

Selectmen's Meeting – February 2, 2009

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 January 26, 2009. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2009 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend the SEMASS Meeting on February 4, 2009 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

Finance Committee will meet on February 5, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Council on Aging will meet on February 9, 2009.

A regional "Summit Meeting" for surrounding communities to discuss ways to combine and regionalize will be held at the Apponequet High School on February 10, 2009.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve Change Order #12 in the credit amount of a \$237.00 to the contract with Agostini Construction Co., Inc., , 241 Narragansett Park Drive, East Providence, RI. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (East Fairhaven School Project)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to authorize payment in the amount of \$42,463.00 to Agostini Construction Co., Inc., 241 Narragansett Park Drive, East Providence, RI. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (East Fairhaven School Project)

Mr. Osuch will contact the Mayor's Office to schedule a meeting with the Mayor to discuss the Hurricane Barrier. Dr. Bowcock will represent the Board of Selectmen.

CHERRY SHEET

Mr. Osuch discussed "FY 2009 Reductions to Additional Assistance and Lottery". Total reduction for Fairhaven is \$273,483. He reviewed the "Estimated Cherry Sheet" and "Chapter 70, Preliminary District Summary" (See attached.) and Article 4 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Discussion followed. Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police

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Chief regarding Community Policing Grants. (See attached.) The Governor proposed eliminating all Community Policing Grants.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Board of Public Works Superintendent, Highway Superintendent, Water Superintendent, Sewer Superintendent and members of the Board of Public Works were in attendance and reviewed/discussed their FY 2010 budget requests. The Director of Finance/Treasurer explained deficit spending. In accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 31B, both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen must vote to approve deficit spending. At present, the "Snow and Ice Removal" account is overspent by \$16,523. Dr. Bowcock motioned to deficit spend on "Snow and Ice Removal" and clarify where the funds will come from at a later date. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Board of Selectmen will discuss this matter with the Finance Committee on February 5, 2009.

STREET ACCEPTANCES

Two requests were received to use Engineering Funds to have street acceptance plans prepared. The street are: Hopkins/Brown Street and Point Street. \$2,000.00 is available. The Town Planner sent an RFP to local engineering firms and received estimated costs. (See attached.) The Board agreed to have the Town Planner contact the petitioners to determine if they want to pay the difference to have plans/legal description prepared.

ANNUAL TOWN M MEETING

Drawing of articles for placement on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant was done.

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock reminded residents that in accordance with Town By-Laws, Chapter 169-13, sidewalks must be cleared of ice and snow. If not, the Board of Public Works has the authority to remove the snow and ice and bill the homeowner.

The Board of Public Works requested a meeting be scheduled with Congressman Barney Frank and the Board of Selectmen to discuss the economic stimulus package.

Mr. Silvia read a draft letter regarding negotiated wages and a reduction in personnel. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the letter and send it to all Union Representatives. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:45 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss the proposed acquisition of the Howland Road/Sycamore Street land, a Workers' Compensation Case,

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litigation concerning a motor vehicle accident involving a Fairhaven Police Officer, Union Contract issues for Police, Fire and Ambulance and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary