

Selectmen's Meeting -- June 26, 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 June 12, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2006 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of June 19, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

LANCE CORPORAL PATRICK GALLAGHER MEMORIAL

Al Martin updated the Board on plans for a memorial to Lance Corporal Patrick Gallagher, a former resident of North Fairhaven, who was killed in Iraq on April 2, 2006. A memorial plaque will be placed at Benoit Square. The dedication ceremony will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 8th. Mr. Osuch will meet with Mr. Martin to finalize plans for the ceremony. Each of the Selectmen will contribute to the cost of the plaque.

SRPEDD ROUTE 6 TRAFFIC STUDY

James Hadfield, Director of Highway Planning for SRPEDD, Lilia Cabral, Transportation Planner for SRPEDD and the Police Chief were present. Mr. Hadfield summarized the draft copy of "Fairhaven the Route 6 Corridor Safety Study". (See attached.) The Board will review the information and then contact SRPEDD with any proposed safety improvements to the Route 6 corridor. An application must then be submitted to Massachusetts Highway Department.

HARBORMASTER/SHELLFISH WARDEN

The Harbormaster requested permission to carry over 3 ½ vacation days. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Town department heads were in attendance and discussion ensued on hurricane preparedness. Mr. Manzone motioned to give the Fire Chief permission to test telephone lines to Town departments to the Fire Station. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Police Chief will prepare a press release on mandatory evacuation. A meeting with

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department heads and NSTAR Electric is scheduled for July 31st at 6:30 p.m. at the Fire Station.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Board of Public Works will meet at 6:30 p.m. on June 27, 2006.

East Fairhaven School Job Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 28, 2006 at the site.

Meeting to discuss furniture for the new East Fairhaven School is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on June 29, 2006.

Finance Committee will meet on June 29, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Osuch summarized letters from Mayor Lang regarding improvements to the New Bedford/Fairhaven Bridge and "reprogramming of \$1.4 million earmarked in the 2005 highway transportation bill for feasibility study to relocate New Bedford/Fairhaven Bridge". (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to send a letter to Congressman Barney Frank stating support of Mayor Lang's request to reallocate a portion of the \$1.4 million appropriated from the 2005 Highway Transportation Bill for the New Bedford/Fairhaven Bridge. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (\$400,000. to be budgeted for a comprehensive study of alternatives to modernize and relocate the bridge and \$1,000,000. to be earmarked for a new public road in the New Bedford Business Park.)

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign the "Written Statement Regarding Preliminary Assessment that the License (Franchise) of Comcast of Massachusetts I, Inc. Should Not Be Renewed". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jeffrey Osuch, John Nunes and Jeanne Reedy will meet with representatives of Brahmin Leather tomorrow.

Mr. Manzone motioned to renew the Workers Compensation Policy with MEGA. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone motioned to award the Stop Loss contract to Companion Insurance with a specific deductible of \$75,000. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY

The Commission on Disability requests permission to loan an obsolete computer to the Council on Aging. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Officer Pamela Bourgault a temporary Sergeant effective July 9, 2006 until September 9, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Effective July 1, 2006, Fairhaven Police Officers will wear dark blue shirts know as either LAPD blue or dark navy blue.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Letter of resignation from Renee Tavares effective July 7th was accepted with regret. The Board wished her the best in her new job.

Mr. Manzone motioned to appoint Tom Cooney, Acting Recreation Director. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Selectmen will review the job description for Recreation Director.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER

A letter of resignation was received from Joyce Shepard, effective August 1st. The Board wished her the best and their thought and prayers are with her and her husband.

Mr. Manzone motioned to adjust John Nunes salary by 2% effective July 1, 2006 and 2% January 1, 2007. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Osuch read the Massachusetts School Building Authority High School Project Maintenance Certificate. (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to have Mr. Eckenreiter sign the certificate. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TREE DEPARTMENT

A letter was received from Clarisse Pires requesting a Town tree at 10 Brook Drive be removed.

Tree Warden submitted a letter explaining that the tree is in “deplorable condition, the roots are uprooting the homeowner’s driveway and sidewalk and is very hazardous.” The tree was posted today for removal.

Mr. Manzone motioned to continue this matter to July 10th. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT

Mr. Osuch summarized the letters from Tata & Howard regarding bonding for the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District. (See attached.) Mr. Manzone motioned to move forward with the project. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN HALL

Town Hall employees submitted a request to close the Town Hall on Monday, July 3, 2006. Employees would charge the day off to either a vacation day or a personal day. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Selectmen will meet on the following dates: July 10th and July 24th, and August 7th and August 21st.

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas main on Adams Street from Huttleston Avenue to 97 Adams Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for a new gas service at 6 Bay Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas facilities at 9 & 11 Laurel Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 510 Sconticut Neck Road. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the petition to install a gas main and services on Windsor Street from the intersection of Sycamore Street to intersection of Main Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

OTHER MATTERS

The Lopes family and the Fairhaven Improvement Association were thanked for all the work they did for the Annual Homecoming Day Fair. The Fair was cancelled because of rain.

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Because of rain, Miles for Matty Road Race was re-scheduled for August 27th.

Annual Father's Day Road Race was held last Sunday. Over 7,000 runners participated in the 5k and 10k race.

The Board wished residents a happy and safe July 4th.

A letter will be sent to Douglas Wine and Spirits to commend their employees for refusing to sell liquor to a 24 year old customer trying to buy for teenagers.

A letter will be sent to the Board of Public Works requesting a Town Auction be scheduled.

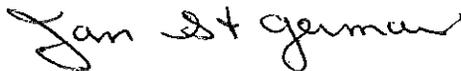
Mr. Manzone motioned to request a legal opinion from Town Counsel on Jeffrey Osuch's involvement with Board of Public Works issues and contracts. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE UNION GRIEVANCES

A Police Union Grievance Hearing was scheduled for 8:00 p.m. to hear grievances #1, #2 and #3. The Union requested the hearing be held in executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:00 p.m., Mr. Manzone motioned to go into executive session to discuss Police Union Grievances, MacLean's Seafood, wind turbine proposal report, salary increase for Jeffrey Osuch and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.



Jan St. Germain
Secretary

GREATER NEW BEDFORD ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE (AMI)

Applicant name: The Greater New Bedford Workforce Investment Board

Industry Focus: **Advanced Manufacturing:** Alberox/Morgan Advanced Ceramics (Ceramics and Metals), Precix, Inc/Acushnet Rubber (Elastomeric Seals), Aerovox (AC Film Capacitors), Lockheed Martin/Sippican (Naval Electronics)

Challenges: De-Industrialization throughout the region compounded with an ever-growing need to remain competitive in a global economy presents a need for manufacturers to look at new ways to innovate, run lean and reduce costs associated with turnover and retraining. New demands for ISO-type and other certifications are essential to compete for projects. True orchestration between education, workforce development and economic development is only at its infant stage and needs to further develop a comprehensive regional economic transformation strategy that will support and highlight areas for high growth opportunities as well as strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) of each town.

Addressing these challenges is two-fold in that it expands the capacity of the community college and the region to develop and deliver demand-driven manufacturing skills training and it also better positions the region to respond and align to economic, workforce and educational demands of the future. Business partners will assist with identifying, developing, and evaluating competencies along side the community college for a number of modular programs including Six Sigma, Total Productive Maintenance, Capability Maturity Modeling Integration, and ISO. Incumbent workers from partnering businesses will pilot the programs that will ultimately become accredited courses integrated into a new Advanced Manufacturing Certification Program. In addition, a SWOT analysis along with recommendations will be used as a springboard for the partnership to develop a regional economic transformation strategy will be developed to better meet the needs of future growth opportunities and better align the regional efforts of economic, education, workforce development.

GREATER NEW BEDFORD ADVANCED MANUFACTURING INITIATIVE (AMI)

Key Partners: Lead Applicant - GNBWIB, businesses as listed, BCC, Greater New Bedford and Wareham One Stop Career Centers, Economic development entities from New Bedford and each of the 9 surrounding towns. With additional support from UMass Dartmouth, Bristol Tech Prep, The Governor's Regional Competitiveness Council, and the SouthCoast Development Partnership

Leveraged Resources: Business partners will inform curriculum development by using matter experts and other industry connections, references etc., and evaluate the effectiveness of training against determined competencies. Each business will send participants to training with pay (Estimated in excess of \$180,000). Economic development partners are committed to develop the regional economic transformation strategy.

Outcomes: 1) Industry credentials, college credit, and training for over 700 incumbent workers
2) Two new 12 credit college certificates in Advanced Manufacturing at the community college
3) A portable advanced manufacturing lab (PAML), 4) Six Sigma faculty and college certification 5) Instructional products developed and disseminated during the course of the project including electronic and hardcopy versions of guidebooks 6) A comprehensive study of the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats (SWOT) as they pertain to advanced manufacturing and other high growth initiatives in the region 7) A regional economic transformation strategy developed and approved by the AMI partnership 8) Industry credentials and advanced manufacturing training for 75% of the unemployed/underemployed job seekers in the advanced manufacturing pilot track 9) Thirty (30) employments as a direct result of the development of a work readiness and work certification pilot. 10) The development of a plan of sustainability.



Town of Fairhaven
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FIRE DEPARTMENT / EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICE

TIMOTHY P. FRANCIS
Chief of Department

146 Washington Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719
Emergency #911

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Email: chief.francis@verizon.net

August 7, 2006

Board of Selectmen
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

RE: Property at 7 Little Bay Road

Gentlemen;

It has come to my attention that the property at 7 Little Bay Road, our town is in need of the Town's attention. This property is abandoned and currently is in very poor condition. I fear if left in its current state, this property poses a fire hazard not only to itself but to the neighboring houses and natural vegetation which are in the immediate area.

I am requesting that the Town board up and secure this property, which will deter any children or vagrants from entering the property and causing damage or fires.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Timothy Francis
Chief of Department

TF/ka

cc: Wayne Foster
Building Commissioner

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GARY F. SOUZA
CHIEF OF POLICE

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DONALD A. JOSEPH
LIEUTENANT

August 4, 2006

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

RE: Little Bay Road

Gentlemen:

I am writing to bring to your attention the existence of a property on Little Bay that has degenerated to the point of becoming a nuisance and a safety hazard.

The property is on the south side of the street close to the beginning of the road just east of the convenience store.

The property contains an apparently abandoned trailer which is in terrible condition. All windows are broken and entry can be easily gained. I am concerned that youths have or may congregate inside the trailer. The trailer is in such poor condition that I feel it constitutes a danger to anyone who may congregate in or on it. I also feel that it is a fire risk.

There are also two abandoned autos on the property which have been extensively vandalized.

It is my understanding that ownership of the property now rests in the estate of the now deceased former owner of the property and that the building department has been unable to contact anyone responsible for the property.

I respectfully request and recommend the Board take any action under its authority to secure the premises or, otherwise, mitigate the hazard.

Sincerely

Gary F. Souza
Chief of Police



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DONALD A. JOSEPH
LIEUTENANT

July 24, 2006

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

Gentlemen:

I enclose a copy of a letter that I had originally sent to the Board of Public Works.

I forwarded my evaluation of the request by Euro Ship Store for movement of traffic and parking signs on Ferry Street as the original request was sent to the B.P.W. by those persons. I have since been informed that my evaluation should have sent it to you.

Please review the request along with my evaluation of the request at your convenience.

Respectfully

Gary F. Souza
Chief of Police

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cc: BPW 8/11/06



GARY F. SOUZA
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DONALD A. JOSEPH
LIEUTENANT

July 11, 2006

Chairman
Board of Public Works
5 Arsene St.
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I received a letter from Sonya Sovik of the Euro Ship Store concerning signage issues on Ferry Street. I believe that she also sent you a letter but I enclose a copy of her letter in the event I am wrong in that assumption.

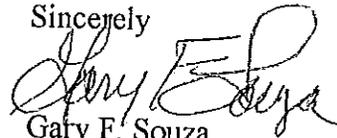
I went to the Euro Store and spoke with the clerk, Linda Olsen, who is also concerned about traffic and signage on Ferry Street.

After speaking with her, examining signage and watching traffic, I respectfully recommend the Board consider the following in an effort to mitigate the problem.

1. The No Parking to Corner sign across from the store entrance was moved further east about a year ago. I recommend it be moved another 10 to 15 feet east to make it easier for tractor trailers to navigate the corner from Water Street onto Ferry Street. The people at the Euro Store know this will lessen the amount of parking for customers but feel it is necessary.
2. There is a problem with motorists taking an illegal right turn from Middle Street onto Ferry Street which is one way. The current one way sign at the northwestern corner of that intersection is often blocked by parked vehicles and is, nevertheless, not very noticeable. I recommend either moving that sign or putting up a new one way sign on the south side of Ferry Street opposite from the end of Middle Street so that it is almost directly in front of a motorist when he/she reaches the end of Middle Street. I realize the sign would have to be somewhat off center due to a driveway on Ferry Street. I also recommend that the One Way sign at the intersection of Water and Middle Street be moved so it is not blocked by the telephone pole.

I recommend these changes or any others that the Board may see fit to attempt to alleviate the problem.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary F. Souza". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "G".

Gary F. Souza
Chief of Police

cc: John Charbonneau
Sonya Sovik

July 10th 2006



SHIP STORE, INC.

Fairhaven Police Department and
Fairhaven Department of Public Works -

We are requesting again, to
please move a parking sign on the
south side of Ferry Street across from
Euro Ship Store. Being a working
waterfront, the large trailer trucks
(making deliveries), cannot get around
the corner, if a car is legally parked.
Could you please move the sign,
east, about 12 feet.

Thank you very much,
Sorja J. Lovis
clerk.

writing for GAIL ISAKSEN - owner.

Thank you again!