

Selectmen's Meeting – December 17, 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.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of December 3, 2007. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2007 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the minutes of December 12, 2007. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### FY 2008 CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Silvia motioned to extend the contract with Breezeway Farm Consulting, Inc., 222 Wendell Road, New Salem, MA to July 30, 2008 and to extend the contract with GCG Associates, Inc. of Wilmington, MA to March 31, 2008. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FY 2008 CDBG Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing was to gather public input on the Town's FY 08 CDBG application. Topics discussed were: eligible activities, including neighborhood infrastructure improvements, housing rehabilitation, economic development, planning and public facilities. The Town intends to apply for up to \$1,000,000 for infrastructure improvements on Main Street and housing rehabilitation loans in the Cushman Park neighborhood. Mr. Silvia motioned to have the Town Planner submit the 2008 CDBG application as outlined. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### HUMANE SOCIETY

Melinda from the Humane Society was in attendance. She stated the Town has not paid bills from the Humane Society for the past several months. She also stated the Society has the animals from Fairhaven's Shelter and if possible, they will be put up for adoption. The Society will continue to assist the Town until a new Animal Control Office is hired. The Board thanked the Humans Society for their assistance and discussion followed.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mattapoisett Water Treatment Plant Meeting is scheduled for December 19, 2007 at 8:00 a.m.

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Council on Aging will meet at 11:00 a.m. on December 19, 2007

Retirement Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on December 21, 2007

Council on Aging Christmas Party is scheduled for 12:30 p.m. on December 21, 2007

A Selectmen's Meeting will be scheduled for 12:00 noon on December 31, 2007

Dr. Bowcock motioned to close the Town Hall on December 24, 2007 and to close at 12:00 noon on December 31, 2007. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the "Fairhaven Fire Department Headquarters Feasibility Study with Dyer Brown SouthCoast in the amount of \$9,950. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Two bids were received for the Partial Demolition and Emergency Repairs to 2 Union Wharf. Both bids were higher than the budgets. Bids will be rejected and the project re-bid in late February or early March.

Clerical Union hearing date for Kelley Ferranti will be scheduled for May 7, 2008.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

A letter of resignation, effective December 7, 2007, was received from Cheryl Jackson. The position of Animal Control Officer was advertised and the deadline to submit a resume is 3:00 p.m. on December 27, 2007.

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$75.00 were accepted.

#### BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Letter of resignation, effective December 11, 2007, was received from Delfino Garcia. The Board thanked Mr. Garcia for his years of dedicated service and wished him the best in the future.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for November 2007 will be placed on file.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$1,000. were accepted.

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#### FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the contract with Pierce Manufacturing, Inc., Appleton, WI in the amount of \$318,475. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Manzone signed the contract. (New Fire Truck)

#### HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Historical Commission submitted a proposed bylaw, "The Preservation of Historically Significant Buildings" and requested it be forwarded to Town Counsel for review prior to the next Town Meeting. Mr. Silvia motioned to forward the proposed bylaw to Town Counsel. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Natural Resource Department submitted a request to increase the non-resident waterway user fee from \$3.00 to \$4.00 per foot. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Natural Resource Department submitted a request for chairs the Council on Aging will declare surplus. The chairs have not yet been declared surplus. Dr. Bowcock motioned to table the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Bruce Ingham submitted the proper documents needed to renew his slip at Union Wharf small boat basin. Natural Resource Department is requesting the Board approve renewal for the 2008 season. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the renewal. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone read a letter of commendation for Detective Glenn Souza. (See attached.)

Mr. Manzone read a letter of commendation for Officer Matthew Botelho. (See attached.)

The Board congratulated both Detective Souza and Officer Botelho for their fine police work and hope both have a long career with the Fairhaven Police Department.

The Police Chief submitted a request to carry over until July 1, 2008, five (5) vacation days for the following officers: Chief Gary Souza, Detective Pamela Bourgault, Sergeant Michael Botelho and Detective Glenn Souza. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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#### RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone read a letter from Tom Cooney, Recreation Director, requesting permission to carry over 3.5 unused vacation days. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone read a letter requesting membership rates be increased effective January 1, 2008. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to increase the Child/Senior and full time college student Residential Play Card to \$25.00 and the Wellness Room to \$47.00. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Increase is effective January 1, 2008.

Mr. Silvia motioned to increase the adult 18 and older Residential Play Card to \$33.00 and the Wellness Room to \$64.00. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### BOAT RAMP & WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Tim Cox of the Boat Ramps and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee was in attendance and discussed the recommendations submitted to the Selectmen. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to move the floating dock from Union Wharf to Pease Park and to request the Building Inspector inspect the stone building at Little Bay area, to see if this historical building may be preserved. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Mr. Silvia motioned to have the Natural Resource Department contact the State regarding the replacement of the top of the Pease Park Dock. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Mr. Manzone read the letter from Robert Espindola requesting appointment to the Sustainability Committee. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Mr. Espindola to the Sustainability Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2008)

Mr. Manzone read the letter from John McLoughlin requesting appointment to the Sustainability Committee. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint Mr. McLoughlin to the Sustainability Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2008)

#### 2008 LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Liquor Licenses: Town Crier, Courtyard Restaurant, Capeway Lounge, Douglas Wine & Spirits, Huttleston House, Uno Chicago Grill & Bar, The Ebb Tide, Scuttlebutts Grocery & Spirits, Minerva's Pizza, Acushnet River Safe Boating Club, Elisabeth's, Wah May Restaurant, V.F.W., The Pasta House, Sivalai Thai Cuisine, Ice Chest Bar & Grill, Paula P's Corner Store,

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Little Bay Liquors, Bayside Lounge, 99 Restaurant-Pub, Pizza Hut, Down the Hatch, Paul's Sports Corner, Gene's Famous Seafood, Peking Palace, Mike's Restaurant and Applebee's. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Common Victualer Licenses: Fairhaven House of Pizza, Fairhaven Gas (Donut Shop), Palace Pizza & More and Blimpie Restaurant. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Class I Car Dealer: Stylin Cycles. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Class II Car Dealer Licenses: Fairhaven Gas, Teixeira Auto, Inc., Fairhaven Valero and GTS Auto Sales. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Car Repair Licenses: Fairhaven Gas, Teixeira Auto, Inc., Stylin Cycles, Brian's Garage and Jiffy Lube. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Private Livery License: Just in Time Shuttles Service. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Lodging House License: Kopper Kettle Guest House. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### TOWN REPORT

Mr. Silvia motioned to award the contract for the 2007 Annual Town Report to the low bidder, Mallard & Pops Printing, 657 Quarry Street, Fall River, MA. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Cover photo will be a color picture of the new East Fairhaven School.

#### NSTAR

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 8 Roseanne Drive. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approve by the Board of Public Works.)

#### DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

DEP will hold a public hearing on the Waterways Regulations Program on January 7, 2008 at 3:00 p.m. in the Auditorium at the Fairhaven Town Hall.

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#### OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to establish a Gift and Restoration Account for Benoit Square. Mr. Manzone seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia abstained. He is President of the North Fairhaven Improvement Association.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Armand Santos. Mr. Santos passed away recently.

The Board wished residents a happy and safe holiday.

The Board thanked Chris Richards, Tourism Director, and all involved in the "Old Fashion Christmas" and the holiday shopping event held in the Town Center.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:10 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to hear a Dispatcher Union Grievance, to discuss MacLean's Seafood/Union Wharf, to discuss Animal Control issues and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain  
Secretary