

Selectmen's Meeting – July 5, 2011

Mr. Silvia and Dr. Bowcock were present. Because of a sudden family emergency, Mr. Murphy was absent.

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 20, 2011. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

RIVERWALK TRAIL PROJECT

Nancy Durfee from SRPEDD was in attendance and briefly explained the Riverwalk Project planned for waterfront areas of New Bedford, Acushnet and Fairhaven. (See attached map.) The project is in the very preliminary stages of development, but the plan is to create a walk way/bike path along the waterfront connecting all three communities. Boat access to the water at numerous locations is also planned. Funding will come from the Harbor Trustees.

GOVERNMENT ACCESS DEPARTMENT

Meaghen Blasingame, Government Access Director, was in attendance and submitted a proposal to increase the operating budget and purchase new equipment. (See attached.) An operating budget of \$16,000. is requested and \$23,000. is needed for new equipment. Ms. Blasingame suggested using the East Room as a second meeting room and mini studio. Discussion followed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the requests. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. Funding to come from Comcast Franchise Fee payments.

BOAT RAMP & WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Shellfish Warden Tim Cox, members of the Boat Ramp and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee and Dough Cameron from the MA department of Fish and Game were in attendance to discuss the installation of a fishing pier at Hoppy's Landing. The location has not yet been determined. Mr. Cameron stated the State would include the existing boat ramp and floating dock into the agreement. The Town would be responsible for day to day maintenance and the State would handle any large repairs. The pier would be must be open to the public. A fee could be charges, but must first be approved by the State. Discussion followed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to request a proposed Land Management Agreement from Mr. Cameron for the project. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Natalie Hemingway, Wayne Oliveira and Gerry Payette, members of the Bicentennial Committee, were in attendance to promote the sale of the "Fairhaven Bicentennial 1812-2012 Souvenir Calendar". Ms. Hemingway stated every part of Town is represented. Calendars sell

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for \$15.00 each and are available at numerous locations throughout Town. Mr. Oliveira briefly summarized events planned for the Bicentennial Celebration. Events include a Bicentennial Ball, the Father's Day Road Race, Homecoming Day Fair, a Fire Muster, a Maritime Day, Bicentennial Parade and the "Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall".

The Director of Finance/Treasurer submitted a request for approval to pay \$2,000. from the Bicentennial Account, as a deposit for the Vietnam Memorial Moving Wall. The Wall is scheduled to be on display in Cushman Park on July 4th. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

PERSONNEL BOARD

On June 23, 2011, the Personnel Board voted to approve "A change in Job Title and also working hours for personnel at the Council on Aging, per the attached request from the Director." (See attached.) The Personnel Board also requested the Board of Selectmen revisit the Early Retirement Incentive. (See attached.) The Director of Finance/Treasurer stated if approved by the Board of Selectmen, the change would take place July 1, 2012. Dr. Bowcock motioned to table the requests until the next meeting, when Mr. Murphy is present. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Conference call with the manufacturer of the tanks for the digester project is scheduled for July 6, 2011 at 3:00 p.m.

Meeting with Stephenson & Brook to discuss workers compensation issues is scheduled for July 7, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Board of Selectmen will meet at 5:30 p.m. on July 7, 2011 at Town Hall.

New School Building Committee will tour the Lincoln School in New Bedford on July 8, 2011. Time has not been set.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee will meet on July 12, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Committee will meet on July 12, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

New School Building Committee will meet on July 12 and July 25, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library.

Massachusetts School Building Authority's (MSBA) new web page is expected to be up and running by July 6, 2011.

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New School Building Committee will meet with the School Committee on July 27, 2011.

New School Building Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. with the Board of Selectmen on August 1, 2011.

Pre-construction meeting for Middle Street and Adams Street cement lining project is scheduled for July 13, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Test pits will be dug at the Wood School on July 14, 2011 beginning at 8:15 a.m.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve a One Day All Alcoholic License for the Varsity Club to hold a fund raiser on July 16, 2011 from 12:00 noon to 9:00 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$45.02 were accepted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to table Amendment No. 3A and Amendment No. 3B to Brown and Caldwell Agreement to the next meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

COMMUNITY NURSE & HOSPICE CARE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the "Contract for Public Health Nursing" by and between the Town of Fairhaven, Board of Health and Community Nurse and Hospice Care, Inc. in the amount of \$17,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Lindsay Gordon a full member of the Council on Aging. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. (Term to expire May 31, 2012.)

HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster submitted a request to carry over 10 vacation days and 40 hours of comp. time. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Mr. Osuch summarized the letter from the MSBA, which voted to allow the Town to proceed into schematic design for a new elementary school. (See attached.) The letter stated "We have

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attached a listing of the remaining deliverables for your use in preparing this schedule.” Mr. Osuch stated there was no listing.

TOWN OF FRAMINGHAM

Memorandum from the Town of Framingham regarding unfunded state and federal mandates will be placed on file.

MOVING PERMIT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application to move a modular house to 91 Balsam Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

2011 FAIRHAVEN TURKEY TROT FOR HEALTH & HUNGER

Mr. Silvia read the request from Emilia Crotty to hold the Turkey Trott on Thursday, November 24, 2011 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at Cushman Park. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to support the event and send a letter to the Board of Public Works and the Police Department asking that they also support this worthy event. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 15 Sedgewick Road between Torrington Road and dead end. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. (Approve by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 2 Lafayette Street between Cherry Street and West Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approve by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 59 Oxford Street between Main Street and Castle Avenue. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. (Approve by the Board of Public Works.)

CDBG 1 YEAR ACTION PLAN COMMENTS

The Director of Planning and Economic Development submitted information on proposed changes to the CDBG program that will affect the Town. The State is required to prepare a One Year Action Plan for administering CDBG Funds. Mr. Roth received the draft plan and there are two changes he feels should be opposed. The changes are: Program Income and Limitations on Subsequent Applications. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to send a letter to Mark Siegenthaler, Community Development Manager, opposing the proposed changes. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

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SENIOR CLERK TAX COLLECTOR'S OFFICE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Helen DaCunha to the position of Senior Clerk, Tax Collector's Office. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

OTHER MATTERS

"American History Costume Parade" was held on Monday, July 4th. Mr. Silvia participated in the parade and following the parade, in an Independence Program at Fort Phoenix. The Board thanked Tourism Director Chris Richards and all who participated.

The Board congratulated Gail Isaksen, who participated in the July 4th Mattapoisett Road Race, and won in her division.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:18 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss legal issues regarding the Seaport Inn and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. Roll call vote 2-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary