

Selectmen's Meeting – October 20, 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 October 6, 2008. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to table the minutes of the October 6, 2008 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SEAPORT INN, LLC - LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

Liquor License Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to act on the application submitted for the transfer of an Inn Holder/All Alcohol License for Seaport Inn, LLC, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719, Carolyn L. Vickery, Manager. Mr. Silvia read the notice of hearing into the record. (See attached.) Attorney Elizabeth Kunz, representing the applicant, the new owner and Carolyn L. Vickery were in attendance. Discussion ensued on Building Department issues and payment/non-payment of taxes. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the transfer. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.

NSTAR ELECTRIC

A hearing was scheduled for 7:20 p.m. to act on the NSTAR petitions for one proposed pole location on Brae Road and one proposed pole location on Hacker Street. Mr. Silvia opened the hearing at 7:20 p.m. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearing. None were present. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for one proposed pole location on Brae Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for one proposed pole location on Hacker Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Plant meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 21 and 29, 2008 at the Board of Public Works.

Town Hall Job Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on October 21 and 28, 2008 at Town Hall.

Meeting with NSTAR to discuss street light purchase is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on October 23, 2008 in Westwood.

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Finance Committee will meet on October 23, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Jeffrey Osuch and John Nunes will meet with Mike Arguin from New Bedford Vocational School to discuss software programs on October 24, 2008 at 3:15 p.m.

Retirement Board will meet on October 27, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Jeffrey Osuch will meet with a representative from Fuss O'Neil on October 25, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss issues concerning the Hurricane Barrier.

SEMASS meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on October 28, 2008 in Rochester.

COSC Meeting at the John Carver Inn in Plymouth on October 30, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

Legislative Breakfast at the New Bedford Library on October 31, 2009 from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

Special Town Meeting is scheduled for 7:00 p.m. on October 29, 2008 at the Hastings Middle School.

Tax Classification Hearing will be scheduled for 7:15 p.m. on November 3, 2008.

Japanese Ambassador will visit Fairhaven on Saturday afternoon, October 25, 2008.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve payment to Contractors Network, Inc., 190 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk, MA in the amount of \$5,467.25. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Union Wharf Building Emergency Repairs – Requisition #4)

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Animal Shelter Gift Account totaling \$74.00 were accepted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY GIFT ACCOUNT

\$800.00 donation from the Fairhaven Road Race to the EMA Gift Account was accepted.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the memo from William Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development, requesting two computer monitors be declared surplus and transferred to the Collector's Office. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to declare the monitors surplus and to transfer them to the Collector's Office. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Bryan A. Young, Coordinator of Unified Arts Fairhaven Public Schools, requesting permission to hold an art show in the Town Hall Auditorium in February 2009. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Rental fee was waived. Cost for custodian only.

SEMASS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the "Sixth Amendment to Waste Acquisition Agreement" between the Town and SEMASS Partnership. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

M.O. L.I.F.E., INC.

A request was received that someone from M.O. L.I.F.E. work part-time for the Town. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to table the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Murphy abstained.

FIRE DEPARTMENT VEHICLE

David Lee submitted a letter expressing an interest in obtaining a 1999 GMC, SUV owned by the Fire Department. Dr. Bowcock will contact the Fire Chief to discuss the request.

NSTAR GAS

(APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 21 Alpine Avenue. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 4 Dover Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 10 Hawthorne Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 14 & 15 Hawthorne Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 70 Howland Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 31 Wilding Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 43 Wilding Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 29, 2008

Warrant and motions for the October 29, 2008 Special Town Meeting were reviewed.

OTHER MATTERS

This past Saturday, the Sustainability Committee held a “Green Fair” in the Center of Fairhaven. The Farmer's Market concluded for the season this past Sunday. The Committee was thanked for a job well done on both events.

North Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold their annual Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 26, 2008 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Benoit Square. The Board thanked Mr. Silvia, President of the NFIA, for his hard work on the Halloween Parade.

St. Joseph's School recently celebrated their 100th anniversary. The Board congratulated the school on 100 years of great education for the community.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:25 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss a Board of Health personnel issue, contractual votes on the Special Town Meeting Warrant, the Amendment to Town By-Laws Article (Waterways, Moorings, and Boat Usage) that appears on the Special Town Meeting Warrant and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary