

Selectmen's Meeting – April 23, 2007

Mr. Manzone, Mr. Silvia and Dr. Bowcock were present.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of March 26, 2007. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the March 26, 2007 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of April 9, 2007. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the April 9, 2007 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARINGS

Street Acceptance Hearings were held for Fox Run Lane, Rivard Street, Courtlyn Way, Oliver Street and Potter Street, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearings.

Mr. Silvia motioned to recommend acceptance of Rivard Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to recommend acceptance of Courtlyn Way. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to recommend acceptance of Oliver Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to recommend acceptance of Potter Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HOPPY'S LANDING COMMITTEE

Frank Coelho and members of the Hoppy's Landing Committee were present. Mr. Silvia motioned to award the contract to paint a sign for Hoppy's Landing to the low bidder, Vic Oliveira Signs. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Silvia motioned to award the contract for a portable restroom to the low bidder, Handy House. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Retirement Board will meet on April 24, 2007 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall

Pre-Town Meeting cable television show will be taped on April 24, 2007 at 1:30 p. m. at Town Hall

Bridge Street Project pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on April 25, 2007

East Fairhaven School job meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 25, 2007

Mattapoisett River Valley Water Plant job meeting is scheduled for April 26, 2007 at 10:00 a.m.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 26, 2007 at the Board of Public Works

Mr. Osuch will attend the SEMASS meeting on April 27, 2007 at 10:00 a.m. in Rochester

Council on Aging scheduled a "working session" for Saturday, April 28, 2007 beginning at 7:45 a.m.

Precincts 1, 2 and 3 will meet on May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hastings Middle School

Precincts 4, 5 and 6 will meet on May 2, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hastings Middle School

Town Hall Repair/Renovation bid opening is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on May 2, 2007

Bridge Street Reconstruction bid opening is scheduled for May 3, 2007 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Monaco Restorations, Inc., 60 Mill Street, Southbridge, MA in the amount of \$149,000.00 for Fort Phoenix Restoration and Repair. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone signed the "Notice to Proceed" for Monaco Restorations, Inc.

Kick-off meeting with the Harbor Plan Renewal Committee is scheduled for 12:00 noon on May 2, 2007 at New Bedford City Hall. One additional representative from Fairhaven is needed. A notice will be placed on the cable TV bulletin board.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve Change Order #8 in the amount of \$24,236.00 to the contract with Agostini Construction Co., Inc., 243 Narragansett Park Drive, East Providence, RI. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Deadline to apply for the position of Harbormaster/Assistant Harbormaster was 4:00 p.m. today. Eight applications were received. Dr. Bowcock, Jeffrey Osuch and Kevin Villa will conduct interviews.

Mr. Osuch reported the Town Hall clock is now working. Pete Sirois and Al Borges were thanked for repairing the clock.

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Viveiros Diary Farm Preservation Project Agricultural Preservation Restriction. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Deadline to apply for the Senior Clerk position in the Tax Collector's Office is April 30, 2007. Mr. Silvia, Carol Brandolini and John Nunes will conduct interviews.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$120.00 were accepted.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mr. Osuch summarized the information received from the Assessors Office on the FY 08 Revaluation. (See attached.)

GREATER VOCATIONAL TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL

Dr. Bowcock motioned to re-appoint David Darmofal to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HISTORICAL COMMISSION

Mr. Manzone read the letter from David Despres announcing that Laura Knipe resigned from the Historical Committee. (See attached.) She is moving from Fairhaven. Ellsworth Sylvaria will now represent the Commission on the Community Preservation Committee. The Board thanked her for her time on the Commission and wished her well.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint John Arruda a part-time maintenance/custodian at the Police Station. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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VETERANS SERVICES

Mr. Manzone read a letter from the Veteran Agent requesting fees for shellfish licenses and ramp stickers be waived for any veteran that is 100% disabled. (See attached.) The request was tabled until the Selectmen speak with the Shellfish Warden.

COMMONWEALTH GAS COMPANY

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 10 Faith Avenue. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas service at Academy Avenue for a service to 18 Elm Avenue. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 59 Bridge Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

CAMERON'S KIDS WALK-A-THON

Mr. Manzone read the letter from Debra Goulart, founder of Cameron's Kids, requesting permission to hold the 3rd annual walk-a-thon on Saturday, June 16th or June 23rd. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request, with the condition it is approved by the Police Chief. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FAIRHAVEN AMERICAN LEGION, INC.

Mr. Manzone read the letter from the American Legion requesting the Selectmen participate in the annual Memorial Day Parade on May 28, 2007 beginning at 8:30 a.m. (See attached.) Selectmen will participate.

CITIZENS POLICE ACADEMY

Selectmen will attend the graduation ceremony for Fairhaven Citizen's Police Academy, class number 7, on April 26th at 6:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

PERSONNEL BOARD

On April 18th, the Personnel Board voted to adjust Schedule E "Miscellaneous Salary Schedule" System Grading License for Sewer Division and Water Division. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the changes to the Schedule E. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Manzone abstained. His son works at the Board of Public Works.

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend the figure of \$16.6 million for the FY 08 School Budget. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Annual Town Meeting Warrants and the Finance Committee Recommendations were mailed today. Special Town Meeting Warrant Booklets will be mailed April 24th.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, May 15, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock motioned to set the deadline for articles for April 27, 2007 at 4:00 p.m. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:30 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss Union Wharf requirements (personal information) with Walter Dixon and to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0. Open meeting reconvened at 9:00 p.m.

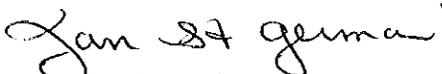
MELODY PERRY

Hearing was scheduled for 8:30 p.m. with Melody Perry and James Cochran regarding an incident that occurred on February 26, 2007. Ms. Perry requested executive session. At 9:03 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss the incident and to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0. Mr. Cochran left the room. Open meeting reconvened at 9:27 p.m.

JAMES COCHRAN

Mr. Cochran requested an open session to discuss the incident that occurred on February 26, 2007 at the Assessors Office. Mr. Cochran explained what transpired and how he responded to the situation. Mr. Manzone said the Board scheduled this informational hearing to find out what happened and to have policies and procedures in place to prevent this type of situation from occurring again. Discussion followed. The Board agreed that a written employee handbook needs to be developed.

At 9:55 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.


Jan St. Germain
Secretary

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April 10, 2007

TO: Board of Selectmen
FROM: Jane Bettencourt
RE: Field work for FY08 reval

I completed all 2006 sale inspections and turned in results to Jeanne by 2/22/07. The majority of sales came in close to the 100% market value. There are some high sales and some low which will be reviewed by Wayne Peterson from Patriot Properties.

All 2006 building permits (with the exception of 2 permits on Shaws Cove – a gated community) and all 2005 permits that had to be revisited will be complete by Wednesday, April 11, 2007. The inspection plus all “inside” work including computer input and tracking new growth on a spreadsheet for Jeanne is included in the date of 4/11/07. In explanation of the 2 Shaws Cove permits – I cannot enter the dirt road leading down to these cottages until late spring, early summer when the gate is unlocked. These 2 permits will not result in any substantial new growth because they were pulled for siding, windows and roofs and should not hold up the sales analysis in any way.

April 20, 2007

TO: Board of Selectmen

FROM: Jane E. Bettencourt

RE: Commercial Review for Paving, Lights and Lifts for Reval FY08

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FAIRHAVEN MASS

I began inspecting the 209 commercial properties on April 13, 2007.

To date I have completed 108 inspections.

I am going on vacation next week (April 23-27).

I will continue inspecting on April 30, 2007.

I will be checking with Jeanne after vacation regarding checking the neighborhood maps she's been working on. She would like me to travel around checking the neighborhoods to make sure they are correct.

I also will check with her regarding mixed use properties to see if I need to measure the paving, etc. on those parcels.

Jeanne Reedy

From: "Stuart, Deborah" <stuard@dor.state.ma.us>
To: <jeannereedy@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 02, 2007 11:22 AM
Subject: Data Quality follow-up

Hi Jeanne,

Because the fire alarm caused us to bring our meeting to an abrupt end, I want to follow-up with you regarding three points identified in the data quality study:

1. The town should collect the missing yard items (paving, lights, lifts, etc) on commercial and industrial properties for FY08.
2. Visit history dates should be entered in the system and reflected on the property record cards.
3. Review sale properties for neighborhood consistency.

Any questions, please call me.

Deb

Deborah M. Stuart

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FAIRHAVEN HISTORICAL COMMISSION

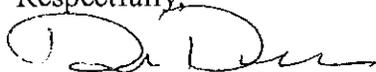
Office of the Selectmen
Town Hall
40 Center Street
Fairhaven, Massachusetts 02719

April 12, 2007

Dear Sirs,

At our meeting of April 4, Ms. Laura Knipe announced to the Historical Commission that due to her moving from Fairhaven, she would be resigning from the commission. Her resignation brings our regular membership to the mandated seven members. Mr. Ellsworth Sylvaria has agreed to represent the commission, in place of Ms. Knipe, on The Community Preservation Committee. His name and contact information is being forwarded to Mr. Bill Roth.

Respectfully,



David Despres
Chairman

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cc: Town Clerk 4/25/07



Town of Fairhaven
Office of
Veterans' Services



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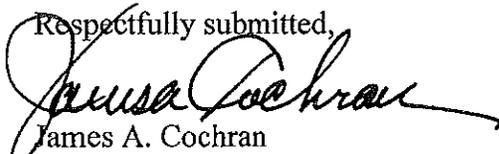
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Board of Selectmen
Town of Fairhaven

Dear Sirs,

I am requesting that fees for shellfish license and ramp stickers in the Town of Fairhaven be waived for any veteran that is 100% disabled. Proof of status should be shown by an award letter from the Veterans' Administration placed on file in the Selectmen's Office. There are currently 28 residents that claim property exemptions in Fairhaven due to being 100% disabled.

Respectfully submitted,


James A. Cochran
Veterans Agent

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cc: Shellfish Warden

CAMERON'S KIDS

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April 9, 2007 BOARD OF SELECTMAN
FAIRHAVEN MASS

To Whom It May Concern,

We are asking for the permission to hold our 3rd Annual Walk- a-Thon on Saturday, June 16, 2007 or June 23, 2007 from 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. The actual walk will start at 11:00 A.M. at Fort Phoenix near the gazebo and proceed up Fort Street onto the bike path up to Sconticut Neck Road and back down the same path.. Our walk consist of approximately 3 - 5 miles and will have people directing traffic at every intersection enforcing safety. We are also asking for permission to have a cookout following the walk as appreciation to all our walkers within the area of the gazebo. We will handle all trash and ensure that the property is clean when we leave the area. Last years walk was a great success that we decided to do it again. I have sent multiple copies to the following people stated below.

Cameron's Kids, a non - profit charitable organization, was started in October 2004, in hopes of raising money to help the children at the Kennedy Donovan Center School in New Bedford as well as others with a disability within our community.

Over the course of a year our success has been great. The need for these children continues to grow, therefore, our challenge is to maintain and expand our continued efforts. To meet these challenges, the support of our Board of Directors, staff, family of the Kennedy -Donovan Center School, volunteers , individuals and businesses who have supported Cameron's Kids events throughout the year is vital.

If you need further information, please do not hesitate to call me at (508)748-1922 or (774)263-8762.

Sincerely,

Debra Goulart
Founder
Cameron's Kids

Cc: Park Commissioner
Police Department
Board of Selectman
Park Department
Mike Testa

 71 Bullivant Farm Road, Marion, Massachusetts 02738 Phone: (508)748-1922



Fairhaven American Legion, Inc.

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Lounge 993-0046

FAIRHAVEN SELECTMEN BOARD
ATTN: RONALD MANZONE, CH.
40 CENTRE STREET
FAIRHAVEN, MA. 02719

GENTLEMEN:

FAIRHAVEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 CORDIALLY INVITES YOU TO PARTICIPATE ONCE AGAIN IN OUR MEMORIAL DAY PARADE AND THE MEMORIAL SERVICES AT RIVERSIDE CEMETARY ON MAY 28, 2007.

WE ARE ASKING ALL PARTICIPANTS TO MEET AT FAIRHAVEN AMERICAN LEGION POST 166 AT 8:00 A.M. AND PREPARE TO STEPOFF AT 8:30 A.M. THE PARADE ROUTE WILL BE THE SAME AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS, BEGINNING AT THE INTERSECTION OF MAIN AND SOUTH STREETS.

WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO JOIN US ON MEMORIAL DAY. SHOULD THERE BE ANY QUESTIONS WITH REGARDS TO THE PARADE, FEEL FREE TO CONTACT POST 166, OR ATTEND OUR NEXT MEETING ON APRIL 24th AT POST 166 AT 7:00 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

Gerald W. Stabell

GERALD W. STABELL
ADJUTANT POST 166

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