized Michael Brennan's letter regarding the "extremely unpleasant odor emanating from the New Bedford/Fairhaven harbor. It is a nauseating smell and seems to be that of rotting fish or shellfish." (See attached.) The Board of Health is looking into the matter and has contacted the New Bedford Health Department.

Mr. Murphy thanked Our Lady of Angels for another successful feast.

On August 27th, Loretta Normandin celebrated her 100th birthday.

On September 3rd, Brett and Jaelyn St. Gelais celebrated their wedding anniversary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss Council on Aging personnel issues and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

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Jan St. Germain
Secretary