

Selectmen's Meeting -- January 5, 2004

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of December 29, 2003. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2003 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SUNDAY PACKAGE STORE OPENINGS

Hearing was called to order at 7:00 p.m. to act on Sunday Sales by holders of licenses under G.L. C 138 §15 on an annual basis pursuant to Chapter 141 of the Acts of 2003. On November 26, 2003, this act was approved by the Governor. This legislation allows package stores to sell on Sundays annually on a statewide basis, subject to local control. Discussion ensued. Dr. Bowcock motioned to allow package stores to open on Sunday, not before noon and to close by 11:00 p.m. unless the next day is a legal holiday and then stores must close by 11:30 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Hearing concluded at 7:15 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting with the Assessors is scheduled for January 6th at 12:30 p.m.

Jeffrey Osuch and Chris Bunnell will meet with the East Fairhaven School Architect at 2:00 p.m. on January 6th.

Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 11, 2004 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hastings Middle School.

Deadline to submit articles for the February 11th Special Town Meeting is 4:30 p.m. on Friday, January 9th.

East Fairhaven School pre-bid meeting will be held at 3:30 p.m. on January 6th at the school.

District Water Planning Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on January 6th at the Board of Public Works.

Trash contract will be discussed at a meeting at the Board of Public Works on January 6th at 7:45 p.m.

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Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 8th at the Board of Public Works.

The Board of Selectmen will not meet the week of January 19th.

ANIMAL SHELTER

Donations to the Building Fund totaling \$90.00 were accepted.

RETIREMENT BOARD

Mr. Eckenreiter read Bernice Alves' letter of resignation from the Retirement Board. (See attached.) Anyone interested in appointment to the Retirement Board must submit a letter to the Selectmen's Office.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

On December 10, 2003, the School Committee voted to declare a 1985 Chevrolet utility van surplus equipment. Town departments will be notified. If no one wants the vehicle, it will be declared surplus equipment and disposed of.

TOWN CLERK

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the "Voting Equipment Reimbursement Application". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SEMASS

Letter from SEMASS regarding increased costs due to change in law under 310 CMR 19.00 and Federal Plan Requirements for MSW Landfills will be placed on file. Estimated increase is \$.23 per ton for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2004.

NEW ENGLAND FINANCIAL

New England Financial submitted a Voluntary Insurance proposal for Town employees. The Board agreed not to allow another company to present their plan to employees.

2004 LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Silvia motioned to send a letter to Applebee's Restaurant and Seaview Corner Store to inform them a building re-inspection is required. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Businesses still not licensed for 2004 will be put on notice that they are operating without a license.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to renew the following Liquor Licenses: TJ'S Bar & Grill, Vila Verde Restaurant, Ferry Café and Cardoza's Wine & Spirits. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to renew the following Common Victualer Licenses: Burger King, K-Mart Store #7155, McDonald's Restaurant, Dorothy Cox's Candies and George's Pizza. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to renew the following Car Dealer Licenses: Richard N. Dussault-Dussault Auto Sales and F & J Auto Sales. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to renew the Car Repair License for Spring Street Garage. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to renew the Lodging House License for Kopper Kettle Guest House. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for maintenance to gas main at 15 Hedge Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve petitions for maintenance to gas main and service to 97 Howland Road, 108 Howland Road, 37 Hedge Street, 21 Deane Street, 16 Paul Street, 6 Long Road, 54 Scoticut Neck Road, 476 Main Street and 147 Adams Street & intersection of Adams Street & North Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve petitions to install a new gas service at 5 Shaw Road and 30 Narragansett Boulevard. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for emergency gas leak repair at 51 Elm Avenue. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

OTHER MATTERS

The Board wished Town residents a Happy New Year.

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Participants of the 4th annual Polar Plunge in memory of Nancy Schonheinz, a victim of domestic violence, were thanked for taking part in the event.

The Standard Times named Fire Chief Timothy Francis Fairhaven's "Man of the Year". The Board congratulated the Chief and commended him for his involvement in the oil spill clean-up.

Standard Times named Doreen Nelson Fairhaven's "Woman of the Year" for her commitment to the school music program.

Mr. Silvia motioned to support the placement of a banner on the Main Street overpass to thank Brandon Howland for service to his Country. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Private 1st Class Howland is home from Iraq on a temporary leave.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:15 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss Fire Union Contract negotiations, Police Union Contract negotiations, lease proposal for Sky View Lines, the Assessors re-val and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

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Secretary

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BOARD OF SELECTMAN
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December 22, 2003

Bernice A. Alves
28 Taber Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Board of Selectmen
Town of Fairhaven
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Ma 02719

Honorable Board:

Please accept this letter of resignation as the Board of Selectmen's appointed representative to the Fairhaven Retirement Board effective January 1, 2004.

It has been my pleasure to of had the opportunity to serve for the past seven years with a knowledgeable group of individuals who have always worked diligently on behalf of the retirees of the Town of Fairhaven.

Sincerely yours,

Bernice A. Alves
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cc: Town of Fairhaven Retirement Board