

Selectmen's Meeting – April 12, 2004

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Osuch – This is the re-organizational meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The first order of business is to nominate a Chairman.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to close the nominations. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock for Chairman, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Eckenreiter to serve as Board Clerk. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Eckenreiter to serve as Board Clerk, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Eckenreiter nominated Mr. Silvia to serve as Contract Compliance Officer. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve as Contract Compliance Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Eckenreiter nominated Mr. Silvia to serve as Affirmative Action Officer. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve as Affirmative Action Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Eckenreiter nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Eckenreiter nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Eckenreiter nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Eckenreiter nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Eckenreiter to serve on the Personnel Board. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Eckenreiter to serve on the Personnel Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

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Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Eckenreiter nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor

Mr. Silvia nominated Everett Macomber to serve on the Southeaster Regional Transit Authority (SRTA). Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Everett Macomber to serve on SRTA, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated William Roth to serve on the South Coast Empowerment. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of William Roth to serve on South Coast Empowerment, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve as an alternate on South Coast Empowerment. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve as an alternate on South Coast Empowerment, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Silvia nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Little Bay Conservation Management Committee. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Little Bay Conservation Management Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Because of a conflict on the nights the Historical Commission meets, Mr. Silvia asked not to be re-appointed. Anyone interested in an appointment, should submit a letter to the Selectmen's Office.

MARCH 29, 2004 MEETING

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of March 29, 2004. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2004 executive session. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE

Andrew Martin discussed the refunding of bonds. Dr. Bowcock motioned that in order to reduce interest costs, the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the sale and issuance of bonds under G. L. c. 44, §21A to refund all or any portion of the remaining principal of

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and redemption premium and interest on the Town's Municipal Purpose Loan of 1997 Bonds dated September 15, 1997 and School Project Loan, Act of 1948 Bonds dated November 15, 1999; and that for this purpose the Treasurer is authorized to provide for the preparation and distribution of a Preliminary Official Statement; provided, however, that no bonds shall be issued under this vote unless and until the final interest rates and other terms of the refunding bonds are approved by this Board. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE CHIEF

The Police Chief reviewed an article that will appear on the May 1st Special Town Meeting Warrant to amend Town By-Law, Section 150-6 Games of Chance. Mr. Silvia motioned to support the amendment (Article 13). Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Police Chief requested Stop Signs be installed at the following locations: Boston Hill Road at Alden Road and Staffon Road at Alden Road. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Letter from the Police Chief regarding the CRASHSTAT program was reviewed. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the recommendations for Center and Main Streets. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the recommendations for Main and Bridge Streets. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to conditionally appoint Louise F. Sirois and Lisa M. Cabral civilian dispatchers with the Fairhaven Police Department. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. The applicants must pass a physical and drug test.

TEIXEIRA AUTO, INC.

Lou and Gail Teixeira, owners of Teixeira's Auto, Inc., 132 Alden Road, gave an update on the progress of the building and requested a six month extension on the Class II Used Car License. They expect all building to be completed in six months. Discussion followed. Mr. Silvia motioned to grant a six month extension. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. License will expire October 15, 2004.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Board will review the memo from Jeffrey Osuch regarding the formation of a Homeland Security Planning Committee. The subject will be placed on the April 26th agenda.

Meeting with Celco Construction is scheduled for April 14th at 8:30 a.m.

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Selectmen will meet with Congressman Barney Frank at 2:15 p.m. on April 14th to discuss Atlas Tack.

Meeting with the Assessors is scheduled for April 15th at 12:30 p.m.

Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Osuch will meet with Brian Smith on April 15th at 1:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 15th at the Board of Public Works.

Pre-Town Meeting cable television show will be taped at 1:00 p.m. on April 20th at the Town Hall.

The Coalition for Buzzards Bay will hold its 16th Annual Meeting on Tuesday, April 13th beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the New Bedford Whaling Museum. The Fire Chief will be presented with the "Buzzards Bay Guardian Award" for his leadership role in the April 27, 2003 oil spill.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve a resident fee of \$50.00 and a non-resident fee of \$100.00 for dinghy storage fees at Hoppy's Landing. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the demand for direct payment to Greenwood Industries, Inc. in the amount of \$16,566.75. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Millicent Library Renovations)

ANIMAL CONTROL

\$100.00 donation to the Animal Shelter Building Fund was accepted.

The Selectmen received an invitation to attend the Animal Shelter Advisory Committee Meeting on April 13th at 6:30 p.m. The Committee will be invited to attend a future Selectmen's Meeting.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for March 2004 will be placed on file.

BRISTOL COUNTY HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM

Deadline to submit an application for Bristol County Homeland Security Grant Program is Monday, May 3rd. The Police/Fire Chiefs and the EMA Director submitted applications to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the Chiefs' application. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. Funds will be used to transfer

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communications equipment from the Fire Department to a Central Communications Center being created in the Police Department. Fairhaven's share of the grant will be approximately \$2,000.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Chairman of the Finance Committee regarding the legal budget and union contract negotiations. (See attached.) The Board took the matter under advisement.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Myra and Curtis Lopes, Co-Chairmen of the 2004 Homecoming Day Fair. (See attached.) Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve holding the Fair in the center of Town on Saturday, June 26th. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia, a past President of the Improvement Association, left the room while the matter was being discussed.

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the application for use of the Town Hall Auditorium by the Millicent Library for a movie series beginning on May 13th and waive the rental fee. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SRPEDD - JTPG

Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Robert Carey an alternate member of the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Group. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. Term to expire May 31, 2005.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Board voted on recommendations for the May 1, 2004 Special Town Meeting Warrant. (See attached.)

OLIVER STREET

Mr. Osuch will ask Jeanne Reedy if she has made a decision on the re-naming of Oliver Street.

OTHER MATTERS

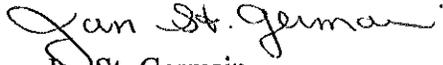
Mr. Silvia thanked Mr. Eckenreiter for his annual donation of candy and continued support of the North Fairhaven Easter Egg Hunt. Dr. Bowcock was also thanked for his

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continued financial support.

Annual Town Election was held on April 5th. The Board complemented all the candidates on a good, clean election and congratulated the winners.

At 8:05 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to adjourn. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.



Jan St. Germain
Secretary



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TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN

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GARY F. SOUZA
CHIEF OF POLICE

DONALD A. JOSEPH
LIEUTENANT

April 1, 2004

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
40 Center St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FAIRHAVEN MASS

Gentlemen:

As I informed you previously, we have instituted a CRASHSTAT program within the police department and reviewed all crash reports for the past 2 years to determine the locations where there were a large number of crashes and injuries along with the contributing factors to each crash. The next step is to use this information to take steps to reduce crashes through engineering, signage, education and targeted enforcement.

With your assistance, we are receiving assistance from SRPEDD in conducting a "corridor" evaluation of all intersections on Rt. 6 as well as the intersections of Howland Rd. and Main St. and Howland Rd at Adams Street.

While those evaluations are proceeding, the CRASHSTAT team reviewed reports of all crashes occurring at the intersections of Main and Center Sts. and Main and Middle Streets. I attach to this letter a 2 year crash analysis diagram for each intersection along with proposed signage and other proposals to attempt to alleviate the problem.

The team, including Safety Officer Macy Joseph, BPW Superintendent Robert Carey, Town Planner William Roth and I, also visited the intersections and met to brainstorm ways we can reduce crashes and thus make these intersections safer.

There are some unchangeable factors at each intersection which interfere with visibility such as buildings. But the team feels there are some cost effective measures the town can take to make these intersections safer. Accordingly, we make the following recommendations.

Main and Center Streets

1. Place no parking here to corner signs on both sides of Center Street 20 feet east of Main Street. Cars parking close to the corner of Main Street severely restrict visibility for vehicles attempting to cross or enter Main Street when traveling west of Center Street. It also makes it difficult to turn onto Center from Main Street. In any event, there is no parking allowed within 20' of any intersection in town but placement of the signs will make it clear that parking any closer is a violation. No legal parking spaces are eliminated by this placement of signs.

2. Install a no parking to corner sign on the west side of Main Street 62' north of Center Street and freshen the yellow paint on the curb. The curbing in this 62' area is painted yellow but has faded after many years. There was apparently a no parking to corner sign at this location in the past but it appears to have been broken off at the base. There is already a Bus Stop sign at the corner. Any vehicles parked in this 62' area severely curtail visibility for vehicles traveling east on Center Street which attempt to cross or enter Main Street. No additional legal parking spaces are lost by installation of this sign. These changes simply restore the parking restrictions which formerly existed.

3. A no parking to corner sign on the west side of Main Street 30' south of Center Street and paint the curb yellow. Vehicles parked in this area curtail visibility for vehicles traveling east on Center Street which attempt to cross or enter Main Street. One legal space is lost by installation of this sign.

4. Authorize me to request the Standard Times remove a newspaper box which is on the sidewalk chained to a pole on the southeast corner of Main and Center Streets. The box somewhat restricts visibility and, in any event, is on a public sidewalk requiring a permit from the Board of Selectmen pursuant to Town By Law 169-5.

5. Re-paint faded crosswalks and stop lines

Main and Bridge Streets

1. Install a no parking to corner sign on the south side of Bridge Street 35' west of Main Street. Vehicles parked within this area restrict the visibility of vehicles traveling east on Bridge Street that attempt to cross or enter Main Street. One legal parking space will be eliminated.

2. Install a no parking to corner sign on the west side of Main Street 44' north of Bridge Street. Vehicles parked within this 44' severely restrict visibility of vehicles traveling west on Bridge Street that attempt to cross or enter Main Street and, I believe, have been the primary cause for 4 crashes in 2 years. One legal parking space will be eliminated.

3. Freshen yellow paint on curb on the west side of Main Street south of Bridge Street. There is a no parking to corner sign on the west side of Main Street from the south

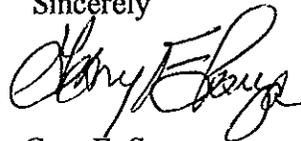
driveway of the funeral home parking lot to Bridge Street. The paint on the curb is meant to highlight the fact it is a no parking area but has become faded over the years.

4. Install a no parking to corner sign on the north side of Bridge St. from Main St. east to the parking lot entrance (approx. 52'). This action is necessary due to the problem of emergency vehicles entering or traveling on Bridge St. in that area when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street. One legal parking space will be lost.

5. Replace the faded stop signs which have lost their reflectivity with oversized, reflective stop signs.

6. Re-paint faded crosswalks and stop lines

Sincerely



Gary F. Souza
Chief of Police

SUMMARY OF CRASHSTAST TEAM RECOMMENDATIONS

CENTER AND MAIN STS.

1. No parking to corner signs on both sides of Center St. 20' east from intersection with Main St.
2. No parking to corner sign on west side of Main St. 62' north of Center St. and re-paint faded yellow paint on curb
3. No parking sign on the west side of Main St. 30' south of Center St. and paint the curb between the sign and Center St. yellow.
4. Remove newspaper box chained to pole at Main and Center Sts.
5. Re-paint faded crosswalks and stop lines

MAIN AND BRIDGE STS.

1. No parking to corner sign on south side of Bridge St. 35' west of Main St.
2. No parking to corner sign on west side of Main St. 44' north of Bridge St.
3. Freshen yellow paint on curb on west side of Main St. south of Bridge St.
4. No parking to corner sign on north side of Bridge St. 52' east of Main St.
5. Replace faded stop signs on Bridge St. with reflective oversized stop signs
6. Re-paint faded crosswalks and stop lines



PROPOSED NO PARKING TO CORNER SIGN

20'

PROPOSED NO PARKING TO CORNER SIGN

20'



STANDARD TIMES BOX

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Main

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62'

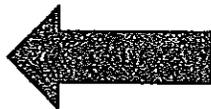
PROPOSED NO PARKING TO CORNER SIGN

CURB PAINTED YELLOW (FADED) PROPOSE RE-PAINING

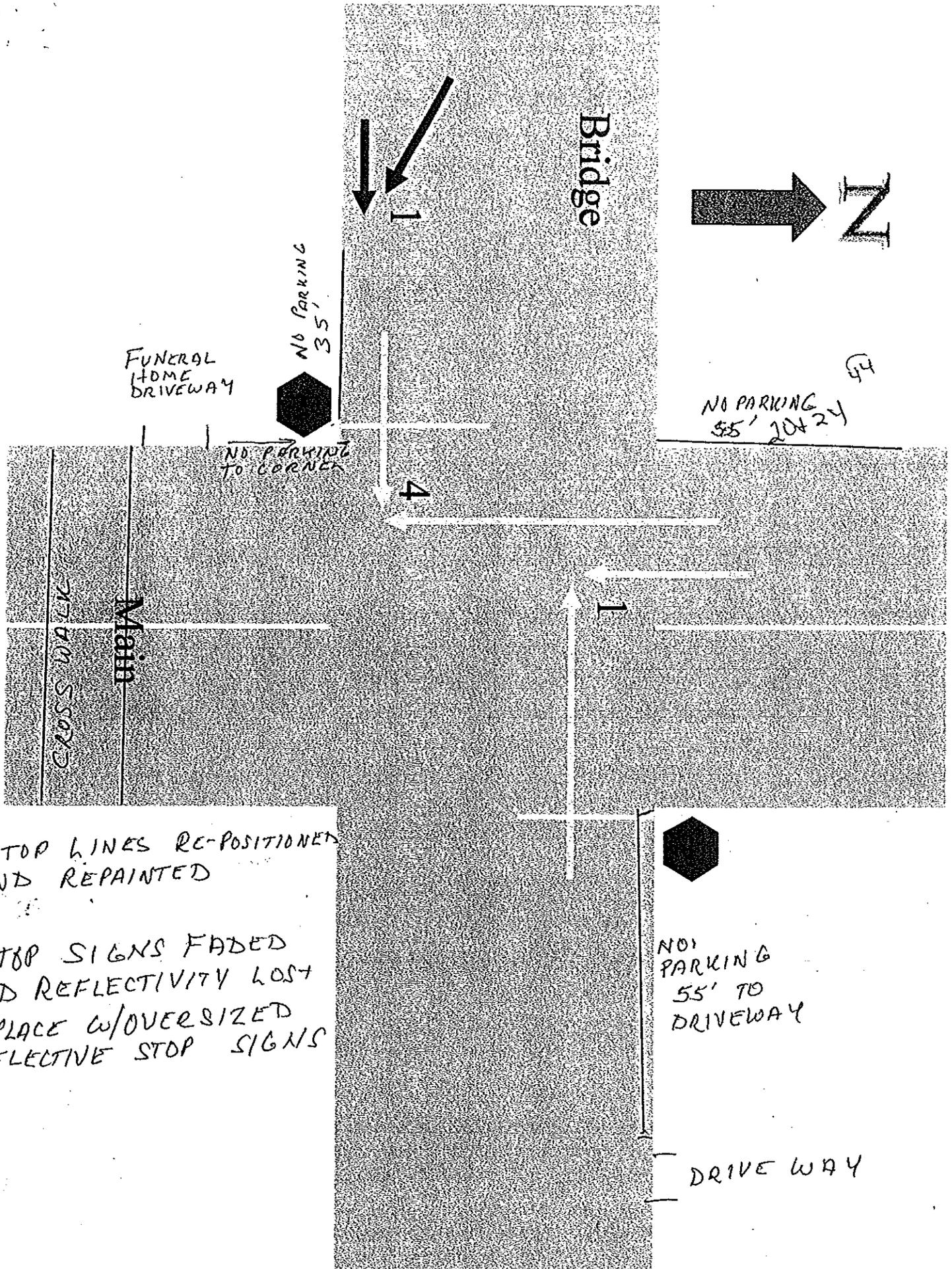
PROPOSE PAINT CURB YELLOW

30'

PROPOSED NO PARKING TO CORNER SIGN



Center



STOP LINES RE-POSITIONED AND REPAINTED

STOP SIGNS FADED AND REFLECTIVITY LOST REPLACE W/OVER SIZED REFLECTIVE STOP SIGNS

NO PARKING 55' TO DRIVEWAY

DRIVE WAY

Town Of Fairhaven
The Finance Committee

Date: April 1, 2004

To: Fairhaven Board Of Selectman
Winfred Eckenreiter, Chairman

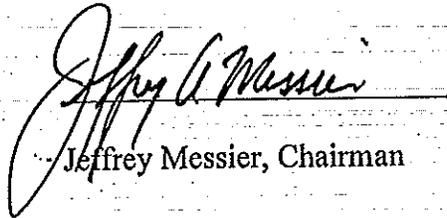
From: Fairhaven Finance Committee
Jeffrey Messier, Chairman

Re: Legal Budget / Union Contract Negotiations

The Fairhaven Finance Committee respectfully recommends that the Fairhaven Board of Selectman investigate the possible merits of putting the Legal Budget out to bid or to consider the possible benefits of hiring an In-House Attorney.

In addition, The Finance Committee would also suggest that The Board of Selectman consider the possible benefits of hiring a Professional Negotiator to negotiate union contracts on behalf of the town.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jeffrey Messier, Chairman

Cc
Selectman, Brian Bowcock
Selectman, Michael Silvia



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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FAIRHAVEN MASS

April 1, 2004

Dear Selectmen:

THE
It hardly seems possible that it is time for us to once again ask for permission to hold our Homecoming Day Fair in the center location of our town on Saturday, June 26, 2004. This will be our ninth year as co-chairmen. We are happy to inform you that we have had a hundred percent cooperation from not only our one hundred and seventy-five vendors, but also the twenty thousand people who come to our annual event.

We receive many letters from vendors praising the organization of Homecoming, the beauty of our town, and the friendly people at the Fair. Many volunteers support us. Without their help we would not be able to hold such a large event so successfully. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the many town departments and the people of Fairhaven for their support and participation in helping us to continue year after year to co-chair the much-loved family Homecoming Day Fair.

A few words from each of our selectmen at the opening of our Fair would be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

Myra A. Lopes

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Curtis L. Lopes

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Co-Chairmen

Homecoming Day Fair 2004

FOUNDED IN 1883

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN - APRIL 12, 2004

[Signature]

Michael Silva

[Signature]

cc: Bee Brown
Police Chief
Fire Chief
B P W
Board of Health
4/13/04

MAY 1, 2004 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

		REQUEST	RECOMMEND ADML	RECOMMEND FIN COM
ARTICLE 1	TOWN CHARGES			
	PLANNING BOARD - SUPPLIES	500.00	500.00	500.00
	DEPT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEV - SUPPLIES	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
	VETERANS - PURCHASE OF SERVICES	8,000.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
	ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL	AT T. M.	AT T. M.	AT T. M.
	GENERAL FUND - DEBT	6,725.35	6,725.35	6,725.36
	GENERAL FUND - INTEREST ON DEBT	2,787.55	2,787.55	2,787.55
ARTICLE 2	UNPAID BILL OF PRIOR YEARS	195.95	195.95	195.95
ARTICLE 3	LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT	1,789.00	1,789.00	1,789.00
ARTICLE 4	DECEMBER 6 & 7, 2003 SNOWSTORM			
	A. HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT SUPPLIES	14,424.00	14,424.00	14,424.00
	B. ELEMENTARY/HIGH SCHOOL	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
ARTICLE 5	NON-MANDATED SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM	ADOPTION	AT T. M.	Y. TO P.
ARTICLE 6	FAIRHAVEN COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT	ADOPTION	AT T. M.	I.P.
ARTICLE 7	LAND ACQUISITION - MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY	50,000.00	I. P.	I.P.
ARTICLE 8	REGIONAL WATER DISTRICT			
	A. ESTABLISHMENT OF A REGIONAL WATER COMMISSION	ADOPTION	ADOPTION	ADOPTION
	B. DESIGN SERVICES TO BUILD A TREATMENT PLANT	385,000.00	385,000.00	385,000.00
ARTICLE 9	WATER PURCHASE FROM NEW BEDFORD	48,700.00	48,700.00	48,700.00
ARTICLE 10	BPW BUILDING LIGHTING UPGRADE	4,688.52	4,688.52	4,688.52
ARTICLE 11	ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (WIND ENERGY FACILITIES)	ADOPTION	Y. TO P.	Y. TO P.
ARTICLE 12	ROCHA INSURANCE	19,735.00	19,735.00	19,735.00
ARTICLE 13	BY-LAW AMENDMENT (GAMES OF CHANCE)	ADOPTION	ADOPTION	Y. TO P.
ARTICLE 14	OTHER BUSINESS			