

Selectmen's Meeting – March 24, 2008

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of March 10, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2008 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of March 12, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Peter Newton from the Sustainability Committee reported that on Monday, March 31st at 7:15 p.m., Dr. Joe Costa, Executive Director of the Buzzards Bay National Estuaries Project, will discuss “the need for sustainable stormwater management practices to reverse the damage that has been done by decades of development and get the water out stormwater design.” Dr. Costa “will present some thoughts on creative stormwater designs that can significantly improve the water that pours into the Bay during every rain storm.” The meeting will be held in the Town Hall Auditorium.

Mr. Newton also reported rain barrels are for sale at the Board of Public Works and the opening of the farmers' market is scheduled for June 22nd.

2006 CDBG CLOSE OUT HEARING

Close out hearing for the 2006 CDBG was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Director of Planning and Economic Development and John Ryan for Breezeway Consulting were present. The Bridge Street project and housing re-hab was discussed. Four units were completed, two single family and two multi family.

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Special Permit Application for CCI Energy. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EAST FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL LOAN AGREEMENT

Director of Finance/Treasurer was in attendance regarding the East Fairhaven School Loan Agreement. Dr. Bowcock read the attached vote into the record. Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the document. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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POLE LOCATION HEARING

Pole location hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. for one pole on Cottonwood Street. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearing. None were present. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the location. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Marc Jodoin, EMA Director, and John Rogers were present to review the FY 09 EMA budget request.

WATERFRONT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Tim Cox and members of the Boat Ramps & Waterfront Recreational Property Committee were in attendance. They submitted a letter from a Town resident concerning the Little Bay Recreational Area. They also requested the Board of Selectmen, at Town Meeting, support the Board of Public Works to add a staff person to the Parks Department and support the Harbormaster on the request for an engine for the boat. Discussion continued. The Board agreed with the Committee not to allow, at this time, food vending carts at Hoppy's Landing. The Board will also arrange to have a barrier placed on the west property line of Hoppy's Landing to continue the process of securing access to the property by means of the desired entrance only.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

On March 25, 2008, Comcast Cable will send revisions to the contract.

Finance Committee will meet on March 25, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Plant job meeting is scheduled for March 26, 2008 at 9:00 a.m.

Fire Union Contract mediation session is scheduled for March 27, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

"Walk thru" for partial demolition and emergency repairs to Union Wharf is scheduled for March 28, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Retirement Board will meet on March 31, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on March 3, 2008 at 7: 00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

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Meeting to discuss the New Bedford/Fairhaven Harbormaster Plan is scheduled for March 3, 2008 from 6-8:00 p.m. at State Pier.

Board of Selectmen will meet on March 31 to make FY 09 budget recommendations.

Board of Selectmen will meet on Monday, April 14th and April 28th at 6:30 p.m. A meeting will also be posted for 8:00 a.m. on May 3, 2008

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign Change Order #11 for the East Fairhaven School Project in the credit amount of \$3,180. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mark Manganello of LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc. submitted a letter stating the cost for professional services for the wind turbine project needs to be amended to \$8,500. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the amendment, provided CCI pays for studies that can not be absorbed by the MTC allocation. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account in memory of David McQuillan totaling \$260.00 were accepted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Finance Committee submitted a letter requesting additional information on Article 10 West Island Town Beach that appears on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. (See attached.) The Board agreed to have the Police Department monitor the security camera and to contact Comcast to see if they will waive the fees for repairs or maintenance. If not, an article will be placed yearly on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to pay for the security system.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone read the letter from the Police Chief requesting Permanent Intermittent Officer Luc L'Heureux be granted a Military Leave of Absence from July 1, 2008 to July 1, 2012. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone read the letter from the Police Chief requesting a Civil Service list for one permanent full time officer. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone left the meeting. Mr. Silvia read the Police Chief's request to terminate leave of absence for Permanent Intermittent Officer Ronald Manzone and authorize

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return to duty effective April 8, 2008. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone read the letter from the Harbormaster regarding the nomination of Shellfish Constable Kevin Villa for the Shellfish Officer of the Year for 2007. (See attached.) The Board congratulated Mr. Villa.

The Shellfish Constable submitted a proposal to increase shellfish license fees. Dr. Bowcock motioned to increase the Resident/Non-Commercial to \$30.00; Non-Resident/Non-Commercial to \$135.00; Resident/Commercial to \$260.00 and Dredge Boat License to \$425.00 Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Shellfish Constable submitted a request that half of North Cove be restricted to non-commercial shellfishing. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone read the request from the Veterans Agent to waive parking sticker fees for 100% Fairhaven disabled veterans. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER

Memo from the Director of Finance/Treasurer concerning foreclosure of a house at 24 Hamlet Street for non-payment of real estate taxes was discussed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to move forward with the foreclosure. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize Mr. Nunes to contact Town Counsel to discuss the issue. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Mr. Manzone read the letter submitted by Steven J. Bouley requesting permission to hold the National Day of Prayer on May 1st at noon outside the Town Hall. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FAIRHAVEN BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint the following people to the Fairhaven Bicentennial Committee: Beth Luey, Anne Mozzone, Natalie Hemingway, John Medeiros, Wayne Oliveira, Charles Cromwell, Ellsworth Sylvaria, Nancy Perry, Rev. Dennis Barnett, Angela Dawicki, John Rogers, Alex Keuchler, Vic Oliveira and Christopher Richard. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Manzone read Ann Healy's letter of resignation from the Sustainability Committee. (See attached.) The Board thanked Ms. Healy for her time served on the Committee.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the application for a Common Victualer License submitted by Subway, 20 Sconticut Neck Road. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for emergency gas leak repair at 502 Sconticut Neck Road. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 43 Cedar Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 113 Farmfield Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 64 Bridge Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition to retire gas service at 63 Bridge Street digging on Mulberry Street side. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

NEMASKET GROUP

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the lease with the Nemasket Group, Inc., 56 Bridge Street to lease the former Tripp School located at 56 Bridge Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to place an article on the May 3, 2008 Special Town Meeting Warrant to purchase the street lights in Fairhaven. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

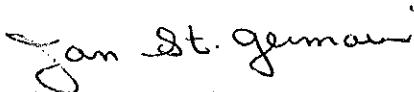
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Mr. Silvia motioned to have Town Counsel prepare a "Memorandum of Agreement" to be signed on May 6, 2008 when Dr. Hinohara visits Fairhaven and ownership of the Captain Whitfield house is transferred to the Town. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia and Dr. Bowcock presented a plaque to Mr. Manzone thanking him for his service and dedication to the Town for the past three years. Mr. Manzone thanked them and stated it was an honor to work with them both and an honor to serve the Town of Fairhaven.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:20 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss a letter from Lisa Rose, Fire Union Contract negotiations, letters from CCI Energy and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.


Jan St. Germain
Secretary