

Selectmen's Meeting – February 2, 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 January 26, 2004. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2004 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HARBORMASTER

The Harbormaster and members of the Harbor Advisory Committee were in attendance. Mooring issues, the possibility of establishing mooring fees and adding more mooring areas were discussed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to take the matters under advisement. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DISPATCHERS

Police Chief and Fire Chief discussed their joint proposal for the consolidation of all public safety dispatch and communications into one centralized area in the Police Department. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the proposal. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

RACIAL PROFILING REPORT

On January 20, 2004, the Institute of Race and Justice of Northeastern University released a draft report on Racial and Gender Profiling in Massachusetts. The Police Chief submitted a response to the report. (See attached.) Discussion followed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to submit the report to the appropriate authorities. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EAST FAIRHAVEN SCHOOL PROJECT

Chris Bunnell was in attendance to request the debt exclusion vote scheduled for March 2nd be re-scheduled to March 9th. He stated the Finance Committee supports the new date and will fund the cost of the election separate from the Presidential Primary. Dr. Bowcock motioned to re-schedule to March 9th the Special Election for a ballot question (debt exclusion) on the East Fairhaven School Construction Project. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch and the Highway Superintendent attended the FEMA Meeting regarding reimbursement for the December 6th snow storm. Most likely the Town will be reimbursed 75% of the costs for snow removal.

Mr. Osuch will meet with architect Joe Booth and view the exterior of the Town Hall for needed repairs.

General bid opening for the new East Fairhaven School is scheduled for February 3rd at 12:00 noon.

District Water Planning Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on February 3rd at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Committee will meet on February 3rd.

Meeting with the Moderator is scheduled for February 4th at 3:00 p.m. to review motions for the February 11th Special Town Meeting.

Meeting with the Board of Assessors is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on February 5th.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 5th at the Board of Public Works.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Marie Ripley to the position of part-time Senior Clerk for the Department of Planning and Economic Development. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to hire Attorney Susan Weiner for a Retirement Board issue. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN CLERK

Mr. Eckenreiter read the list of Poll Workers for the March 2nd election. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the list. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Timothy Powers requested a 2004 Dredge License at no charge. (See attached memo.) The request was denied and Mr. Powers will be instructed to file a claim with Bouchard's Insurance Company.

Selectmen's Meeting – February 4, 2004

WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Waste Disposal Service Agreement with Howland Disposal Services, Inc. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Mr. Eckenreiter read the letter from Jo-Ann Richard, Director of Volunteer Services for the Community Nurse and Hospice Care, requesting use of the Town Hall Auditorium for a Hospice Fundraiser on April 24th. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Dr. Bowcock motioned to use Engineering Funds to have a legal description and drawing prepared for the acceptance of Billy's Way. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. The article will appear on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

Placement of articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant were selected by lottery

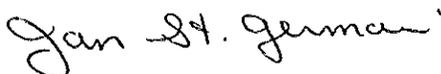
OTHER MATTERS

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Earl Holden. Mr. Holden, a former Selectman and member of the Improvement Association, passed away.

The Governor's FY 2005 budget and the MMA Action Bulletin regarding the proposed budget were discussed. (See attached.) The Governor recommends level funding for most local aid accounts.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:55 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss Police Contract negotiations, a Workers' Compensation claim, department issues concerning the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden, a letter from Judge Carey concerning possible litigation and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.



Jan St. Germain
Secretary