



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

December 9, 2014 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Robert J. Espindola, Vice-Chairman Geoffrey Haworth, Clerk Charles K. Murphy, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, and Administrative Assistant Anne Kakley. Also present for part of the meeting: Town Moderator Mark Sylvania, Assistant Town Moderator Chris Bunnell, and Town Counsel Thomas Crotty.

Chairman Robert J. Espindola called the meeting to order in the Elizabeth Hastings Middle School Auditorium at 6:40 p.m. The meeting audio recorded by Anne Kakley.

STM ARTICLE 7 – 211 MILL RD LAND PURCHASE

The Board discussed changing the language on the motion for Article 7. Mr. Haworth motioned to change the language slightly, to read:

“To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to acquire by purchase, gift, and/or eminent domain any and/or all of the parcel shown as Fairhaven Assessors’ Map 38 Lot 14, containing 31.72 acres more or less, for general municipal purposes, and for the purpose of conveyance and/or lease, and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey or lease (which lease may be for a term of ninety-nine years or more) any and/or all of such parcel on such terms and conditions as the Board may deem in the best interest of the Town, and, further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant such easements and/or restrictions on all of such parcel or portions thereof as may be required by the Department of Environmental Protection and/or the Environmental Protection Agency; **“any such conveyance, lease, easement or restriction to be subject to the further approval of Town Meeting”** and to appropriate for that purpose the sum of one million four hundred sixty-five thousand dollars (\$1,465,000.00) to be paid from general revenues, borrowing, and/or transfer from reserves or to take any other action relative thereto.”

Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

The Board discussed a point of order in how the amendment to Article 7 would be presented. The Board decided it would move to adopt the article as presented in the warrant and then further move to amend.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

The Board discussed the timing of passage for the Town Administrator article. Discussion centered around complications that could arise from the Town Administrator article being passed before a referendum vote is taken in April for the dissolution of the Board of Public Works.

Atty. Crotty has advised that the Board may wait until after the Annual Town Election to appoint a Town Administrator.

At 7:00 p.m., Special Town Meeting convened. It adjourned sine die at 8:05 p.m.

At 8:27 p.m., Mr. Haworth motioned to enter Executive Session, pursuant to MGL 30A § 21:

- MCAD filing
- School Department settlement

Mr. Murphy seconded the motion to enter Executive Session for the aforementioned reasons, not to reconvene into open session afterward. Vote was unanimous. (3-0). Roll call vote: Mr. Haworth in favor. Mr. Murphy in favor. Mr. Espindola in favor.

Respectfully,

Anne Kakley
Administrative Assistant
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