

Selectmen's Meeting – March 7, 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 28, 2011. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the February 28, 2011 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Murphy stated he is a member of the Southern Mass Credit Union Board of Directors. Wayne Oliveira, Chairman of the Bicentennial Committee and Angela Dawicki, Fund Raiser Chairman were in attendance. Southern Mass Credit Union presented a \$1,000.00 check to the Bicentennial Committee. The Board and the Bicentennial Committee thanked the Credit Union for their generous donation. Mr. Oliveira challenged other businesses/residents to meet or exceed the donation. Brief discussion followed on upcoming events to raise money and an article submitted for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

The Harbormaster and Shellfish Constable were in attendance and discussed the FY 12 budget request for the Natural Resource Department and articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

School Superintendent, School Business Manager and members of the School Committee were in attendance and discussed the FY 12 School budget request and articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

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

Mr. Osuch will attend the SEMASS meeting at 11:30 a.m. on March 10, 2011.

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

Chamber of Commerce will meet on March 11, 2011 at 8:30 a.m.

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

Economic Study Committee met on March 3, 2011 at Town Hall.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER

Director of Finance/Treasurer was in attendance to request an auction to sell foreclosed tax possessions on Jeannette Street, Jenny Street and Hamlet Street. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to proceed with an auction. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Murphy read Paul St. Pierre's letter of resignation from the Cable Advisory Committee. (See attached.) The Board thanked Mr. St. Pierre for his dedicated service to the Town.

COUNCIL ON AGING

With regret, the Board accepted Joan Mello's letter of resignation as a member of the Council on Aging.

TOWN CLERK

Mr. Murphy read the list of Poll Workers for the Annual Town Election on Monday, April 4, 2011. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the list of Poll Workers. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

Board of Selectmen meeting schedule will be placed on the March 14, 2011 agenda.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Silvia motioned to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Saturday, May 7, 2011 and to set March 22, 2011 as the deadline to submit articles. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. All articles must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2011.

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 148 Adams Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

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FY 12 BUDGETS & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Mr. Osuch discussed FY 12 budgets and Town Meeting Articles. (See attached.)

At the March 14, 2011 meeting, the Board will consider a 1% salary increase for non-union employees.

Mr. Silvia motioned to use the figure of \$3.60 for a gallon of gas for budget purposes. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

An appointment will be scheduled with William Roth on the March 14, 2011 agenda to discuss Article #9, Community Preservation Program on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Dr. Bowcock made the motions for "recommendation" for several Annual Town Meeting Articles. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock made the motion for Article 4, #62 General Fund c. Interest on Temporary Loans to reduce the recommended amount to \$30,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

OTHER MATTERS

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

North Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold Candidate's Night on March 16, 2011 at the Hastings Middle School.

West Island Improvement Association will host a Candidate's Night the week of March 28, 2011.

North Fairhaven Improvement Association annual "Outstanding Public Service Awards" banquet was held on March 5th at the Century House in Acushnet. Dr. Bowcock was honored for his many years of dedicated service to the Town. Also recognized were: Detective Pam Bourgault, School Vice Principals Karen Dorgan and Mary Jane Muello.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:05 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss Council on Aging personnel issues, the Veterans' Agent, Seaport Inn Lease, a Town bank account and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary