

Selectmen's Meeting – May 15, 2006 

Mr. Eckenreiter, Mr. Manzone and Mr. Silvia were present.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of May 1, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of the May 1, 2006 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Marc Jodoin, Director of Emergency Management, requested a sub-committee be formed to evaluate the department. Mr. Manzone motioned to form a study committee of five members. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. An announcement will be placed on the cable TV community bulletin board. Deadline to apply is Tuesday, May 30, 2006.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Don Gifford and Paul Sadeck Harbormaster Assistants and Deputy Shellfish Constables. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Terms to expire May 31, 2007.

VACATE OF TAX FORECLOSURE

The Director of Finance reported that on June 11, 2004, the Town took possession of property at 23 Kane Street for non-payment of taxes. The owner (Joseph L. Gonsalves) is requesting the foreclosure be vacated and the property returned to him. Mr. Gonsalves is willing to pay all back taxes and all legal fees that have been/will be incurred for this transfer. Mr. Manzone motioned to allow the deed to be vacated and Mr. Gonsalves be allowed to pay the back taxes/legal fees and retake ownership of the property. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Water District Meeting is scheduled for May 16, 2006 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

East Fairhaven School Job Meeting is scheduled for May 17, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. at the site. Additional meetings for the school project are scheduled for 9:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. on May 17th.

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EPA will hold an Atlas Tack Meeting on May 18, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Retirement Board will meet on May 22, 2006 at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Bid opening for Fairhaven Wind Turbine Proposal is scheduled for May 22, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon in Wareham on May 24th.

Mr. Silvia motioned to have the Chairman sign the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Office of Emergency Medical Services "EMS Service Plan Application". Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign Change Order #1 to the contract with Agostini Construction Co., Inc., 243 Narragansett Park Drive, Providence, RI 02916 for the East Fairhaven School Project in the amount of \$18,069. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to re-appoint William Roth to the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group and to appoint Ronald Manzone the alternate. Mr. Manzone seconded. Vote was unanimous. Terms to expire May 31, 2007.

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Albert Borges to represent the Board of Selectmen on the SRPEDD Commission. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Term to expire May 31, 2007.

Mr. Manzone motioned to re-appoint Alfred Raphael to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Three year term)

Mr. Manzone motioned to support the request from Albert Martin to place a plaque at Benoit Square in memory of Lance Corporal Patrick J. Gallagher. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Chief will be on vacation May 12th through May 20th.

The Police Chief submitted a letter questioning retroactive pay to former officers who have either retired or resigned. Mr. Osuch will contact Town Counsel for additional information.

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Gary Souza a Constable. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Term to expire May 31, 2007.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for May 2006 will be placed on file.

FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

Mr. Manzone motioned to support the First Congregational Church of Fairhaven's Massachusetts Preservation Project Fund Emergency fund request for building repairs. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FAIRHAVEN IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request for the "Music in the Center" Summer Concert Series. Mr. Eckenreiter seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia abstained. (Mr. Silvia, a past President of the Improvement Association, left the meeting when the request was discussed.)

LITTLE BAY

The family of Matthew Lovegrove requests permission to place a bench at the end of Little Bay in Matthew's memory. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NORWAY'S INDEPENDENCE DAY

Barbara Medhaug requested the Norwegian flag be flown at the Town Hall on May 17th, Norway's Independence Day. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petitions for gas line maintenance at 31 Brook Drive and 13 Reservation Road. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

UNION CONTRACTS

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign the Police Union Contract. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign the Clerical Union Contract. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Manzone motioned to sign the Fire Union Contract. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

UNION WHARF

E. Jeffrey Pontiff of Pontiff Real Estate requests a meeting with the Board of Selectmen to discuss the MacLean's Seafood property. An appointment will be scheduled on the May 30th agenda.

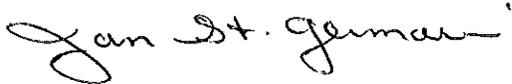
OTHER MATTERS

Jeffrey Osuch and John Roderiques were thanked for working hard and presenting a balanced budget to Town Meeting.

The Board apologized to Al Benac for the manner in which his request for additional funding for the Fine Arts Department was handled at Town Meeting.

Mr. Eckenreiter attended the funeral of Lance Corporal Michael Ford from New Bedford, who was recently killed in Iraq.

At 7:20 p.m., Mr. Manzone motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.



Jan St. Germain
Secretary