

Selectmen's Meeting – January 10, 2005

Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Eckenreiter were present. Due to illness, Mr. Silvia was absent.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of December 27, 2004. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the December 27, 2004 executive session. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of December 28, 2004. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted.

#### NSTAR ELECTRIC HEARING

Charlie Tavares representing NSTAR Electric was in attendance. Continuation of the hearing for a pole on Eaton Road was called to order. The pole was installed to get the station on line in the quickest and most economical way. The Board of Public Works approved the pole location. The individual opposing the location was not present. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to continue the hearing to January 24<sup>th</sup> and NSTAR will notify the individual.

#### SCHOOL COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE

Members of the School Committee, Finance Committee and School Superintendent discussed the FY 05 and FY 06 Town Budget and School Department Budget. (See attached.) School Department needs an additional \$155,632. to fund FY 05 salary increases.

#### BOAT RAMP FEES/MOORING FEES

Mooring fees were discussed with the Harbormaster. According to Massachusetts General Law, residents and non-residents must be charged the same amount. Discussion followed. At present, mooring stickers are \$10.00 per year. Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to charge a per foot mooring fee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to charge a \$1.00 per foot. The motion was not seconded. Dr. Bowcock motioned to charge \$2.00 per foot. The motion was not seconded. The issues will be placed on the January 24<sup>th</sup> agenda.

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#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch and Mr. Roth will attend a DHCH meeting in Milford on January 11<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District will meet at 4:30 p.m. on January 11<sup>th</sup> at the Board of Public Works.

Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Osuch will meet with Brian B. Smith on January 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon on January 19<sup>th</sup> at the Wareham Town Hall.

Joe Booth from Dyer Brown Architects will prepare a proposal for the High School gym.

The Board will review the Selectmen's Annual Report and advise Mr. Osuch of any changes.

John Nunes will begin work on February 14, 2005. He is the new Treasurer/Director of Finance.

The Town will receive a grant in the amount of \$11,250. from the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs for the completion of a Water Conservation Plan.

#### ANIMAL SHELTER

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$75.00 were accepted.

A donation to the Gift Account in the amount of \$22,623.43 from the estate of Valeria Wolanski was accepted.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Commissioner submitted a request for legal services for a Housing Court Trial for 25 Briercliff Road for violations of the Zoning By-Laws. Mr. Eckenreiter requested addition information. No action was taken on the request.

Construction Report for December 2004 will be placed on file.

#### COUNCIL ON AGING

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to appoint Lois Curley an Associate member of the Council on Aging. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted.

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David Ward, and Associate member of the Council on Aging, will be asked if he would like to be appointed a full member.

Letter from the Recreation Director to Deborah Jenkins, Director of the Council on Aging, was discussed. The Recreation Director requests use of the COA for an evening program. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve Ms. Tavares request and both Directors work out the details. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted.

#### INDUSTRIAL FINANCING AUTHORITY

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Elizabeth Isherwood-Moore notifying the Board of her resignation from the Industrial Financing Authority. (See attached.) The Selectmen thanked her for the time served on the Board. Anyone interested in appointment should contact the Selectmen's Office.

#### RETIREMENT BOARD

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Retirement Board announcing a vacancy. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Jeffrey Osuch to the Retirement Board. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted.

The Fairhaven Retirement Board requested that Mary Sturgeon be provided with permanent part-time benefits. Dr. Bowcock motioned to add Mary Sturgeon to the health insurance plan. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted.

#### WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Waste Disposal Services Agreements with ABC Disposal, Inc., Frade's Disposal, Inc. and Howland's Disposal Service, Inc. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted.

#### 2005 LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve renewal of the Liquor License for Vila Verde Restaurant. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve the following Common Victualer Licenses: McDonald's, Cal's Roast Beef and Seafood, and Palace Pizza. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve renewal of Class II Car Dealer License for Dussault Auto Sales. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted.

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Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to approve renewal of the Entertainment License for Pocket Family Billiards. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted.

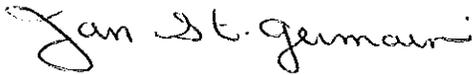
Letters will be sent to all the establishments that have not renewed their 2005 licenses. They will be requested to appear at the next Selectmen's Meeting.

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Board congratulated Stanley Wojcik for being named "Man of the Year" by the Standard Times. Mr. Wojcik was the Director of the Fairhaven Housing Authority.

The Board congratulated Bernice Bromberg for being named "Woman of the Year" by the Standard Times. Mrs. Bromberg, who passed away earlier this year, was very active in the Fairhaven Animal Shelter.

At 9:05 p.m., Mr. Eckenreiter motioned to adjourn. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted.



Jan St. Germain  
Secretary

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

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**MEMO TO:** Mr. Jeffrey Osuch, Executive Secretary to the Selectman and  
Mr. Andrew Martin, Town Treasurer, Town of Fairhaven  
Fairhaven School Committee

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

**Date:** January 6, 2005

**Subject:** Staff Raises - Additional Funding Needs

Per your request, I have estimated the following cost increases relative to staff raises resulting from recently negotiated agreements between Andrew Tillett, School Committee Chairman, and the Teacher's Union. Other units are estimated.

	FY 05	FY06	FY07
Teachers (Base)	77,647	628,905	592,504
Guidance/S.W. (Base)	5,186	24,612	22,853
Longevity	21,850	11,050	(12,675)
Stipends (Clubs, Activities, Athletics)	8,875	13,530	7,122
<b>Teacher Increase Sub-Total</b>	<b>113,558</b>	<b>678,097</b>	<b>609,804</b>
Substitutes (new daily rate)	-	20,000	-
Aides	9,136	33,610	47,648
Clerks	6,298	16,989	15,371
Clerks Sped Adjustment	5,000	15,000	10,000
Custodians/Maintenance	6,079	18,360	18,915
Nurses	1,520	4,591	4,730
Nurse Adjustment	-	46,500	-
Administration	14,041	42,274	36,861
<b>Estimated Other Employees Base Sub-Total</b>	<b>42,074</b>	<b>177,324</b>	<b>133,525</b>
<b>Totals</b>	<b>155,632</b>	<b>875,421</b>	<b>743,329</b>
Increase Over Fy'05 Approved Budget of 15,044,832	155,632	1,031,053	1,774,382
<b>Estimated New Totals</b>	<b>15,200,464</b>	<b>16,075,885 *</b>	<b>16,819,214 *</b>

\*Without operating budget increases.

OPTION 3 Aide Increases/accumulative 05-06 all staff  
"...we shall provide each and every child with the values, knowledge, and skill needed to achieve full potential in his or her personal and work life and to contribute actively to the civic and economic life of our diverse and changing democratic society."

*FY 05*

*FY06*

*FY07*

*16,075,885 estimated salaries and operating*

*702,113 operating budget increase*

*16,777,998 new FY'06 w/o new personnel*

*15,044,832 original FY'05 budget*

*1,733,166 total estimated increase over FY'05  
approved budget of \$15,044,832*

**Dr Ansay**

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**From:** "Mike Gilbert" <mgilbert@masc.org>  
**To:** "MASC INFO" <mascinfo@masc.org>; <mascsec@masc.org>  
**Sent:** Friday, January 07, 2005 5:28 PM  
**Subject:** [Mascsec] Governor announces increases in local aid for FY06 budgetproposal



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mitt romney  
 governor  
 kerry healey  
 lieutenant governor

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**  
 January 7, 2005

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**ROMNEY PLEDGES 4.3 PERCENT BOOST IN LOCAL AID OVER LAST YEAR**  
*Additional funds to support schools, police, fire and basic municipal services*

At the annual meeting of the Massachusetts Municipal Association, Governor Mitt Romney today disclosed that his upcoming budget for Fiscal Year 2006 will boost the amount of state aid to cities and towns by 4.3 percent over the spending plan he signed last year.

“Over the past two years, the Commonwealth has partnered with our cities and towns to manage through some difficult times,” Romney said. “Now, times are better and the state is once again in a position to send more money back to our cities and towns.”

The budget recommendation that Romney files later this month for the fiscal year that begins July 1 will propose to increase the local aid distribution to communities from \$4.237 billion to \$4.420 billion, a \$183 million hike.

Specifically, Romney announced that:

- Direct education spending – known as Chapter 70 – will rise by an estimated \$81 million, from \$3.183 billion to \$3.264 billion.
- An additional \$100 million will be allocated to cities and towns through the lottery, increasing that account to \$761 million. This move makes permanent the one-time \$75 million payment cities and towns received last summer after the original Fiscal Year 2005 budget was signed, plus increases it by another \$25 million.
- The category of local aid known as Payment in Lieu of Taxes, or PILOT, which compensates cities and towns where tax-exempt state properties are located, will go up by 20 percent, from \$12.5 million to \$15 million.

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Romney will also propose accelerating the five-year schedule to uncap the lottery, beginning in 2006 instead of 2007. The cap was imposed before Romney took office, but the Governor said the state's brightened fiscal picture makes it possible to phase the cap out sooner.

Romney told the mayors and selectmen that he admires and appreciates the work that they do for the people who elected them.

"Local government is the core of our democratic republic. From public works to development and zoning, you make sure that every basic good and service is delivered. You are on the front lines. We know your job is hard, and Lieutenant Governor Healey and I appreciate the work that you do," said Romney.

Other details of the Governor's budget will be made available when it is filed with the Legislature on January 26.

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# TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN PRELIMINARY REVENUE PROJECTION F/Y 2006

**GENERAL FUND**

	F/Y 05 BUDGET	F/Y 06 AVAILABLE	INCREASE
TAX LEVY (exhibit 1)	17,531,490	18,397,778	866,288
STATE AID	10,361,685	10,361,685	-
LOCAL RCPTS (Exh.2)	3,200,000	3,300,000	100,000
SURPLUS REVENUE(Exh.3)	1,600,000	1,600,000	-
<b>OTH AVAIL REV-RECOMMENDED</b>			
Waterway Fd.	20,000	20,000	-
Ambulance Fd.	417,862	420,000	2,138
Tourism Fd.	103,515	105,000	1,485
Stabilization Fd.			
Transfer	463,608	262,885	(200,723)
Title V recpts. Res'd	30,343	30,000	(343)
COSTS RAISED IN WATER FD.	219,782	205,000	(14,782)
COSTS RAISED IN SEWER FD.	270,774	255,000	(15,774)
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>34,219,059</b>	<b>34,957,348</b>	<b>738,289</b>

**RESTRICTED REVENUE:**

    Waterway Fund  
    Ambulance Fund  
    Tourism Fund  
    Title V Receipts 7/1/03

**SURPLUS REVENUE:**

Certified 'free cash' July 1, 2004	2,108,650
Reserved for f/y 05 special town meetings	508,650
<b>AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR F/Y 06</b>	<b>1,600,000</b>

**FISCAL YEAR 2006 TAX LEVY LIMITATION**

TO CALCULATE THE F/Y 06 LEVY LIMIT:

A. F/Y 05 LEVY LIMIT		17,330,995
B. ADD: (A) X 2.5 %		433,275
C. ADD F/Y 06 NEW GROWTH (1)		125,000
D. ADD F/Y 06 DEBT EXCLUSION (2)		508,508
E. F/Y 06 SUB-TOTAL		18,397,778
F. F/Y 06 FULL AND FAIR CAH VALUE (3)		46,287,261
G. F/Y 06 LEVY LIMIT (Lessor of E or F)		18,397,778
(I) Estimated growth (new valuations to be multiplied by current tax rate (ave.))		10,000,000
		X12.50
		125,000
(2) High School & elem.school design		
Debt Payment	1,662,841	
Less: State Aid	1,154,333	
TOTAL DEBT EXCLUSION:		508,508
F/Y 05 TOTAL VALUATION		1,841,490,449
ADD: New Growth Estimated		10,000,000
		1,851,490,449
		X 2.5%
(3) TOTAL		46,287,261
F/Y 06 LEVY LIMIT (Line G)		18,397,778
LESS F/Y 05 TAX LEVY		17,531,490
ALLOWABLE F/Y 06 TAX LEVY INCREASE		866,288

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1-10-05

**ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR FY 06**

ARTICLE 4	FY 05	FY 06 EST.	DIFFERENCE +
GENERAL - ALL DEPARTMENTS INCREASE IN HEAT, LIGHT AND GASOLINE - FY 04 \$1.2 M			
ASSUME ADDITIONAL 10-15% NEEDED FOR FY 06 =			\$120 - \$180,000.00
4. AUDIT	\$30,000.00	\$38,000.00	\$8,000.00
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45 MILLICENT LIBRARY	\$515,844.00	\$535,000.00	\$20,000.00
49. CONTRI. RETIREMENT	\$1,534,546.00		\$70,000.00
50. GROUP INSURANCE	\$3,230,000.00		\$0-\$150,000.00
55. TOWN INSURANCE	\$575,000.00	\$625,000.00	\$50,000.00
57. FICA	\$225,000.00	\$235,000.00	\$10,000.00
61. DEBT-GENERAL FUND-ELEM. SCHOOL			<u>\$90,000.00</u>
			\$575,175.-\$885,175.00
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NEW COPY MACHINE		\$10,000.00	
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BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
FAIRHAVEN MASS

December 17, 2004

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

Gentlemen:

Please accept this letter as notification of my resignation to the Fairhaven Industrial Financing Authority because I no longer live in Fairhaven.

While the committee has not been very active over the past few years, I wanted to notify you so that you could appoint another individual before there was a matter that required the attention of the IDFA.

I have enjoyed serving on the IDFA and wish the town well.

Very truly yours,

  
Elizabeth Isherwood-Moore

cc: Town Clerk 1/11/05



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**TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN  
MASSACHUSETTS  
OFFICE OF THE  
RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
TOWN HALL  
(508) 979-4020**

November 15, 2004

**BOARD OF SELECTMEN  
40 Centre Street  
Fairhaven, Ma. 02719**

Re: Chapter 306, Acts of 1996

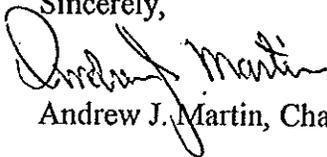
Dear Board:

As you are aware, a reform of the above mentioned act created a new five member retirement board for municipal systems (Sec. 26) of which one member is to be appointed by the appointing authority (Mayor or Bd. of Selectmen) of a city or town.

Your appointed member, Bernice Alves, resigned in January, 2004. The Board of Selectmen was advised and as yet has not appointed a new member. In order to be in compliance, the Fairhaven Retirement Board requests that you appoint a member.

If you have any questions or need further assistance please advise.

Sincerely,

  
Andrew J. Martin, Chairman

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