

Selectmen's Meeting – June 19, 2006 6:45 p.m.

Mayor Lang's Office – New Bedford

Present: Mayor Scott Lang, Tom Davis, Representative from Barney Frank's Office, Mayor's Aide, Winfred Eckenreiter, Ronald Manzone, Michael Silvia and Jeffrey Osuch.

Mayor Lang requested a meeting with Fairhaven Board of Selectmen to discuss the federal \$1.4 million design study for the Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge. Mayor Lang wants to reduce the study amount to \$400,000. and request that Representative Barney Frank, along with Senators Kennedy and Kerry, reallocate the \$1 million to build roads in the New Bedford Industrial Park.

Tom Davis explained what the \$1 million was for: to expand existing roadways to vacant land, to be leased to new or expanding businesses to create jobs. A long discussion followed on the bridge, the different options, ranging from a bridge at the same location, to an elevated bridge to a causeway from Fairhaven to Route 18 north of Wamsutta Street area.

The Board of Selectmen were agreeable to the Mayor's request as long as \$400,000. was adequate to move forward with a bridge in the same location. Tom Davis and the Mayor's staff to contact the Harbor Development Commission, New Bedford Planning Office, SRPEDD and anyone else who may have information to prior completed bridge studies.

Mayor Lang and Tom Davis will get back to the Board of Selectmen once the information is compiled to seek final approval from the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



Jeffrey W. Osuch
Executive Secretary