

Selectmen's Meeting – February 25, 2008

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 February 11, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2008 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of February 21, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Board congratulated and thanked Jeffrey Osuch on 30 years of service to the Town and 20 years of service as the Town's first Executive Secretary.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Kevin Villa and David Darmofal were present. FY 09 budget request for the Natural Resource Department was discussed.

The Shellfish Constable submitted an article to place on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant to amend the Shellfish By-Laws and increase fines to \$50.00 per offense and \$200.00 for fishing in a closed area. Mr. Silvia motioned to support the increases. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Council on Aging Director and members of the Council were present. FY 09 budget for the Council on Aging was discussed, along with the two articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting Warrant.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Bill Fitzgerald, Superintendent of the Board of Public Works, Kathy Tripp, Administrative Assistant, Highway, Water and Sewer Superintendents and members of the Board were present. FY 09 Board of Public Works budgets and the articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting were discussed.

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Treatment Plant job meeting is scheduled for February 27, 2008

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on February 28, 2008 at the Board of Public Works

Fire Union mediation is scheduled for 12:00 noon on March 4, 2008

Mr. Osuch will attend the SEMASS meeting on March 6, 2008

The Board of Selectmen will attend the Finance Committee meeting on March 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works

Mr. Silvia will read the script for the "Online Community Movie Project for Fairhaven".

Mr. Silvia motioned to accept a gift of land on South Street (map 8 lot 131) from the Howard Stillman Bates Foundation. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the application submitted by Dog Palace, 400A Main Street for a Common Victualer License. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the application submitted by Amigos Mexican Grill & Cantina, Inc., 42 Fairhaven Commons Way for a Common Victualer License. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MASSACHUSETTS MEDICAL SOCIETY

The Board declined to participate in the educational health care program for public access television. Dr. Bowcock will contact Richard Gulla at Massachusetts Medical Society and thank him for the information.

TOWN MEETING

A petition was submitted to request use of Engineering Funds for Stoney Cove Terrace. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve use of Engineering Funds, subject to the Board of Public Works and the Planning Board voting in favor of using funds from the Engineering Account. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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OTHER MATTERS

North Fairhaven Improvement Association "Outstanding Public Service Awards" banquet will be held on March 1st beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Century House. Gerry Payette, Detective Glenn Souza, Firefighter Brian Riggs and School Principal Christine Hardman will be honored.

The State School Building Authority will work with the schools and the Town to begin discussing the elementary school problems.

The Town's Economic Study Committee met on February 19th and discussed possible FY08 budget issues and FY 09 budget requests. The Committee will continue to meet to keep the Town on a sound financial path.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:45 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss a workers' compensation claim, the Animal Control Officer, Town of Dartmouth vs. New Bedford Vocational Technical High School, et al law suit, consolidation of Town Hall departments and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary