

Selectmen's Meeting – February 28, 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 February 14, 2011. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the February 14, 2011 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TREE WARDEN

Tree Warden was in attendance to request the removal of a tree at 15 Mayflower Street for the reconstruction of Mayflower Street. (See attached letter.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock asked the Tree Warden to check trees at the intersection of Pleasant Street and Washington Street, which may be causing sewer issues in that area.

RECREATION DIRECTOR

The Director of Recreation was in attendance and discussed FY 12 budget request and articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Chris Bunnell, Chairman of the New School Building Committee, and David Gonsalves, a member of the New School Building Committee and School Committee were in attendance. Mr. Bunnell asked the Board of Selectmen to endorse the New School Building Committee's vote to build a new school at the Wood School site, which would be a model school similar in design to the East Fairhaven School. The Committee voted 6-2 in favor of the new school at the Wood School site. The School Committee also voted in favor of the Wood School site. Discussion followed. Mr. Silvia motioned to endorse the recommendation of the New School Building Committee, already endorsed by the School Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

At the next School Committee Meeting, Mr. Gonsalves will ask the School Committee to discuss future uses for the Rogers' School and the Oxford School.

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

FY 12 budgets and articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting were discussed with the Board of Public Works Superintendent, Highway Superintendent, Water Superintendent and Sewer Superintendent. The Board of Public Works will passover Article 32, Fort Street Sidewalk Replacement.

Howland Road project will resume in March.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Economic Study Committee will meet on Thursday, March 3, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on March 3, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

WES Job meeting is scheduled for March 4, 2011 at 10:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Meeting of SEMASS is scheduled for March 4, 2011.

Mattapoisett River Valley Advisory Committee will meet on March 8, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission will meet at 4:30 p.m. on March 8, 2011 at the Board of Public Works.

Dispatcher Union negotiations are scheduled for 1:00 p.m. and Police Union negotiations for 2:00 p.m. on March 10, 2011.

Council on Aging will meet on March 14, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

Next Selectmen's Meeting is scheduled for March 7, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize payment to Dimitri Contracting, Inc. in the amount of \$16,815. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Senior Center/Recreation Center painting)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request from D. W. White Construction, Inc., 867 Middle Road, Acushnet for the installation of one street light on pole #166/35 on Mill Road. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. D. W. White will pay for the light fixture, bracket, hardware and installation.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

A letter was received from Melody Perry withdrawing her request for Family Medical Leave.

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BEACH MANAGEMENT AND THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

A request was received from the Town of Orleans to meet and discuss the State and Federal Endangered Species Acts and how these laws have impacted beaches, restricted access and resulted in economic hardships for businesses along the coast. Mr. Silvia motioned to send a letter of support to the Town of Orleans. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FAIRHAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Mr. Silvia, President of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association, left the room. Mr. Murphy read the letter from Angela and Eric Dawicki, Chairman of the Homecoming Day Committee, requesting permission to hold Homecoming Day Fair on Saturday, June 25th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia returned to the meeting.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Murphy read the letter from the Bicentennial Committee requesting permission to use the Town Seal to create a Bicentennial Commemorative Coin. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the application from Zhang Brothers, Inc. d/b/a "A Kitchen", 142 Huttleston Avenue, for a Common Victualer License. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Footlights Repertory Co., Inc., submitted an application to rent the Town Hall Auditorium for a performance of Jesus Christ Superstar on April 11th thru April 17th. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the application subject to approval from the Police Chief. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR ELECTRIC

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for 1 proposed joint pole and removal of 1 existing joint pole on Howland Road (west of Oak Street). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for 2 proposed joint poles and removal of 2 existing joint poles on Howland Road (west of Main Street). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

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Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for 2 proposed joint poles and removal of 2 existing joint poles on Howland Road (intersection of Main Street & Adams Street). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for 1 proposed joint pole and removal of 1 existing joint pole on Main Street (north of Howland Road). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 19 Middle Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

17 BIRCHFIELD STREET

Antonieta Amaral, Susan Garriga and Mrs. Amaral's sister were in attendance. They requested "the illegal activity being conducted on 17 Birchfield Street cease". They stated a car repair business is operating from this location and the property is not zoned for business nor do they have a repair license. (See attached letter.) Discussion followed. The Building Commissioner will be asked to submit a written report on the matter. Dr. Bowcock will drive by the property at night, when there is the most activity.

OTHER MATTERS

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.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:52 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss Council on Aging personnel issues, Police Union Contract negotiations, Dispatcher Union Contract negotiations, the Veterans' Agent, inter-municipal agreement between New Bedford and Fairhaven for water/sewer services and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary