

Selectmen's Meeting – January 14, 2008

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

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of December 17, 2007. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the December 17, 2007 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of December 31, 2007. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BOAT RAMPS AND WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE

Members of the Boat Ramps & Waterfront Recreational Property Committee discussed access to Hoppy's Landing. Taylor Seafood is using the parking lot to access their property, instead of using their own property. Taylor Seafood access is blocked with their own vehicles. The Committee expressed safety concerns. Hoppy's Landing is a recreational area. Discussion followed. Mr. Silvia motioned to contact Rod Taylor and inform him the Town will block access to Hoppy's Landing and Taylor Seafood must use their own property for access. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

FIRE CHIEF

The Fire Chief met with the Board of Selectmen to discuss an anticipated budget shortfall for FY 08. He reported several firefighters are out on disability, another firefighter resigned and another retired. Because of these events, a \$20,000.± shortfall is expected. He prepared a request for a Reserve Fund Transfer, but has not yet submitted it to the Finance Committee. The Chief wanted to discuss the issue with the Board first and request their support. Mr. Silvia motioned to support the Chief's Reserve Fund Transfer and if necessary, place an article on the next Special Town Meeting Warrant to reimburse the Reserve Fund. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Board thanked Michael Barcellos for 33 years of service in the Fire Department and wished him well in his retirement.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Director of Finance submitted three (3) unpaid invoices totaling \$358.55 from Capeway Veterinary Hospital dating back to October. He requested authorization to pay the invoices and charge the Gift Account. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve payment. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction report for December 2007 will be placed on file.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Executive Director of the Council on Aging submitted a letter requesting approval for a credit card for the Council on Aging. The Director stated she will be the sole purchaser and accepts full responsibility. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the credit card on the condition the Executive Director and the Director of Finance form an "agreement package". Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Council on Aging declared six (6) chairs as surplus items. Natural Resource Department requested the chairs to use at the Hoppy's Landing building. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Manzone read the letter from Kevin Villa requesting the Selectmen award a slip at Union Wharf to Randy Moniz. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Director of Planning and Economic Development requested Ms. Jaclyn Fortier be hired as the CDBG 07 Grant Intern. Mr. Silvia motioned to hire Ms. Fortier. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Memo from the Director of Planning and Economic Development regarding a request to purchase Town property on Fir Street (Lot 287, Map 287) will be placed on file.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Chief submitted a request to call for a Civil Service List to hire five (5) permanent intermittent part time officers. Mr. Manzone left the room. His son's name is on the list. Dr. Bowcock motioned to call for a list. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICE AGREEMENT

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the agreement between the Town and Howland Disposal Services, Inc. to allow Howland to deliver to SEMASS, on the Town's account, up to 5,000 tons of solid waste. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Agreement expires December 31, 2008.

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF TRANSPORTATION

A request was received from the Executive Office of Transportation to arrange a meeting with community leaders to discuss the South Coast Rail Project and to appoint a contact person for the Town. Mr. Silvia motioned to appoint William Roth the contact person. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Jeffrey Osuch will be asked to set up a meeting.

2007 ANNUAL SELECTMEN'S REPORT

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 2007 Annual Selectmen's Report. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for maintenance of gas lines at 18 Bernese Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

2008 LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the following Liquor Licenses: American Legion and the Old Oxford Pub. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the Common Victualer License for 7 Eleven. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the Car Repair License for Jet Wash Car Wash. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve renewal of the Lodging House License for Fairhaven Harborside Inn. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Board of Public Works submitted a request for authorization for legal services for "assistance with potential appeal of new Water Management Act Registration Statement". Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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POLL WORKERS
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY – FEBRUARY 5, 2008
ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION – APRIL 7, 2008

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the following Poll Workers for Precinct 1: Mary Lizotte, Jan Lopes, Vivian Lewis and Dorothy Gammons. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the following Poll Workers for Precinct 2: Mary Gallant, Amy Ryle, Marian F. Purington and Joan Mello. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the following Poll Workers for Precinct 3: Doris Francis, Sally Hayward, Mabel Filipek and Elizabeth Monk. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the following Poll Workers for Precinct 4: Margaret Rogers, Alex Gonsalves, Donald Brazil and Nancy Perry. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the following Poll Workers for Precinct 5: Florence Rocha, Ilene Rego, Eleanor Brazil and Barbara Souza. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the following Poll Workers for Precinct 6: Norma Markey, Dolores Nobrega, Lillian Horsley and William R. Markey. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Silvia attended the annual Massachusetts Municipal Association Meeting. Cities and Towns can not expect any large increases in local aid this year. Local aid will probably be level funded.

Mr. Manzone attends the track events on Wednesday nights at New Bedford Vocational School. Fairhaven has a great group of competitors and the Town should be very proud of them.

At 7:35 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to adjourn. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary