

Selectmen's Meeting – November 1, 2004

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Dr. Bowcock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

The Board congratulated the Boston Red Sox's on winning the World Series.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the minutes of October 18, 2004. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the minutes of the October 18, 2004 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Robert Foster, Moderator, was in attendance to break the impasse to appoint the third representative to the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District. The legislation states that if after 45 days, the Selectmen and the Board of Public Works can not agree on the appointment, the Moderator will break the tie. The Board of Public Works nominated Ed Fortin. The Board of Selectmen nominated Fred Raphael. Mr. Foster voted for Fred Raphael. It was so voted.

ADOPT A SHORE PROJECT

Ben Bryant, Marine Policy Specialist for the Coalition for Buzzards Bay, informed the Selectmen of the proposed program to "significantly reduce and potentially eliminate the trash buildup along the shores of the Acushnet River." The goal of the UMASS Dartmouth Chapter of Massachusetts Community Water Watch and the Coalition for Buzzards Bay is to create an Adopt-A-Shoreline program for the Acushnet River Shoreline, similar to the Adopt-A-Highway Program. (See attached.)

NSTAR ELECTRIC HEARING

NSTAR Electric Hearing was scheduled for 6:55 p.m. to act on the petitions for one pole location on Cedar Street and one 4" conduit and one handhole on Cedar Street. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearing and were present. Discussion ensued. Abutters were opposed to the pole location. Hearing was continued to 7:15 p.m. on November 15th. A representative of NSTAR Electric will be asked to attend.

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

School Superintendent, members of the School Committee and members of the Finance Committee were in attendance. FY 05 School Budget issues were discussed. (See attached information.)

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Presidential Election is tomorrow, November 2nd. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Anyone with questions about voting should contact the Town Clerk's Office.

Mattapoisett Water District meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on November 2nd at the Board of Public Works.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon on November 3rd at the Wareham Town Hall.

CPR classes for Town Hall employees will be held on November 4th from 6-9 p.m. at the Town Hall.

A representative from the Community Development Office will be at the Town Hall on November 4th at 10:30 a.m. to discuss 418 Housing Requirements and grants.

Mr. Osuch read the letter from the Police Chief regarding Officer Walter Baiardi. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to place Officer Baiardi on Permanent-Intermittent Police Officer status effective November 6, 2004. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Bids are due on Thursday, November 4th at 3:00 p.m. for Recreation Center "Emergency Masonry and Roof Repairs". Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize Jeffrey Osuch to award the contract to the low bidder. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Council on Aging will hold a luncheon on Tuesday, November 9th at 12:30 p.m. to honor Virginia Carey for her years of dedicated service to the Council on Aging.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

\$25.00 donation to the Gift Account was accepted.

CULTURAL COUNCIL

Carol Gage submitted a letter of resignation from the Cultural Council.

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FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Osuch summarized the letter from Town Counsel regarding Eastern Contractors' intent to close out the project and request payment.

SRPEDD

SRPEDD announced the release of Pictometry images by the Massachusetts Highway Department to member communities. SRPEDD will act as the regional distribution outlet on behalf of MassHighway for images and software. Mr. Silvia motioned to designate William Roth to monitor the installation of software and sign the user agreement. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NEW BEDFORD/FAIRHAVEN
BRIDGE REALIGNMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint William Roth to the Bridge Realignment Advisory Committee. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR ELECTRIC

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for one proposed pole location and removal of one pole on Grove Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 5 Raymond Street. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

STANLEY WOJCIK

This past Sunday, Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Silvia attended the retirement party for Stanley Wojcik, Executive Director of the Housing Authority, for the past 37 years. The Board wished him well in his retirement.

VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 11th is Veterans Day. Mr. Eckenreiter encouraged the public to send items to our troops in Iraq. Anyone interested in sending items may contact Mr. Eckenreiter. He will provide the address and a list of items.

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Adopt-A-Shoreline Project to Improve Acushnet River Shoreline

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Dear Fairhaven Board of Selectmen,

After years of organizing beach clean-ups the UMASS Dartmouth chapter of Massachusetts Community Water Watch and The Coalition for Buzzards Bay would like to implement a program to significantly reduce and potentially eliminate the trash build up along the shores of the Acushnet River. Our goal is to create an Adopt-A-Shoreline program for the Acushnet River Shoreline.

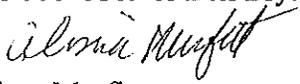
Adopt-A-Shoreline will be very similar to what Adopt-A-Highway is in Massachusetts and other parts of the country. We have 7 miles of shoreline on the Acushnet River bordering the towns of Fairhaven, New Bedford, and Acushnet. The shoreline runs past businesses, fishing docks, open space and residential neighborhoods. The project will match groups to specific areas of shoreline for monitoring and maintenance.

Clean up activity will take place monthly from April through November with a major effort organized at the beginning and end of the season. In addition The Coalition for Buzzards Bay will patrol the water in their vessel "Baykeeper" to help locate the source of the waste. Data on the trash collected will be analyzed and used to identify possible long-term remedies to the problem.

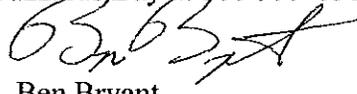
Over the next few weeks, students from UMASS Dartmouth will identify the key stakeholders along the shoreline and present them with the Adopt-A-Shoreline concept. Each property owner, neighborhood association, and business along the Acushnet River is a potential participant. Also public institutions and not-for-profit groups will be approached to adopt public access areas such as the Fairhaven boat ramp. Participants will be eligible to post a sign near the shoreline they have adopted identifying their contribution to a cleaner Acushnet River.

The idea to start an ongoing clean up of the Acushnet River began as a "Change Agent Project" for a management class at UMASS Dartmouth. Three students made it their goal to bring about change in the surrounding community. The students analyzed the current situation and documented the amount and types of trash found including rope/netting and hypodermic needles. They then approached Water Watch and The Coalition for Buzzards Bay to formalize the Adopt-A-Shoreline project.

Individuals and organizations interested in adopting a section of the Acushnet River shoreline should contact Alissa Murfitt of the Massachusetts Community Water Watch at 508-999-8169 or Ben Bryant of The Coalition for Buzzards Bay at 508-999-6363 x 214.



Alissa Murfitt
Water Watch Coordinator
UMASS Dartmouth Chapter
MA Community Water Watch



Ben Bryant
Marine Policy Specialist
The Coalition for Buzzards Bay

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FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
ADMINISTRATIVE CENTER

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Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Ralph W. Tripp, III
Assistant Superintendent
Special Education/Pupil Service.

Susan A. Whitney
Business Administrator

TO: Board of Selectmen and Finance Committee Members
Town of Fairhaven

FROM: Patricia H. Ansay, Ed.D., Superintendent

DATE: October 28, 2004

SUBJECT: **Recommendation**

The Budget Subcommittee asked me for my recommendation of any monetary needs to augment the School Department's FY'05 operating budget for presentation to the Board of Selectmen on Monday, November 1, 2004.

I feel that, as previously stated, it is necessary that the School Committee request support for:

- Any/all negotiated salary increases for the current school year (cost unknown at this time);
- Unbudgeted new Sped costs; professional services, out-of-district tuition, transportation, special needs one-on-one aides, (new students and current students in need of services (increased services)) - \$139,719
- Procurement of a financial procedural audit - \$20,300
- Creation of a "salary book" - \$5,000

As of today, I feel that the FY'05 budget is able to cover utility costs. Of concern, however, are unknowns such as the rate of utility increases, winter temperatures, and emergency repair needs.

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FAIRHAVEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS
BUDGET REPORT
FY 2005

APPROPRIATION					
FUNCTION/DESCRIPTION	APPROVED BUDGET	YEAR TO DATE EXPENDITURES 7/1/04 - 10/3/04	ENCUMBRANCES	ANTICIPATED	BUDGET BALANCE
1110 SCHOOL COMMITTEE	1,700.00	46.00	0.00		1 54.00
1210 SUPERINTENDENT	191,154.00	64,653.00	112,237.00	9,000.00	5 64.00
1220 ASST SUPERINTENDENT	6,450.00	747.00	1,445.00	2,000.00	2 58.00
1230 OTHER DISTRICT-WIDE ADMIN	0.00	750.00			50.00
1410 BUSINESS FINANCE	165,868.00	44,488.00	85,388.00	28,000.00	7 92.00
1430 SCHOOL COMMITTEE LEGAL	8,000.00	3,433.00	5,899.00	4,000.00	(5) 32.00
1435 LEGAL SETTLEMENTS	5,000.00	4,437.00	1,863.00	14,400.00	(15) 00.00
1450 DISTRICT-WIDE INFO MGMT	17,000.00	15,295.00	0.00	9,000.00	(7) 95.00
2110 CURRICULUM DIRECTORS	117,399.00	38,645.00	85,676.00		(6) 22.00
2210 SCHOOL LEADERSHIP	953,615.00	184,086.00	692,627.00	76,902.00	0.00
2250 BUILDING TECHNOLOGY	88,311.00	38,003.00	7,286.00	1,300.00	41 22.00
2305 TEACHERS CLASSROOM	7,386,739.00	1,121,252.00	6,132,461.00	42,000.00	91 26.00
2310 TEACHER SPECIALISTS	41,048.00	0.00	0.00		41 48.00
2320 MEDICAL THERAPEUTIC	0.00	2,786.00	1,675.00	2,000.00	(6) 61.00
2325 SUBSTITUTE TEACHERS	132,050.00	17,670.00	0.00	140,000.00	(25) 20.00
2330 PARAPROFESSIONALS	746,454.00	156,975.00	661,941.00	60,000.00	(132) 62.00
2340 LIBRARIANS	147,179.00	21,847.00	124,985.00		47.00
2351 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP	10,299.00	0.00	780.00	10,000.00	(81.00)
2353 STAFF PROFESSIONAL DAYS	500.00	80.00	0.00		20.00
2354 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SUBS	6,000.00	3,215.00	0.00	1,000.00	1 85.00
2355 PROFESSIONAL DEV. STIPENDS/EXPENSES	89,850.00	11,761.00	25,101.00	25,000.00	27 88.00
2410 TEXTBOOKS/RELATED SOFTWARE	148,785.00	90,902.00	1,966.00	45,000.00	10 17.00
2415 OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS	12,950.00	8,757.00	2,346.00	1,847.00	0.00
2420 INSTRUCTIONAL EQUIPMENT	23,800.00	14,111.00	1,577.00	8,112.00	0.00
2430 GENERAL SUPPLIES	107,184.00	81,193.00	14,230.00	10,000.00	1 61.00
2451 CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY	116,662.00	8,548.00	6,487.00	90,000.00	11 27.00
2453 OTHER INSTRUCTIONAL HARDWARE	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	0.00
2455 INSTRUCTIONAL SOFTWARE	17,700.00	605.00	6,796.00	10,299.00	0.00
2710 GUIDANCE	324,431.00	59,723.00	266,101.00		(1) 93.00
2720 TESTING	6,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	2 30.00
2800 PSYCHOLOGICAL SERVICES	422,035.00	59,791.00	366,412.00		(4) 68.00
3100 ATTENDANCE SERVICES	3,200.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	2 30.00
3200 HEALTH SERVICES	143,298.00	21,633.00	85,005.00	35,000.00	1 60.00
3300 TRANSPORTATION	431,700.00	35,903.00	395,597.00	3,000.00	(2) 00.00
3308 SPED COLLABORATIVE TRANSPORTATION	43,200.00	0.00	43,200.00		0.00
3312 SPED PRIVATE TRANSPORTATION	249,450.00	7,640.00	241,810.00		0.00
3400 FOODSERVICE	0.00	5,755.00	0.00		(5) 55.00
3510 ATHLETICS	264,006.00	92,061.00	90,713.00	81,232.00	0.00
3520 OTHER STUDENT ACTIVITIES	52,051.00	179.00	14,336.00	37,536.00	0.00
3600 SCHOOL SECURITY	41,454.00	7,088.00	14,157.00	20,209.00	0.00
4110 CUSTODIAL SERVICES	542,163.00	182,226.00	329,583.00	30,354.00	0.00
4120 HEATING OF BUILDINGS	319,600.00	3,185.00	297,937.00	25,000.00	(6) 22.00
4130 UTILITIES	298,794.00	59,382.00	231,678.00		7 34.00
4210 MAINTENANCE OF GROUNDS	1,000.00	209.00	200.00	500.00	91.00
4220 MAINTENANCE OF BUILDINGS	307,932.00	110,219.00	124,674.00	73,039.00	0.00
4225 BUILDING SECURITY SYSTEMS	200.00	0.00	0.00		30.00
4230 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	13,371.00	5,021.00	4,122.00	4,000.00	28.00
4550 TECH ED	0.00	20,186.00	41,559.00		(61) 45.00
5260 OTHER INSURANCE	3,300.00	0.00	3,190.00		10.00
9100 TUITION TO MASS SCHOOLS	323,287.00	49,541.00	242,947.00	15,000.00	15 39.00
9300 TUITION TO NON-PUBLIC SCHOOLS	359,665.00	184,887.00	78,586.00		96 32.00
9301 TUITION TO COLLABORATIVES	350,000.00	0.00	77,182.00		272 18.00
TOTALS	15,044,834.00	2,838,914.00	10,921,755.00	922,230.00	361 15.00

PRELIMINARY LIST OF REVENUES AND POSSIBLE EXPENDITURES

\$ 2,108,000. SURPLUS REVENUE – JULY 1, 2004
- 1,600,000. AMT. USED AT MAY 2004 ATM – RESERVED FOR MAY 2005 ATM
\$ 508,000. AVAILABLE FOR STM FY 05 OR ATM FY 06
+ 203,000. NEW ONE TIME CHERRY SHEET MONEY (SHOULD NOT BE
USED FOR REACCURING EXPENSE. -- SEN. MONTIGNY)
\$ 711,000.

\$ 112,000. AVAILABLE CIRCUIT BREAKER MONEY AUGUST 2004 ON
ACCOUNT (SCHOOL MONEY)
\$ 239,000.± ADDITIONAL CIRCUIT BREAKER MONEY
(\$398,000.) FY 04 35% REIMBURSEMENT RATE
(\$637,250.) FY 05 72% REIMBURSEMENT RATE - PROJECTED

BUDGET ISSUES

\$100-150,000.± ATLAS TACK LEGAL DEFENSE
\$35,000. ± POLICE RETIREMENT CASHOUTS
\$4,500. ± POLICE LOCKUP
\$15,000. ± GASOLINE ALL DEPTS
\$30,000. ± TOWN COMPUTER SYSTEM REPAIRS
\$100-200,000.± ADDITIONAL HEAT & ELECTRICITY COSTS
\$100,000. ± SPRING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

RAISES ALL DEPARTMENTS

1% \$185,000. ±
2% \$370,000. ±
3% \$555,000. ±

FUTURE FY 06 ISSUES

\$38,000. POLICE RESOURCE OFFICERS SCHOOLS
\$25,000. TREE DEPARTMENT FULL TIME HELP



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CHIEF OF POLICE

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DONALD A. JOSEPH
LIEUTENANT

November 1, 2004

Board of Selectmen
Town Hall
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Gentlemen:

Officer Walter Baiardi has requested to be placed on Permanent-Intermittent, Police Officer status effective November 6, 2004. He previously submitted a letter to you asking to be placed on a leave of absence. He now requests that you disregard that first letter.

Officer Baiardi informed me of this change of request just prior to leaving for the State Police Academy. He was only notified this past Thursday that he would be in the class starting today.

I recommend you act favorably on his request to be placed on permanent-intermittent status pursuant to Article V of the contract between the Town and Local 381.

I do not expect him to remain on intermittent status beyond graduation from the State Police Academy due to the inherent conflict in being both a local and state police officer.

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BOARD OF SELECTMEN
FAIRHAVEN, MASS

Sincerely

Gary F. Souza
Chief of Police

APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN - NOVEMBER 1, 2004

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