



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

March 16, 2015 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Robert J. Espindola, Vice-Chairman Geoffrey Haworth, Clerk Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch, and Principal Clerk Ashlee Lentini.

Chairman Robert J. Espindola called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:32 p.m.

MINUTES

- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **February 23, 2015** meeting, **open** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **February 23, 2015** meeting, **executive** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **February 27, 2015** meeting, **open** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **February 27, 2015** meeting, **executive** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **March 2, 2015** meeting, **open** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **March 2, 2015** meeting, **executive** session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the minutes of the **March 9, 2015** meeting, **open** session. Mr. Murphy was not present for that meeting, so he abstained. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote carried. (2-0-1, 1 abstain).
- Mr. Haworth motioned to approve the **executive** session minutes of the **September 15, 2014** meeting for release as redacted. Mr. Murphy seconded, but clarified that he was present at that meeting even though he is not listed as present. The Board decided to wait to approve those minutes until they are corrected.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

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

- Tuesday, **March 17**
 - 4:00 p.m. – Capital Planning Committee meeting
 - 6:00 p.m. – Rogers/Oxford Review Committee meeting
- Wednesday, **March 18**

- 11:00 a.m. – Conference call with Mr. Murphy
 - 2:30 p.m. – Economic Summit
- **Thursday, March 19**
 - 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting at BPW
- **Wednesday, March 25**
 - 8:30 a.m. – Retirement Board meeting
 - 10:00 a.m. – Pre-construction meeting for hydrant replacements at BPW
 - 12:00 p.m. – Managers’ meeting in Carver
 - 3:00 p.m. – Wellness Program Steering Committee meeting
 - 6:30 p.m. – Disability Committee meeting at the Council On Aging
- **Thursday, March 26**
 - 9:00 a.m. – Buzzards Bay Action Committee meeting in Wareham
 - 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee meeting (including Capital Planning Committee along with School Committee)

The Legislative Breakfast was held on Friday, March 13. There were 3 representatives in attendance, two of which were Rep. Strauss and Rep. Markey. There was a lot of discussion on the budget that was just approved and a lot of roadwork activity that will need to be taken care of because of the amount of snow the Town received.

SOUTH COAST RAIL TASK FORCE

The Board reviewed a letter from the South Coast Rail Task Force, a subcommittee that serves the South Coast Rail program. Mr. Roth has worked with the program for the last five years and has worked with them through the Environmental Impact Report. Mr. Roth said the project is moving forward and is now in its second stage. Mr. Haworth motioned to appoint Bill Roth to the South Coast Rail Task Force. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

UNION WHARF BULKHEAD PROJECT

Mr. Roth explained that after further review, the low bidder did not meet the Minority and Women-Owned Business requirement. Additional time was given, but the low bidder could not meet the necessary requirements. After lengthy discussions with the engineer and with Town Counsel, Mr. Roth recommended that the Town reject the low bidder and go with the second lowest bidder. He requested a motion to reject the McKay bid, which was the lowest, and have the Board sign a letter informing them that they did not meet all requirements for this project and that the Town is not going to seek compensation regarding his bid bond. The difference between the two bids is about \$100,000; the first was \$1,596,000 and the second was \$1,697,000. There’s a \$2,000,000 grant from the state of Massachusetts and an additional \$150,000 from an article for contingency. Discussion from the Board followed. Mr. Haworth motioned to reject the McKay bid on the advice of Town Counsel and the Planning Department. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0). Mr. Roth stated that the low bidder has 10 days to appeal the rejection notice once it’s sent to them. He requested that the Board issue a Notice of Award for \$1,697,250 to Sea & Shore Contracting, sign the contract immediately, but it would be held until

the appeal process is up. Mr. Haworth also motioned to award and sign the contract to Sea & Shore Contracting, Inc. for \$1,697,250. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

DONATION TO THE SHELLFISH DEPARTMENT

A \$300 donation from Enrico and Linda Picozza was given to the Shellfish Department. Mr. Picozza had trouble with his vessel in the area and the Shellfish Warden, Timothy Cox, came to his aid. Mr. Picozza felt that Mr. Cox went above and beyond to help him, so he donated \$300 to help out the Shellfish Department. Mr. Haworth said that says a lot about Mr. Cox and the services he provides to not only Town residents but to the people using our waterways and thanked Mr. Picozza for his donation. Mr. Murphy also thanked Mr. Picozza for his donation and Mr. Cox for going above and beyond. Mr. Haworth motioned to accept the \$300 donation. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

PUBLIC REVIEW OF ELECTRICITY AGGREGATION PLANS (GOOD ENERGY)

The Town allowed the Board to research electrical energy options and compare competitive energy companies. They then posted their plans on the Town website. The Board was opening a 2-week period for the public to make written comments on these plans starting on March 17 through March 31, 2015. The public meeting to submit oral comments about those plans will be on March 30, 2015.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve and sign the Annual Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board decided on dates for future meetings for April through August 2015. Mr. Haworth requested that the Board approve the meetings through June 22nd because his availability in July was still uncertain. The Board decided on the following dates with the intention to vote on more dates in a few weeks:

Tuesday, April 14th
Monday, April 27th
Saturday, May 2nd (Town Meeting)
Monday, May 11th
Tuesday, May 26th
Tuesday, June 9th
Monday, June 22nd

Mr. Haworth motioned to approve these Selectboard meeting dates through June 22, 2015. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

ROGERS/OXFORD PROPOSAL REVIEW

The Town only received one proposal each for the Rogers School and Oxford School properties. The Board stated that there have been many concerns about the possibility of putting low-income housing in North Fairhaven on the Oxford School site and agreed that the proposals be available on the Town website for the public to review. Mr. Espindola requested that a letter be sent out to Angela Dawicki of Northeast Maritime Institute asking her to give more requested information in her proposal so the Review Committee will have everything in order. The deadline for them to submit the necessary changes to their proposal is Tuesday, March 24th. Discussion ensued and Mr. Haworth recommended that the Board address the possibility of the interested parties being able to cover non-refundable maintenance costs for at least two years for each building while the proposals are being carried out and also being able to cover the possibility of having to advertise another RFP or a possible auction if the necessary guidelines were not met by either interested party.

The Board stated that they weren't comfortable with the way both proposals were drafted at this time. Mr. Murphy stated that he felt that the School Committee should be involved in these discussions, especially since if these buildings are turned into housing, it would be adding more children to the school system. Mr. Roth stated that any possible housing that would go into these buildings would not be Section 8 housing, but rather housing that is based on the income of the number of people living in each unit. After further discussion, Mr. Haworth motioned to send a letter to Angela Dawicki of the Northeast Maritime Institute as drafted, requesting further information on their proposal. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

EMA FY 2016 BUDGET REQUEST

Marc Jodoin and John Rogers, representatives from the Emergency Management Association, met with the Board to discuss an item on the EMA's budget for FY16. Mr. Haworth expressed concern with a request for \$19,999 (which is just under the cap for Capital Planning) as a way to circumvent Capital Planning. Mr. Jodoin explained that when he spoke to Mr. Osuch, it was already too late to put in for Capital Planning and that all the vehicles they have are from the mid-1990s. He also said that in December, the EMA received grant money that was used to replace an SUV. Mr. Haworth asked if they had gotten quotes for vehicles and Mr. Jodoin said that they had planned to do what they had done with the grant money; wait until they had received it and knew exactly how much money they had before they shopped around. He expressed that they did not need anything brand new. Mr. Espindola said if this were to wait until next year's Capital Planning, it could be right at the top of the list. Mr. Rogers stated that their newest vehicle was already 20 years old and the bodies on their vehicles were excellent because they had already switched out the chassis and cab on a few of them with some surplus vehicles. Mr. Haworth replied that he would like to see all vehicle purchases go through Capital Planning and recommended that it wait until next year's Capital Planning because it's suited to handle requests like this. Mr. Murphy suggested getting three quotes when they bring it before Capital Planning. Since all three Board members were in agreement about all EMA vehicle purchases going through Capital Planning, they decided to vote on the EMA budget at another time.

The Board then moved onto the fact that during a storm, the Town has an obligation made mandatory by the State that when it shelters people, it is responsible to shelter their pets as well. The EMA will need crates for these pets and they can't be separated from their owners. Mr. Haworth mentioned that he took the course that prepared government employees for emergency situations and that you have to put the animals in separate rooms from the people. There is an initial setup cost to prepare emergency shelters for the pets and there have to be some crates there in case people cannot bring their own for their animals. The EMA has to have funding to set up for these situations and estimated \$1,500 to buy equipment for sheltering pets. Further discussion ensued and Mr. Osuch said it will need to be in an article. The Board decided to get more information from other communities who have completed preparations speak with Animal Control Officer Kelly Massey, who has also taken the emergency course and may have some good ideas regarding the emergency shelter of animals, before deciding on a budget for the EMA.

MAP ERROR CORRECTION

Bill Roth explained that in the Environmental Impact Report for the Dredge Disposal Management Master Plan, a vocal group of individuals insists that there's a map error listing Oxford Village as Marsh Island. Coastal Zone Management (CZM) said that they can do a rata notice, which is a correction that can be done in the preface of the document where they would note that there's an error in the map and where it is. It would be added to the PDF on their file, but it doesn't open up the EIR, there are no hearings, and it will not change the decision. Mr. Roth said he can forward a request to CZM to make the change and will have Mr. Espindola sign it on behalf of the Board. Mr. Haworth motioned to draft a letter and have the Board review it and the Chairman sign on the Board's behalf. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

LEASE/SALE OF BATES PROPERTY

Mr. Osuch stated that he received an email from Donald Sahly, owner of the Bates property. Mr. Sahly said that he would be coming in from North Carolina from April 7th-9th and would like to meet with the Board and David Despres from the Historical Committee. The Board discussed when to meet with Mr. Sahly and agreed on the evening of April 8th at 6:30pm, then meet with the Oxford RFP at 7:30pm and the Rogers RFP at 8:30pm on the same day.

REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN COUNSEL – BOARD OF HEALTH

The Board met with Peter DeTerra, Vice-Chairman of the Board of Health, and Dr. Barbara Acksen, a member of the Board of Health. In November, the Board of Health altered regulations to address issues pertaining towards youth, such as moderating signage requirements and changing regulations about allowing sales of flavored tobacco and flavored vapors, and setting a price point for flavored cigars so they can't be sold to young people. Dr. Acksen said the Board made the modifications, held a public hearing regarding the matter, and they have one retailer that is still violating those regulations and is pricing flavored cigars very low to sell them to youth. The owner has had a series of discussions with the Board regarding the matter and attended the public hearing, but he is still continuing to be in non-compliance with the regulations per the advice of his lawyer. He knows why these items are regulated because the

Board of Health has told him repeatedly. Dr. Acksen stated that the Board of Health has reached out to Cheryl Shabarra, the attorney for the Massachusetts Health Board. Ms. Shabarra said that each town handles it differently and that the Board of Health should be working with Town Counsel on this. Mr. Crotty is familiar with the rules and regulations and the Board of Health is asking permission to use Mr. Crotty to draft a Cease and Desist Letter. Mr. DeTerra said that there's a growing problem with youth tobacco sales in Fairhaven, especially to middle school-age children and there are other towns that are watching how this issue is dealt with. Mr. Haworth said that if the Town has retailers who go against regulations, the Town needs to set the precedence and enforce those regulations. He agreed with the use of Town Counsel. Mr. Murphy said that he spoke with Pat Fowle, the Board of Health agent, and she's concerned about these violations. He also agrees with the use of Town Counsel to enforce the regulations. Mr. DeTerra said they need to draft a Cease and Desist letter because the retailer continues to sell against the rules. Mr. Haworth motioned to allow the Board of Health to use Town Counsel and up to \$1000 to draft a Cease and Desist letter, more money can be authorized by the Chairman if needed. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

REQUEST FOR USE OF TOWN COUNSEL – BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

The Board reviewed a request for Town Counsel from the Board of Public Works regarding sewer tie-ins in the areas where public sewers were installed. The by-law says that an abutter to these areas has two years to tie into the public sewer unless they get a waiver from the Board of Health (because a new septic system has been put in, etc.). There are approximately 31 houses in these areas who have not tied into the public sewer and in the past, the Board of Health handled these cases by going to Housing Court. Mr. Osuch spoke with Ms. Fowle and she does not have time to take care of it, so the BPW is willing to follow through on this, but would like use of Town Counsel. Mr. DeTerra explained that the reasons these properties are not tied into the public sewer yet is that not only are a lot of them abandoned properties, but that the Board of Health has also pursued many of these properties, even going so far as taking some of them to court, but to no avail. Further discussion ensued. The Board decided to get a list of those who have yet to tie in and the status of their notifications from the BPW to give to Town Counsel and find out how much it will be to pursue the matter.

LETTER OF RESIGNATION – MEASURER OF WOOD AND BARK

The Board read a letter of resignation from Antone "Hawk" Medeiros, Measurer of Wood and Bark, and thanked him for his service to the Town of Fairhaven. The position is voluntary so the Board decided to put out the word for a new Measurer of Wood and Bark. Mr. Haworth motioned to accept Mr. Medeiros' resignation. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote carried. (3-0)

LETTER FROM BANK OF AMERICA RE: INACTIVE COMMUNITY CENTER ACCOUNT

Administrative Assistant Anne Kakley looked into the matter and found that when the old Boys and Girls Club closed, there was about \$4000 given to the Town and it has sat in an account and not been touched since 2002. Town Treasurer Wendy Graves said that it should be given to the Treasurer's Office since they are in charge of handling all Town funds. Mr. Haworth said that he

believes that the money should go to the Recreation Center. The Board agreed that Ms. Graves should look into it and see where the money should go.

TREE WARDEN

The Board discussed whether the Tree Warden position should be elected or appointed. Town Counsel advised that if the position were to be an appointed one, an article would have to be submitted to Town Meeting and members would vote on it. Mr. Osuch said if it does become an appointed position, it will have to merge with a department and the obvious choice would be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Public Works. However, the Tree Department would not fall under the current legislation for the BPW; special legislation would have to be drafted. Under the language of the Town Administrator's position, it does fall within that jurisdiction, but Mr. Osuch stressed that it was up to the Board to decide how to proceed. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to discuss the matter further at a later date.

WIND TURBINE PRESS RELEASE

The Board received a press release from Fairhaven Wind wanting to express how the project has done since its inception. Mr. Espindola asked for clarification on some items in the release because he felt that they could be confusing or misleading to some people. He also asked for the calculation that some facts were based on. Discussion ensued. The Board decided to ask Fairhaven Wind to prepare their own press release excluding any information from the Town, quotes from the Selectmen, or other Town officials.

BUDGET DISCUSSION AND FINANCIAL POLICIES

Mr. Murphy stated that Ms. Graves was scheduled to attend the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, April 2nd and encouraged the Board to do the same. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Espindola will attend that meeting; Mr. Haworth has a prior commitment. Mr. Osuch reminded the Board that the deadline for articles for Special Town Meeting is Thursday, March 19th. The Board of Public Works attended the previous Finance Committee meeting where additional spending of \$15,000 for Snow and Ice Removal was approved. The BPW has also said that their overtime account and operating budget is in the red, due to injuries and repairs to vehicles and equipment. There is also a major repair to a sewer line on Washington Street that will need to be done quickly. The Water Department is in the red due to Wages because of extensive leaks and freeze-ups during this winter. There is money in the reserve for both Water and Sewer and they will be approaching the Finance Committee for a transfer of these funds. A critical area that will need to be addressed soon is the repairs to roads and asphalt curbing due to the snow removal. Mr. Osuch recommended that the Roadwork article be revisited and move \$92,000 of that money into Highway for Maintenance and Repairs for FY16.

The Board reviewed the draft warrant for the May 2, 2015 Town Meeting and made the following recommendations.

Article 5: General Fund Capital Plan	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend: A. Replacement of Two (2) Police Cruisers \$70,400.00
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	<p>B. Highway Replacement</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Replace 1991 Ford F350 #13 \$55,000.00 2) Replace 1994 GMC C1500 #35 \$45,000.00 3) EZ Screen XL \$44,000.00 <p>C. Hastings Middle School 8th Grade Wing Floors Abate and replace VCT flooring \$151,440.00</p> <p>D. Town Hall Refurbish Floors \$20,000.00</p> <p>E. Police Pick-up Truck \$36,928.00</p> <hr/> <p>TOTAL: \$422,768.00</p> <p>Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)</p>
<p><u>Article 6: Water Enterprise Capital Plan</u></p>	<p>Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. Engineering – Water Main Replacement – West Island Causeway \$40,000.00 B. Water Main Construction – West Island Causeway \$150,000.00 C. Tinkham Lane Well Improvements \$60,000.00 <hr/> <p>\$250,000.00</p> <p>Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)</p>
<p><u>Article 7: Sewer Enterprise Capital Plan</u></p>	<p>Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A. \$50,000.00 – Wastewater Treatment Plant Nitrogen Study B. \$140,000.00 – Abbey/Manhattan/Marguerite/Pilgrim/Railroad Pump Station Equipment Evaluation C. \$80,000.00 – Engineering Sewer System Phase 2 <i>Howland Road south to Pilgrim Ave, Alden Road west to Acushnet River</i> D. \$65,000.00 – Engineering Sewer System Phase 3 <i>Howland Road south to Pilgrim Ave, Alden Road west to Acushnet River</i> E. \$50,000.00 – Replace Sewer – Francis Street F. \$44,000.00 – Replacement of 2000 Ford Pickup #48 <hr/> <p>\$429,000.00</p> <p>Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).</p>
<p><u>Article 8: Capital Stabilization Fund</u></p>	<p>Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend the creation of a Capital Stabilization Fund for \$400,000 for the General Fund. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).</p>
<p><u>Article 9: Roadwork</u></p>	<p>Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend reconstructing, hard-surface, and installing drainage on A) Akin Street \$36,212. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.</p>

	<p>(3-0) Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend reconstructing, hard-surface, and installing drainage on E) Elm Ave \$172,292. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.</p> <p>(3-0) Mr. Haworth motioned for Indefinite Postponement for Items B through D, F, and G. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)</p>
<u>Article 16: Bylaw Amendment Petition – Wireless Communications - Park</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to yield to the petitioner. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>Article 26: Bylaw Amendment Petition – Solar Photovoltaic</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to yield to the petitioner. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>Article 17: BPW Door Replacements</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend, \$11,000 from the General Fund. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>Article 25: Wellness Program - Employees</u>	Mr. Murphy motioned to recommend, \$18,000. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was passed. (2-1).
<u>Article 29: Information Technology Assessment</u>	Discussion ensued. Vote was withheld until the March 30 th meeting with the Town Government Study Committee.
<u>Article 31: Finance Committee Restructuring</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to yield to the petitioner. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>Article 32: Term Limit Referendum</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to yield to the petitioner. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>Article 33: Town Meeting Procedure Changes</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to yield to the petitioner. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>Article 30: Street Lights</u>	<p>Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$800 from the General Fund for one light at Temple Place, Pole #266/2. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).</p> <p>Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$800 from the General Fund for one light at Wayne Street, Pole #281/1. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).</p>
<u>#22: Conservation Commission B: Purchase of Services</u>	<p>Mr. Haworth motioned to reconsider Item 22B for \$1550. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)</p> <p>Mr. Haworth motioned to reconsider Item 22B for \$6550. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)</p>
<u># 10: Town Collector A: Salary & Wages</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$119,706 from the General Fund. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#20: Legal Expense</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$135,000. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

<u>#26: Fire Department A: Salary & Wages</u>	Discussion ensued. Vote was withheld at this time.
<u>#29: Tree Warden Department</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$54,338.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#39: Sewer Division B: Purchase of Services</u>	Discussion ensued. Vote was withheld at this time.
<u>#40: Water Division A: Salary & Wages</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$508,628.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#40: Water Division B: Purchase of Services</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$254,702.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#40: Water Division B1: Utilities</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$49,700.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#40: Water Division C: Supplies</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$39,100.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#40: Water Division C1: Gasoline</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$15,834.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#40: Water Division D: Other Charges/Expenses</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$1,500.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#40: Water Division E: Capital Outlay</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$8,000.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#40: Water Division F: Water District</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$1,169,292.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)
<u>#43: GNBVRT High School</u>	Mr. Haworth motioned to recommend \$2,213,868.00. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

OTHER NEWS

Mr. Murphy thanked Anne Kakley and Vicki Paquette for organizing a very successful benefit for Jay Simmons. He said it was wonderful to see the Town come together for one of their own. Mr. Espindola agreed and said it was great to see Mr. Simmons there and is glad his recovery is going well.

Mr. Espindola read a reminder that the 20th Annual M.O.L.I.F.E. Ball was taking place on Saturday, March 21st at White's of Westport, 6pm-12am. Proceeds benefit people with disabilities and help them live independent lives.

Also at White's of Westport on Thursday, March 26th is Building a Bicycle Culture event with Nicole Friedman, the Bike Czar of Boston. Rep. Bill Strauss will be in attendance to provide an update on legislation for bike paths and they will announce the winners of last year's Fairhaven Bikeway Alliance Challenge.

The Board wished all a happy and safe St. Patrick's Day.

At 10:32 p.m., Mr. Haworth motioned to enter Executive Session, pursuant to MGL 30A § 21:

1. Use of Town Counsel for the Town Accountant

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. Espindola in favor. Mr. Haworth in favor. Mr. Murphy in favor.

Respectfully,

Ashlee Lentini
Principal Clerk