

Selectmen's Meeting – February 14, 2011

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.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2011 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL

Ann Richard, Hastings Middle School Student Council Advisor and Student Council members Andrew Romano, Kennedy Ryan and Caleb Cebula were in attendance. Council members explained the "Fundraiser for Families of Fishermen" sponsored by the Hastings Middle School Student Council and planned for Friday, March 11, 2011 from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. at the Middle School Cafeteria. Tickets are \$10.00 for a large Seafood Dinner, \$8.00 for a small Seafood Dinner and children under 5 are free. All proceeds will go to the American Seafood Defense Fund: New Bedford Harbor Development Commission. Mr. Silvia motioned to support the fund raiser and invited residents of Fairhaven to support and attend the dinner. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Chief discussed FY 12 budget request for the Fire Department, Fire Alarm and articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Police Chief discussed FY 12 budget request for the Police Department.

CHAPTER 188 OF THE ACTS OF 2010 AN ACT RELATIVE TO MUNICIPAL RELIEF

The Police Chief explained the Act Relative to Municipal Relief. (See attached.) Both the Fire Chief and Police Chief support the Act. Mr. Osuch will check with Town Counsel to ensure there will be no problems with Union Contracts. Sylvia Insurance will also be contacted. Mr. Osuch will report back to the Board.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will meet with John Beauregard from Sylvia Insurance on February 15, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to review Workers' Compensation claims.

New School Building Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on February 15, 2011 at the East Fairhaven School.

Mr. Osuch will meet with Town Counsel and Michael Gagne on February 16, 2011 to discuss land assessments in Mattapoisett.

“Storm Smart Coasts Pilot Projects and South Coastal Partnership Opportunities Workshop” is scheduled for February 17, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to noon at the New Bedford Wastewater Treatment Plant Conference Room.

Finance Committee will meet on February 17 and 24, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

“Sustainability” Meeting is scheduled for 7:30 a.m. on February 18, 2011 at the Celtic House in New Bedford.

WES Job Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on February 18, 2011 at the Board of Public Works.

Retirement Board will meet on February 23, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

Dispatcher Union negotiations are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and Police Union negotiations for 2:00 p.m. on February 24, 2011.

Town Hall will be closed on Presidents' Day, Monday, February 21, 2011.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve “Family Leave” for Melody Perry beginning February 23, 2011. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Director of Finance/Treasurer submitted a notice stating that the Highway Department snow and ice deficit supply line item is at \$40,074.22. As required by Massachusetts General Laws, a vote of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee is needed to deficit spend. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve deficit spending not to exceed \$50,000. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for January 2011 will be placed on file.

CLERICAL UNION

Mr. Murphy read the request from Norman Pratt, Southeast Area Coordinator, AFSCME Council 93, AFL-CIO, Local 851, to begin Clerical Union Contract negotiations. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia will contact Mr. Osuch with dates and times.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

A Selectmen's Meeting will be scheduled for Monday, March 7, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. to review the FY 2012 School Budget and articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Thomas L. Alden, Sr. requesting appointment to the position of Registrar of Voters. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Mr. Alden a Registrar of Voters. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2014.)

KING INFORMATION SYSTEMS, INC.

Letter from King Information Systems, Inc., 3 Edgewater Drive, Norwood, MA concerning a "Records Conversion Proposal" was discussed. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia asked Mr. Osuch to request a proposal from Town Book Bindery in Freetown and also to contact the Secretary of State's Office for a list of recommended vendors.

DEPARTMENT OF CONSERVATION & RECREATION

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Priscilla Geigis, Director of State Parks and Recreation, Assistant Commissioner, regarding snow plowing the lots at Fort Phoenix. (See attached.) Lew Hannigan, Supervisor of Fort Phoenix for forty years, retired last fall. The Board thanked him for years of dedicated service and wished him a happy and healthy retirement.

PRIVATE LIVERY LICENSES

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the Private Livery License (license for the business, vehicles, drivers) for Active Day Fleet, Inc., 40 Sconticut Neck Road. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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GREATER NEW BEDFORD COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER

Mr. Murphy read the letter from the Greater New Bedford Community Health Center, Inc., 874 Purchase Street, New Bedford requesting permission to hold the 2nd annual Wellness Connection 5K Road Race on May 29, 2011. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

THR & ASSOCIATES

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Deborah L. Dillon, Legal Assistant, THR & Associates, Inc. d/b/a Ohio Valley Gold & Silver Refinery, 3200 Pleasant Run, Springfield, Illinois stating their intention to be at the Seaport Inn on March 8 thru 12, 2011 to buy antiques, coins, collectibles, etc. (See attached.) Police Chief was notified.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fairhaven Historical Society requested permission to use the Town Hall Auditorium on Friday, February 18, 2011 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. for a lecture on Native Americans in Fairhaven and their cemeteries. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Silvia made the motions for "recommendation" for several Annual Town Meeting Articles. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock made the motions for "recommendation" for Article 25, Fire Department Ambulance Equipment, Sections A. & B. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy read the letter from the Building Commissioner requesting a letter of appreciation be sent to the Visual Design class at Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School. (See attached.) The class lettered and designed a seal showing the Town Hall in detail and full color. Mr. Silvia motioned to send a letter thanking the students and their teacher. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia, President of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, left the room. Mr. Murphy announced that the North Fairhaven Improvement Association annual "Outstanding Public Service Awards" banquet will be held on March 5th at the Century House in Acushnet, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Dr. Bowcock will be honored for his many years of dedicated service to the Town. Also to be recognized are Detective Pam Bourgault, School Vice Principals Karen Dorgan and Mary Jane Muello. Mr. Silvia returned to the meeting.

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Dr. Bowcock stated the Bicentennial Committee met on February 12th. The meeting was well attended and plans continue for the Town's Bicentennial Year in 2012.

Mr. Silvia said nomination papers were due in the Town Clerk's Office today.

The Government Access Channel will host a Candidates' Night on March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Senior Center.

The Board wished Victor Oliveira's wife, Mary, a Happy Birthday.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:17 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss a letter from Attorney Saunders regarding the Seaport Inn, inter-municipal agreement between New Bedford and Fairhaven for water/sewer services, "Full Throttle", tax title issues and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary