



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

January 7, 2013 Meeting Minutes

Present: Selectman Chairman Brian Bowcock, Vice Chairman Charles Murphy, Clerk Robert Espindola, and Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch and Principal Clerk Ivey Winkler.

Chairman Brian Bowcock called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:35 p.m.

MINUTES

- The Board voted to accept the minutes of the **December 27, 2012** meeting, **open** session. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- The Board voted to accept the minutes of the **December 27, 2012** meeting, **executive** session. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

In his report, Mr. Osuch updated the Selectmen on the following meetings:

- Tuesday, **January 8** –
 - 11:30 meeting with Architect at Wood School
 - 12:30 Wood School job meeting
- Wednesday, **January 9** –
 - 9:30 MEMA meeting to discuss hurricane Sandy reimbursements and Fairhaven/ New Bedford bridge closing.
- Thursday, **January 10** –
 - 3:30 meeting with Jared Corviello and George Woodbury- LBI
 - 6:00 meeting with Wood School building committee at town hall
- Monday, **January 14** –
 - 9:30 Council on Aging meeting
 - 11:00 meeting in Mattapoisett with Mike Kennefick
- Tuesday, **January 15** –
 - 10:00 Wood School job meeting
 - 1:00 police negotiations
 - 2:30 dispatcher negotiations
 - 3:30 water advisory committee meeting at the Board of Public Works building

- 4:30 Mattapoisett River District meeting at the Board of Public Works building
- Wednesday, **January 16** –
 - 12:00 manager’s meeting
 - 7:00 Selectmen’s meeting to discuss DOR report
- Thursday, **January 17** –
 - 7:00 FINCOM meeting
 - 7:30-9:00 forum at Quest Center
- Monday, **January 21** –
 - TOWN HALL CLOSED for Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Tuesday, **January 22** –
 - 10:00 Wood School job meeting
 - 2:30 meeting with Lisa Dickerson

COALITION FOR BUZZARDS BAY

Mr. Osuch discussed the Board’s request to speak with representatives from the Coalition for Buzzards Bay about the EPA Settlement. Dr. Bowcock related that the time period for official comments on the EPA settlement has already passed. Mr. Murphy added that the information provided to the Board was clear and gave valid points against the settlement. Mr. Osuch suggested adding Hands Across the River to the January 22nd agenda so that they may speak to the Board about the settlement.

Mr. Murphy motioned to draft a letter from the Board to vote against the settlement with the EPA. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

SELECTMEN’S ANNUAL REPORT

Mr. Murphy noted that the Annual report is very well organized report; however, Mr. Espindola took issue with the wording on page two, second paragraph. Mr. Espindola requested that the last two sentences be removed. At the request of the board, approval has been moved to the next Select Board meeting.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS

Dr. Bowcock wished to thank those who have contributed to the Animal Shelter. Donations totaled \$465.00. Mr. Osuch took the opportunity to inform the board that the Animal Control Officer will soon be getting a new vehicle.

ANNUAL REPORT COVER

The Board would like to make a decision on the cover sometime during the week; the idea of a collage was discussed.

APPOINTMENTS TO CABLE ACCESS COMMITTEE

The Board will extend the deadline for nominations to the Cable Access Committee until January 22, 2013.

FRADE'S DISPOSAL

The Board voted to approve the Common waste disposal contract with Frade's Disposal. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

LICENSE RENEWALS

The Board voted to approve the Common Victualer license renewal for Just Ray's. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

The Board voted to approve the Livery License for Elite Transportation Inc., Albert M. Williams, III. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

EXECUTIVE SESSION MINUTES POLICY

Dr. Bowcock stated that there are a number of different scenarios for the executive minutes but that he personally would like to see them posted on a quarterly basis. Mr. Murphy insisted that there should be a clear policy in place for executive session minutes, Mr. Espindola agreed. Discussion ensued.

The Board will make a decision on the executive minutes policy at a later date.

MIDDLE STREET PARKING

Dr. Bowcock said that there continues to be a problem with parking on Middle Street. In discussions with the police it was determined that the two parking signs that are in place should remain in their current location. Town Planner Bill Roth suggested that the signs should actually say NO PARKING, instead of NO PARKING THIS SIDE so as not to confuse drivers.

Mr. Murphy motioned to change the signs on Middle Street to say NO PARKING. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

BIKE PATH

A letter was sent to the Selectmen requesting that the name of the Bike Path Committee be changed to the Bikeway Committee. Mr. Murphy stated that the name change request should be referred to the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Murphy motioned to forward the Bike Path name change request letter to the Board of Public Works. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

WEST ISLAND 5K

The Board read a request from Lyle Drew, Co-Director of the West Island 5K, seeking approval for the 2nd Annual West Island 5K Run/ Walk and Kids Mail Fun Run for April 28, 2013. Mr. Lyle also requested the no-fee use of Hoppy's Landing for parking on the same day.

Mr. Osuch said that he spoke to police safety officers who stated that the fun run was a well coordinated event. Dr. Bowcock mentioned that it was getting into boating season but that he also knew how successful the run had been last year. Mr. Espindola said that the run is a phenomenal event that gets kids involved who may not be interested in team sports. Mr. Espindola then mentioned that noticed the large groups of children participating in the Band of Brothers and Sole Sisters who ran as well.

In giving his approval for the event, Dr. Bowcock said that it is important to mention that not everyone wants to play football or basketball and that these types of events to raise money gets the town's youth involved in sporting events. Dr. Bowcock further stated that the town does not want the burden of these activities to fall to the taxpayer and that the Board strongly endorses these types of activities.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business:

- The Board wished to remind all Fairhaven Municipal Employees, boards, and committee members that they must go online and complete the conflict of interest law training every two years. If this training has not yet been completed, or if it will expire soon, you must complete the training by April 5th, 2013. For more information, contact the Town Clerk at (508) 979-4025
- Mr. Murphy motioned to send a letter of thanks to Ann Espindola and Sharon Andersen for their work coordinating the Newtown, CT donations. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).
- Dr. Bowcock wished to offer the Board's deepest sympathies to Robert Unger, editor of the Standard Times, for the loss of his mother.
- Dr. Bowcock sends the Board's condolences to Arne Isaksen on the passing of his sister.
- The Board sends condolences to the Saladino family on the loss Dorothy, wife of the former treasurer and town clerk.
- The Board sends its congratulations to Patricia Manchester on being awarded the Standard Times' Teacher of the Year Award for 2012. Ms. Manchester has been the backbone of her school and there is no one more deserving.

At 7:30 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to enter Executive Session to discuss clerical union negotiations with the police and fire chief respectively, police personnel issues, and the Cushman Park Land Easement. Mr. Espindola seconded the motion. Vote was unanimous. (3-0). Roll call vote to enter executive session: Mr. Murphy in favor. Mr. Espindola in favor. Dr. Bowcock in favor.

Respectfully,

Ivey Winkler

Principal Clerk
(Minutes approved 1/22/2013)