

Selectmen's Meeting -- December 27, 2006

Mr. Silvia and Mr. Manzone were present. Mr. Eckenreiter was absent.

Mr. Silvia called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of December 11, 2006. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2006 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the minutes of December 14, 2006 after making an amendment. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

#### HOWARD'S AUTO SALES

Mr. Silvia opened the Public Hearing, continued from December 11, 2006, on the Class II Car Dealer application submitted by Howard's Auto Sales, Inc., 10 Arsene Way. Mr. Katz was present. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve a four (4) car license and hours of operation are 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

#### UNION WHARF RULES & REGULATIONS

Gary Golas was in attendance to discuss the proposed draft of "Union Wharf Small Boat Basin Rules and Regulations". Discussion ensued on "Section 4-6 Insurance". The proposal states that "each licensee shall at all times maintain protection and indemnity (P&I), and environmental liability insurance with a minimum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) coverage on the Licensee's Commercial Fishing Vessel that is berthed at the Union Wharf Small Boat Basin. ....If any vessel cannot be insured, the Licensee shall post a bond payable to the Town of Fairhaven in the amount of one million dollars (\$1,000,000)....." Numerous small boat owners were present and stated their objections and concerns for requiring a one million dollar insurance policy. They feel such a requirement will put a huge financial burden on them and some may be unable to obtain the insurance. Mr. Golas suggested insurance coverage of \$300,000. for the small boats, but did not have a cost estimate for a \$1,000,000 policy vs a \$300,000 policy. The Board asked Mr. Golas if he checked with other communities or local marinas on their requirements for insurance coverage. He said he did not. Mr. Manzone again stated boats using Town facilities must have insurance to protect the Town, the environment and other boats. Mr. Silvia stated Mr. Golas was not prepared for this meeting and not enough information was submitted so a decision could be made tonight. Mr. Manzone instructed Mr. Goals to ask local marinas, New Bedford and other towns for their insurance requirements. He was also instructed to provide the Board with estimated annual premiums for the insurance.

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### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

East Fairhaven School Job Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on January 3, 2007.

East Fairhaven School Building Committee will meet on January 3, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the school.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Plant job meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on January 4, 2007.

Clerical Union negotiations are scheduled for January 4, 2007 at 4:00 p.m.

Retirement Board Election Ballots will be opened on January 5, 2007 at 2:30 p.m.

Council on Aging will meet on January 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. at the Council Building.

Board of Selectmen will meet on January 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007.

Fiscal Year 2008 department budgets are due January 16, 2007.

Finance Committee will meet on January 18, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

On Saturday, January 6, 2007, the Fairhaven/New Bedford Bridge will be closed from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. for inspection. Detours will be set up.

Town Hall will close at noon on December 29, 2006 and will be closed New Year's Day, January 1, 2007.

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the State Contract for a grant in the amount of \$40,000. for Fort Phoenix. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. Senator Montigny was thanked for his assistance in obtaining this grant.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve Amendment No. 1 to the Engineering Services Feasibility Report with GCG Associates, Inc., 84 Main Street, Wilmington, MA for the Middle Street Infrastructure Project in the amount of \$4,880. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

### MA HEALTH CARE REFORM ACT

Mr. Manzone motioned to notify BC/BS that the Town will not participate in the Mass Health Care Reform Law. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

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#### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the Board of Public Works request to use Town Counsel to assist and prepare a contract for the Superintendent. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Chairman of the Commission requests the Conservation Agent receive the 2% salary increase effective January 1, 2007, as voted at the May 2006 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

An appointment will be scheduled on the January 8, 2007 agenda to discuss the Program Coordinator Position with the Director of Recreation.

Mr. Manzone motioned to refer the Director of Recreation's request for a salary increase to the Personnel Board. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

#### GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Raymond Sylvia submitted his resignation from the Greater New Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee effective December 18, 2006. Mr. Silvia summarized the letter. (See attached.) The Board thanked him for his 22 years on the School Committee and wished him the best. Anyone interested in filling the vacancy should submit a letter to the Board of Selectmen by 4:00 p.m. on January 16, 2007.

#### UMASS DARTMOUTH

Mr. Manzone motioned to sign Amendment Number 1 to the Agreement (Estuaries Project) between the Town of Fairhaven and UMASS Dartmouth. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

#### 2007 LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the following Liquor Licenses: Connolly's Liquor Mart, Courtyard Restaurant, The Ebb Tide, Moriarty Liquors, Vila Verde Restaurant, Huttleston House Restaurant, Southcoast Express, Inc., American Legion, V.F.W., Riccardi's Restaurant and Elisabeth's. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the following Common Victualer Licenses: Homlyke Bakery, Papa Gino's, Morgan's Restaurant, Yia Yia Pizza Café, Samantha's, Just Ray's, Wendy's Restaurant, Palace Pizza, Galaxy Pizza, K-Mart (Food Court), Jake's Diner,

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Subway Restaurant (20 Sconticut Neck Road), Subway Restaurant (42 Fairhaven Commons Way) and Brady's Ice Cream. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the following Class II Car Dealer Licenses: Teixeira's Auto, Inc. and RRR Auto Sales. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the following Car Repair Licenses: Rick's Service (Mr. Manzone used the "Rule of Necessity". Rick's is owned by his brother.), Teixeira Auto sales, Inc., and RRR Auto Sales, Inc. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Mr. Manzone motioned to approve the following Lodging House Licenses: Briar Rose Bed & Breakfast, Fairhaven Harborside Inn and Kopper Kettle Guest House. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

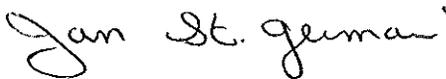
#### OTHER MATERS

Mr. Manzone thanked Town residents for their Christmas cards and good wishes.

The Board wished residents a Happy New Year.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:50 p.m., Mr. Manzone motioned to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues regarding the Animal Control Officer, personnel issues regarding the Town Planner and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. Roll call vote 2-0.



Jan St. Germain  
Secretary

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# RAYMOND SYLVIA

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Town of Fairhaven  
40 Centre Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

School Committee  
Fairhaven Public Schools  
128 Washington Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Brian Bowcock  
Town Moderator  
40 Centre Street  
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Dear Gentlemen:

It is with tremendous mixed emotion that I tender my resignation as a Fairhaven representative to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee ("School Committee") effective as of the date of this letter. I have been fortunate to have served the citizens of Fairhaven on the School Committee for over twenty-two years.

The possibility of exploring future endeavors, spending more time with my expanding family and providing another resident of Fairhaven with the opportunity to serve their town are all considerations that have led me to this decision.

In the twenty-two years that I have served on the School Committee, I have had the opportunity to contribute to a school that has evolved into one of the best vocational high schools in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Over the last twenty-two years I have participated in the school's expansion of educational programs, building facilities and community offerings. And I am proud to have worked with both a highly skilled and dedicated teaching and administrative staff and with a number of committee members

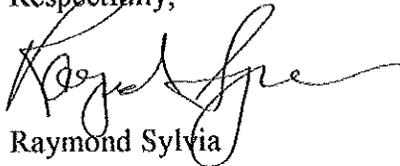
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from Fairhaven, Dartmouth and New Bedford who have committed themselves to the mission and goals of the vocational education.

As I leave the committee, I look fondly at the accomplishments that have benefited my hometown and provided hundreds of Fairhaven children with the tools and training necessary to succeed in their professional lives. Graduates of Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School are well prepared for employment upon graduation or to pursue post-secondary education. We should all be very proud of that!

Finally, I would like to thank the Boards of Selectmen, School Committees and Town Moderators who have supported my appointment and reappointment to the School Committee over the past twenty-two years. I am grateful to officials both past and present who have afforded me this opportunity. Thank you all very much for your confidence in me. I stand ready to assist the Town in the future if the need should arise.

Respectfully,



Raymond Sylvia

Cc: John Montigny, Chairman  
Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee

Michael Shea, Superintendent Director  
Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School

Robert N. Baldwin, Superintendent  
Fairhaven Public Schools