

Selectmen's Meeting -- March 10, 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 25, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2008 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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#### SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL COMMITTEE

School Superintendent, School Business Manager and members of the School Committee were in attendance to discuss the FY 09 School Budget. Articles submitted for the Annual Town Meeting were also discussed.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. on March 11, 2008 at the Board of Public Works.

Community Preservation Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. on March 12, 2008.

Representatives from Comcast, the Cable Advisory Committee, Attorney William Solomon and the Board of Selectmen will meet on March 12, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. at the Town Hall to discuss Comcast Contract negotiations.

Finance Committee will meet on March 13 and March 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Job Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on March 18, 2008.

SEMASS meeting is scheduled for March 20, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. in Rochester.

Buzzards Bay Advisory Committee will meet on March 20, 2008 at 12:00 noon in Wareham.

Town Hall will close at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, March 21, 2008.

A draft assessment report on Town boat ramps, retaining walls, etc. was received from the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Harbormaster, Shellfish Warden

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and the Highway Superintendent will be asked to review and comment on the report by the end of March.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for February 2008 will be placed on file.

The Building Department and Conservation Commission submitted a request for legal services regarding enforcement of zoning by law 198-16 and an Enforcement Order issued by the Conservation Commission on September 26, 2006 for property at 56 Goulart Memorial Drive. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Manzone left the meeting when the letter from the Chief regarding the interview process to hire part-time officers and a custodian was discussed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to have Mr. Silvia participate in the interview process for these positions. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

#### STREET ACCEPTANCE

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the contract with GAF Engineering, 266 Main Street, Wareham, MA in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the surveying of Stoney Cove Terrace. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Street acceptance article to appear on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.)

#### FRED PORTWAY

Letter from Fred Portway regarding his suggestion to proclaim Fairhaven "Titleist Country" will be referred to the Tourism Director for his comments.

#### HOPPY'S LANDING

Mr. Manzone read the letter from Allen Lentini requesting permission to set up a hot dog cart at Hoppy's Landing. (See attached.) The request will be referred to the Boat Ramps and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee for their comments and recommendations.

#### NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 1B Green Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

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NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to waiver the Shellfish License fee for Veterans that are 100% disabled and live in Fairhaven. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Silvia motioned to call for a Special Town Meeting for Saturday, May 3, 2008 and to set the deadline for articles for 4:00 p.m. on Monday March 24, 2008. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Board voted their recommendations for Article 4 of the Annual Town Meeting and other articles appearing on the Warrant. (See attached.)

OTHER MATTERS

The new Animal Control Officer, Tiffany Tripp, started work today.

Mr. Manzone said the Jim Holmes Scholarship Fund dance was well attended and it is hoped it will become an annual event.

Annual North Fairhaven Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 22, 2008.

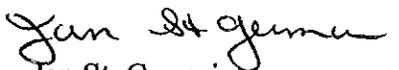
The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Sharon Lamy, who passed away recently. Sharon had worked in the Assessors Office.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of David Justly, who also passed away recently.

Mr. Manzone wished his wife a happy 29<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss salary increases for non-union employees, Police Contract negotiations, re-organization 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