

Selectmen's Meeting – January 28, 2008

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

Also present was Jeffrey Osuch.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of January 14, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

Mr. Manzone read the appointments for the meeting.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

John Rogers requested that the Selectmen transfer the surplus School Department pickup to EMA. General discussion followed on which vehicle EMA would be eliminating – 1997 ambulance. Mr. Silvia motioned to transfer the surplus School Department pickup to EMA with the understanding that 1997 ambulance would be disposed of. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

CAROL TYSON

Carol Tyson and Sandy Martin were present with an additional 10-12 residents to discuss land assessments. Mr. Silvia wanted to “stand down”, as a parcel of property to be discussed was his. Mr. Silvia left the room. Sandy Martin wanted to bring to the Selectmen two issues: (1) the inconsistency of land values on Sconticut Neck, (2) the manner in which residents are treated by the Assessors when requesting an abatement. Carol Tyson presented a petition with 200 signatures to the Selectmen. Sandy Martin stated that her land value went up \$85,000. and presented a series of colored maps of Sconticut Neck to show variations in land values from abutting property and across the street. Sandy Martin explained her background – 28 years in real estate and 7 years experience in the New Bedford Assessing Office. She indicated that she filed for an abatement and was granted an abatement, but many of her neighbors did not. Discussion continued. Jeanne Reedy explained the methods used to determine value – sales records, zoning, etc. She indicated Jane Bettencourt in her office went out, but could not review all lots. Town wide, 77 abatements were filed with 6 or 7 from Sconticut Neck. All were granted some relief, but one. General discussion followed on methods of appraisal. All values were approved by the State. Jeanne Reedy stated there were problems on Sconticut Neck that were being reviewed and some corrections would be made for next year. Part-time Assessor Paul Keefe explained what is needed to file for an abatement. Mr. Manzone commented that the State had approved the Re-Val, that very few residents had filed for abatements and that Jeanne Reedy indicated the Board of Assessors would be reviewing Sconticut Neck. He asked that issues be put in writing. Dr. Bowcock stated that he wanted a fair tax system for all Town residents. He wanted to know if there was a better abatement process that would make the forms easier to file. Discussion ended at 7:50 p.m.

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MASSADCO, INC. D/B/A FAIRHAVEN GETTY

Michael Massaad was in attendance and wanted a Car Repair License only. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve a Car Repair License for Massadco, Inc. d/b/a as Fairhaven Getty. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

MAN LI RESTAURANT, INC. D/B/A SWEET GINGER ASAIN CUISINE & BAR LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

Present: Alvin Youman and Tammy Chan. Discussion on why Tammy Chan was moving from New Bedford to Fairhaven. General discussion on TIPs Certification followed. All paperwork was in order. Mr. Silvia motioned to transfer the All Alcoholic/Restaurant License from Applebee's to Man Li Restaurant, Inc. d/b/a Sweet Ginger Asian Cuisine and Bar at 179-181 Huttleston Avenue (new location) with the requirement that all bartenders and servers be TIPs certified with a copy of names to the Board of Selectmen. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

NEADS PROGRAM

John and March Haaland discussed the NEADS Program of training dogs for the disabled. The Haalands asked permission to take "Hope" into public buildings on weekends for training. The Recreation Center was one of the sites. Looking for a letter of support from Selectmen to give to private establishments. Mr. Silvia motioned to support NEADS Program in public buildings. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

PUBLIC ACCESS BOARD

Doug Cameron and Kevin Villa were present. General discussion of State Public Access Board – funding for Pease Park and Seaview Avenue Boat Ramps and parking lots. Currently, drawings are complete to total rebuild the boat ramp at Pease Park and re-surface parking lot. The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is responsible to maintain Pease Park and Seaview Avenue Boat Ramps under 1978 Agreement (See attached.) Town to oversee the property and collect parking fees. Pease Park re-construction will cost \$400-500,000. Need funding. Call representatives and senator. William Roth joined discussion on Hoppy's Landing and the boat ramp at Hoppy's is designed and ready to go with state funding in June. General discussion continued.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bill Roth discussed his January 25, 2008 letter.

- 1, Hoppy's Landing pier, float – 80% State 20% Town cost – Town has match set aside.
2. Town Hall Mass Historic Application. Mr. Silvia motioned to have Chairman Ron Manzone sign application when completed. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

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3. Self Help Grant for Mariner Wood Land Acquisition 38% match – Community Preservation Committee needs to act first.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 Water District Job Meeting at 9:00 a.m.

Wednesday, January 30, 2008 Personnel Board Meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Thursday, January 31, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works

Jeffrey Osuch discussed the Town Budgets. Article 4 requests are \$2.4 M higher than last year. The projected new revenue, including the Governor's Cherry Sheet, will provide \$650,000. , possible as high as \$700,000. The Board of Selectmen will have to reduce the budget requested by \$1.74 M. This amount is without Articles. General discussion followed on Governor Patrick's \$320,000. Gaming-Lottery Aid.

Jeffrey Osuch presented the "Advanced Life Support Agreement" that Fire Chief Francis had negotiated with South Coast Hospital Group. Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the "Advanced Life Support Agreement (Ambulance). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

COALITION FOR BUZZARDS BAY

Alan Decker and John Darwin discussed Conservation Restriction for Shipyard Farm. Both explained the Agreement between the Coalition for Buzzards Bay (CBB) and the Fairhaven Acushnet Land Trust. CBB will hold Private Conservation Restriction. The Fairhaven Conservation Commission had signed the Agreement earlier this evening. Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Agreement for Shipyard Farms. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

FIRE MUSEUM

John Rogers was present for the Fire Museum requesting reimbursement for \$450.00 for a fire hose wagon that was purchased with private funds. Both Mr. Silvia and Mr. Manzone indicated that they would support an article at Town Meeting for reimbursement. Mr. Silvia would not support using money appropriated for the Fire Museum maintenance account. Dr. Bowcock motioned to place an article on the Town Meeting Warrant for \$450.00 to reimburse John Rogers. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous.

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M & G AUTOMOTIVE, INC.

Ms. Silvia motioned to notify the State that the Town did not renew a Class II License, as no building exists on the site. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

SEAPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL LEASE

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Seaport Advisory Council Lease to use the Town Hall second floor space from January 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2010. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Waste Disposal Service Agreement with ABC Disposal. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote unanimous.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 56

Troop 56 requested a proclamation. Mr. Silvia stated that he would handle the proclamation.

POLICE DISPATCHERS

Police Dispatcher Contract would be discussed in Executive Session.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

General discussion followed on Animal Control Officer position. Following review of applications and review of 5 finalists, (6 finalists, 1 withdrew) the Board of Selectmen wants to re-advertise the position to obtain a larger pool of candidates.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Silvia congratulated Kaisa Cripps, the new Advocate Editor on her appointment and also thanked Michael Medeiros for his years of service to the Town as the former Editor of the Advocate.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:45 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss William Roth's Contract, Police Dispatcher's Contract, consolidation of Town Departments and

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not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote unanimous. Roll call vote Mr. Manzone in favor, Mr. Silvia in favor, Dr. Bowcock in favor.

Jeffrey W. Osuch
Executive Secretary