

Selectmen's Meeting – April 6, 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 March 23, 2009. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2009 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes March 30, 2009. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the March 30, 2009 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARINGS

Hearings for Street Acceptances that will appear on the Special Town Meeting Warrant and the Annual Town Meeting Warrant were scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearing. Bill Roth, Director of Economic Development/Town Planner, was in attendance.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to accept Point Street, Article #13 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to accept Brown and Hopkins Street, Article #14 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to accept Antone Drive, Article #14 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to accept Jordan Lane, Article #15 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to accept Elliot Lane, Article #16 on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HOPPY'S LANDING

Planning and Economic Development Director stated quotes were solicited for companies to install a gate at the entrance of the pier at Hoppy's Landing. Only one company

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responded, New England Fence Wrights. Dr. Bowcock motioned to award the contract to New England Fence Wrights, 167 Huttleston Avenue in the amount of \$903. 54. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Cost to be taken from the Hoppy's Revolving Account.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to award the contract for the sign project at Hoppy's Landing to Village Signs of Mattapoissett in the amount of \$878. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Cost to be taken from the Hoppy's Revolving Account.

ACUSHNET RIVER SAFE BOATING CLUB LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

Liquor License Hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. to act on the application submitted by Acushnet River Safe Boating Club, 80 Middle Street for a Change of Manager. New Manager, David C. Barrett, was present. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for approval.

DAVLAU CORP., DOWN THE HATCH

Continuation of Liquor License Hearing for Davlau, Corp., Down the Hatch, 56 Goulart Memorial Drive was cancelled by Matthew Hebert. He informed the Executive Secretary that he will re-submit a new application for an "Altered Premise Transaction".

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Next meeting with Gerry Rooney to discuss plans for the May 7, 2009 dedication of the Captain Whitfield House is scheduled for April 7, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Meeting with S. B. General Contracting and the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District is scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on April 7, 2009 at the Board of Public Works.

"Regional Summit for Southcoast Communities" is scheduled for April 9, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. in Room 304 at the Dartmouth Town Hall.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 9, 2009 and April 16, 2009 at the Board of Public Works.

Town Hall will close at 12:00 noon on Good Friday, April 10, 2009.

Meeting of the Council on Aging is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on Monday, April 13, 2009.

Meeting with Monacho Construction will be at Fort Phoenix at 11:15 a.m. on April 13, 2009.

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Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Committee will meet on April 14, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee is scheduled to meet on April 16, 2009 at 12:00 noon in Wareham.

Town Hall Renovations Project will begin again the week of April 13, 2009.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, April 20, 2009, Patriot's Day.

Next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is scheduled for Tuesday, April 21, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

MA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Massachusetts Highway District 5 is preparing to resurface Route 6 in Fairhaven from the New Bedford City Line to Mattapoissett Town Line. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2009. Enclosed with the notice was a sidewalk agreement to be signed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Osuch read the agreement which states: "The Town of Fairhaven agrees to the following if MassHighway will provide funds to do all the work necessary to reconstruct the sidewalk. 1. Be responsible for maintenance, sweeping and snow removal on the completed sidewalk, 2. Make no assessments on abutters for sidewalk work done by MassHighway." Mr. Osuch will contact MassHighway for a clarification on the Town's responsibility for "maintenance, sweeping and snow removal on the completed sidewalk."

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for March 2009 will be placed on file.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

Dr. Bowcock motioned to support the use of Leonard Pierce Memorial Park on South Street for the National Day of Prayer, scheduled for 12:00 noon on Thursday, May 7, 2009. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Selectmen received an invitation from Hastings Middle School Guidance Department to participate in the Hastings Middle School Career Day on April 16, 2009 from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. Mr. Murphy stated he will participate in the Career Day.

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NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at Howland Road at the intersection of Alden Road and 50' in all directions. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 18 Eddy Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Harbormaster explained his letter to the Board regarding Article #31, Amendment to Town By-Laws, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. (See attached.) He stated that if this Article passes, 2/3 or more of the "revenue stream this Town now enjoys from the Water Users Fees" would be eliminated. He asked the Board to reconsider their vote and recommend indefinite postponement. Dr. Bowcock motioned to reconsider Article #31. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend indefinite postponement of Article #31. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Members of the Council on Aging were in attendance. FY 2010 budget request was discussed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend a total budget of \$166,338. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to pass over Article #21, Building Roof Repairs, on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

School Department reduced their FY 09 budget request to \$16,876,670.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend \$0.00 for #46 Recreation Committee, FY 10 budget request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Osuch reviewed the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Votes were taken for articles on the Warrant. Dr. Bowcock made the motions and Mr. Murphy seconded. Votes were unanimous. (See attached.)

SRPEDD

Dr. Bowcock motioned to re-appoint Albert Borges to represent the Board of Selectmen on the 2009/2010 SRPEDD Commission. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Dr. Bowcock motioned to re-appoint William Roth and Charles Murphy, Sr., alternate, to the SRPEDD Joint Transportation Planning Group. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Al Dellecese, who recently passed away. "Mr. Dell" was very active in the Livesy Club, Varsity Club and was a member of the Recreation Committee for many years.

The Board thanked Mark Badwey, John Roderiques, the Canastra family and all the volunteers who participated in the St. Mary's Church scallop dinner fund raiser to benefit the Shepard's Panty.

Mr. Osuch will ask Town Hall departments if they could use an extra person for 2 hour a week to assist with office work. Mr. Murphy said there is student from Nemasket Group that is interested in "Job Sampling" at Town Hall.

Ron Medina and Meaghen Blasingame will provide the Board with information on plans for the Government Access Channel for the upcoming year.

Mr. Murphy reported he toured the Academy Building and was impressed with its contents.

The Committee to re-elect Mr. Silvia held a breakfast buffet at the West Island Community Center. All proceeds benefited the John Badwey Memorial Book Fund. A total of \$1,000.00 was donated to the Millicent Library. Mr. Silvia thanked volunteers for a successful fund raiser.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss Clerical Union Contract negotiations and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary