

Selectmen's Meeting – June 20, 2011

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of June 6, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the June 6, 2011 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS MEETING

Hurricane Preparedness was discussed with the Highway Superintendent, Police Chief, Emergency Management, Council on Aging Director, Harbormaster and Tree Warden. Residents were reminded that hurricane passes are available at the BPW and residents were urged to get their permit now.

Department heads were asked to begin the process to prepare a plan for other natural disasters, such as a tornado, earthquake and tsunami.

COALITION FOR BUZZARDS BAY

Allen Decker, Buzzards Bay Coalition Land Protection Director, was in attendance to discuss a land conservation opportunity on Nasketucket Bay. The project will protect nearly 400 acres. 135 acres are in Fairhaven and 263 acres in Mattapoisett. Total cost is \$6,000,000., plus an additional \$50,000. in estimated closing costs. (See attached "Nasketucket Bay Land Conservation Project Fact Sheet" for property location and proposed funding sources.) There is no cost to the Town. Dr. Bowcock motioned to send a letter of support for federal grants to help purchase the property. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay Annual "Swim the Bay" is scheduled for July 2, 2011.

SEAPORT INN

Jami Franco, Manager of the Seaport Inn, Joe Morra and Attorney Donald Nagle were in attendance. The Seaport Inn, 110 Middle Street, submitted an application for a Sunday License for music (live entertainment). Ms. Franco stated the application is for the whole facility, inside and outside. Attorney Nagle said the Seaport Inn is "in discussion" with DEP regarding the tent and is working with local and state agencies on a number of issues. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application subject to the Seaport Inn acquiring all federal, state and local permits. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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TAYLOR SEAFOOD

Rod Taylor of Taylor Cultured Seafood, Inc. and Harbormaster David Darmofal were present to discuss renewal of the Aquaculture License, which expires on June 30, 2011. The Harbormaster stated the agreement needs language added which will allow him, as Harbormaster, to enforce safety stipulations. He requested the following: markings at all four corners with radar reflective buoys with flashing lights, sidelines to be marked every 100 feet with sizable buoys either white of day-glow orange, the authority to issue citations for non-compliance of contracted items, such as lights and buoys, and fines of \$100.00 per offense with each day being a new offense. As Harbormaster, he wants the Board of Selectmen to terminate the contract after ten citations are issued within one year and that the agreement can not be renewed for one year. Mr. Taylor stated boater must be aware of the waters and know where they are when operating a boat. They must be responsible. He read his letter addressed to the Board of Selectmen regarding a lost boater that got tangled in his nets. (See attached.) Discussion continued. Mr. Taylor will meet with the Harbormaster to discuss the safety stipulations. Dr. Bowcock motioned that the present agreement stay in effect until a new one is negotiated. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will meet with representatives from Blue Cross/Blue Shield and Cook and Company on June 22, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to review health insurance billing for the past 6 – 7 months.

Pre-bid information meeting for Town Hall repairs that include exterior masonry, light fixture repair and window screen installation is scheduled for June 22, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Bids will be opened on June 29, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Council on Aging training will be held on June 23, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. at the Marion Music Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on June 23, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Homecoming Day Fair will be held on Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Fire Muster will be held at Livesy Park on Sunday, June 26, 2011.

Retirement Board will meet on June 27, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

WES Job meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Residents were reminded that fireworks are illegal in Massachusetts and the Fire Department will be cracking down on the use of fireworks during the upcoming 4th of July Holiday.

Dr. Bowcock motioned that Mr. Silvia represent the Board of Selectmen in the interview process, along with John Nunes and Carol Brandolini, to hire a Senior Clerk in the Tax Collector's Office.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to award the Stop Loss Contract to HM Life Insurance Company of Pittsburgh, PA. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign "Attachment F – Contract for Designer Services Amendment No. 1" with HMFH Architects, Inc., 130 Bishop Allen Drive, Cambridge, MA in the amount of \$115,888. for schematic designer services for the new elementary school. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign "Attachment B – Contract for Project Management Services, Amendment No. 1" with Daedalus Projects, Inc., 112 South Street, Boston, MA in the amount of \$36,000. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock stated his displeasure with the Massachusetts School Building Authority's distribution of information for the new elementary school project. Information has not been presented in a timely manner. He asked that their web site be up and running and information is up to date.

Next School Building Committee meeting is scheduled for June 30, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.

A letter was received from the Massachusetts Historical Commission informing the Town that the Fairhaven High School project (lead glass windows restoration and frame repairs/painting) was "selected for a matching allocation of \$50,000. from the Commission's Round 17: Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund." Dr. Bowcock motioned to accept the grant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Howland Road Project, from Coggeshall Street Bridge to Sycamore Street, will begin on July 5, 2011 and continue for 3 – 4 weeks and the Sycamore Street to Main Street section will take an additional 3 weeks.

Mr. Osuch stated the digester project is six months or more behind schedule.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$75.00 were accepted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Memorandum of Understanding/Agreement for Wastewater Services between New Bedford & Fairhaven was taken under advisement.

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HARBORMASTER

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Harbormaster regarding the Seaport Marina proposal. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to have the Harbormaster inform DEP that the Board is opposed to the proposed marina. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Silvia read the request from Al Benac to place a small plaque at the corner of Bryant Lane & Washington Street to honor John I. Bryant. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HOUSING AUTHORITY

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Jay Simmons, Chairman of the Fairhaven Housing Authority, informing the Board of Selectmen that effective May 12, 2011, Kenneth Nelson resigned from the Housing Authority. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia also read Mr. Nelson's letter of resignation. (See attached.) Anyone interested in appointment should contact the Selectmen's Office by Tuesday, July 5, 2011.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE LICENSE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application from Mill Bridge Holdings, LLC, 200 Mill Road, for an underground storage license. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (The application was for a change in owner only.)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Silvia read Carol Tyson's letter of resignation, as a full member, from the Conservation Commission. (See attached.) She requests appointment as an Associate member. The matter was tabled until the next Selectmen's Meeting.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Mr. Silvia read a David Darmofal's letter of resignation from the Council on Aging Board. (See attached.) Associate member Lindsay Gordon will be asked if she wants to be appointed a full member. The appointment will be placed on the July 5, 2011 agenda.

SOUTHEASTERN REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Michael Silvia to the Southeastern Regional Transit Authority (SRTA). Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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COALITION FOR BUZZARDS BAY – WATERSHED RIDE

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Donna Cobert, Director of Membership and Events for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, announcing that the Coalition will repeat the Watershed Ride on Sunday, October 2nd beginning at 9:00 a.m. in Westport. Cyclists are expected to pass thru Fairhaven between 10:45 a.m. and 2:15 p.m.

NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 295 Main Street between Wilding Street and Wood Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 305 Main Street between Wilding Street and Wood Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 50 Church Street on the Laurel Street side between Church Street and South Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock stated the West Island Improvement Association wants to continue to maintain the Causeway Beach. In the near future, the Association will meet with the Selectmen to discuss the beach.

The Board congratulated Alan and Flow Days and all the volunteers and runners that participated in the Annual Father's Day Road Race. It was another successful event.

Annual Homecoming Day is scheduled for Saturday, June 25, 2011.

Dr. Bowcock is a member of the Bristol County Advisory Board and will attend the budget hearing in Taunton on June 23, 2011.

The American History Costume Parade will be held on July 4, 2011 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Cushman Park and proceed to Fort Phoenix. At the Fort, an Independence Program will be held and Mr. Silvia will read excerpts from the Declaration of Independence.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Kathy Sturtevant. Her mother, Marie Bouley, passed away last week.

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The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Police Officer Stephen Gwozdz. His father recently passed away.

At 8:40 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to adjourn. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary