

Selectmen's Meeting – January 12, 2009

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

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of December 29, 2009. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the December 29, 2009 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANIMAL CONTROL

\$50.00 donation to the Gift Account was accepted.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for December 2008 will be placed on file.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to turn over Engine #4, a 1975 Maxim Fire Pumper, to the Fairhaven Protecting Society/Call Firefighters. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Engine #4 will be available to the Fire Department as a reserve piece and available in the event of a catastrophic emergency.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police Chief announcing his retirement effective July 5, 2009. (See attached.) The Board commended the Chief for his leadership qualities, his dedication to the department and the Town and for building one of the finest Police Departments in the State. He was wished a happy, health and relaxing retirement.

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police Chief regarding a proposed By-law for public consumption of Marijuana and Hashish. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to place the proposed By-law on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MILLICENT LIBRARY

Mr. Silvia read a letter from Laura Gardner, Youth Services Librarian, requesting use of the Town Hall on Wednesday, June 24, 2009 from 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. for a special Summer Reading Program event. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request and waive all fees. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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NSTAR ELECTRIC

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for one proposed joint pole location and the removal of one existing joint pole location on the corner of Spring Street and Sunset Lane. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Cora-Dorothy Peirce requesting appointment to the Conservation Commission. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Ms. Peirce to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Term to expire May 31, 2012.

WASTE DISPOSAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the waste Disposal Services Agreement between the Town and ABC Disposal, Inc. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2009 LICENSE RENEWALS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve renewal of the following Common Victualer Licenses: Samantha's Restaurant, Scramblers Breakfast & Bagel, Papa John's Pizza and Subway Restaurant (20 Sconticut Neck Road). Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock made the motion that he serve on the committee to negotiate an Inter-municipal Agreement with the City of New Bedford, as voted at the May 3, 2008 Town Meeting, whereby the Town of Fairhaven would provide sewer disposal on Pope's Island. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Cecilia Medeiros, who passed away this past Friday. She was the wife of Antone "Red" Medeiros and the Mother of Antone Medeiros, Jr., the Town's Tree Warden.

The Board expressed their condolences to Frank Motta and his family. His Father recently passed away.

The Board expressed their condolences to Bruce Bendiksen and his family. His mother recently passed away.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 6:55 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss a former employee of the Board of Health. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary