

Selectmen's Meeting – April 28, 2008

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of April 14, 2008. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2008 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Chief was present and briefly discussed the events of the April 14, 2008 tragedy at the VFW, 109 Middle Street. He stated the security staff was less than helpful and there have been eleven incidents in the last two years involving young people. The Police Department was not informed by the VFW they were renting the facility to a third party, and the Department has received many complaints about the establishment. The Chief suggested the Town adopt a by-law prohibiting the presence of persons less than 21 years of age inside most liquor establishments. He also suggested the Board require licensed premises to notify the Selectmen when the establishment is rented to a third party and to allow the Police Chief, at his discretion, to have Officers work events and locations where liquor is being served. (See attached letter.) Notification was also received from the Fire Chief noting his concern that the VFW is renting their facility to outside events. In April of 2006, the VFW signed an affidavit, which exempted them from having to install a sprinkler system. The intent of the affidavit was that the hall was not to run as a nightclub, but as a meeting place for members and guests and occasionally rented out for functions. Discussion followed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to schedule a hearing for the VFW on the issue of the sprinklers and the altercations, as stated by the Police Chief. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock motioned that Liquor Licensed Premises must notify the Board of Selectmen and the Police Chief at least 72 hours before their premises is rented to a third party. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock motioned, that as part of the notification to rent to a third party, the Police Chief, at his discretion, may require Officers to work the event. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Board offered their condolences to John Fitzgerald and his family. Mr. Fitzgerald's son was killed in the April 4th tragedy at the VFW.

A request was submitted to the Police Department to replace the "Pastor Parking" sign on the west side of William Street adjacent to the First Congregational Church with a "Handicap Parking" sign. The Police Chief and Safety Officer approved the request. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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The Police Chief requested a Stop Sign be installed on Summer Street at the intersection with Washington Street. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to call for a Civil Service Sergeant's Exam for October 18, 2008. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to extend the contracts with Pavao Construction Company, Inc. for the Bridge Street Project to June 1, 2008. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Reagan Construction is the qualified low bidder for the Hoppy's Landing Reconstruction Project, with a bid of \$386,735.43. For this project, there is a 20% match requirement for both the previous engineering grant and the construction cost. Required Town match is \$83,347.09. Dr. Bowcock motioned to have the Chairman sign a letter to be sent to DCR Office of Waterways stating the Town's commitment to the \$83,347.09. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dispatcher Union negotiations are scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on April 29, 2008.

Planning Board will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 29, 2008. Wind turbine project will be discussed.

Precincts #1, #2 and #3 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 29, 2008 at the Hastings Middle School. At 7:00 p.m., the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Warrants will be reviewed.

Precincts #4, #5 and #6 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 30, 2008 at the Hastings Middle School. At 7:00 p.m., the Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Warrants will be reviewed.

Mr. Murphy will meet with Mr. Osuch and the Director of Finance on April 30, 2008 at 10:30 a.m.

SEMASS Meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on May 1, 2008.

Finance Committee Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2008 at the Board of Public Works.

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South Coast Consortium meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. at New Bedford City Hall, Room 314.

Town Meeting is Saturday, May 3, 2008 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Hastings Middle School.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water Plant Job Meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2008 at 9:00 a.m. Dedication of the plant will be Friday, May 30, 2008.

Next Selectmen's Meeting is Monday, May 5, 2008.

Moderator, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Chairman of the Finance Committee, Director of Finance, Town Clerk and Executive Secretary will meet at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2008 to review motions for the May 3, 2008 Special Town Meeting and the Annual Town Meeting Warrants.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the request from the Harbormaster to appoint Jonathan Villa a Deputy Shellfish Warden/Harbormaster Assistant. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Jonathan Villa a Deputy Shellfish Warden/Harbormaster Assistant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2009)

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Fire Chief concerning the sprinkler system at the VFW Post 2892, 109 Middle Street. (See attached.) The Board of Selectmen will schedule a hearing on this matter. Fire Chief will be contacted for additional information.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Selectmen will schedule meetings for the following dates: May 5, May 19, June 2, June 16, June 30, July 14, July 28, August 11, August 25, and September 8.

NSTAR

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 111 Chestnut Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

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CAPTAIN WHITFIELD HOUSE

Signing of the deed to transfer ownership of the Captain Whitfield House to the Town will be done on May 6th. A press conference is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. in the Town Hall Banquet Room.

Selectmen received an invitation to attend a luncheon in honor of Dr. Shigeaki Hinohara on Tuesday, May 6th at the Century House at 12:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER CONTRACT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Director of Finance/Treasurer - Contract of Employment. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Contract expires June 30, 2009.

WIND TURBINE PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Design Fee Proposal Agreement with Vincent A. DiIorio, Inc., 89 Access Road, Norwood, MA for the wind turbine project and to sign the invoice for Professional Services with Atlantic Design Engineers, P.O. Box 1051, Sandwich, MA. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN MEETING

Dr. Bowcock motioned to make the motion at Town Meeting to put money in the salary account for 3% salary raises for Special Town Meeting Article 2 and Article 4 for Police and Fire Departments. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Ann Pinto, who passed away last week. She was a gracious lady, a wonderful member of the community and will be greatly missed.

Mr. Murphy thanked the employees and clients of Gloria and Company for cleaning up West Island Beach on Earth Day.

Mr. Silvia reported a lilac bush was planted in front of the Old Stone School House in memory of Gladys Howcroft. Ms. Howcroft was very active at the Old Stone School House and the Church of the Good Sheppard.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:45 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss medical bills for retired Police Officers, the clerical position in the Department of Planning and Economic Development, Clerical Union negotiations, Dispatcher Union negotiations, a clerical position in the Tax Collector's office and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary