

Selectmen's Meeting – April 14, 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.

Mr. Silvia and Dr. Bowcock welcomed Mr. Murphy to the Board.

Mr. Osuch - This is the re-organizational meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The first order of business is to appoint a Chairman.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia. Mr. Murphy seconded. It was so voted. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia for Chairman, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve as Board Clerk. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve as Board Clerk, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve as Contract Compliance Officer. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve as Contract Compliance Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve as Affirmative Action Officer. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve as Affirmative Action Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on then Sister City Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Personnel Board. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Personnel Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

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Dr. Bowcock nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve on the Boat Ramps and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve on the Boat Ramps and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Historical Commission. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Historical Commission, it was so voted. All were in favor.

MINUTES OF MEETINGS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of March 24, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2008 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of March 31, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2008 executive session (7:20 p.m.). Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the March 31, 2008 executive session (9:40 p.m.) Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of April 2, 2008. Mr. Silvia seconded. It was so voted.

STREET ACCEPTANCE HEARINGS

Street Acceptance Hearings were scheduled for 7:15 p.m. for the acceptance of McKensie Lane and Stoney Cove Terrace. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearings. None were present.

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Mr. Silvia read the “Notice of Public Hearing Street Acceptance” for McKensie Lane and the memo from William Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development regarding one remaining condition, which needs to be met prior to acceptance. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend acceptance of the street at Town Meeting, contingent upon completion of the one remaining condition. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia read the “Notice of Public Hearing Street Acceptance” for Stoney Cove Terrace. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend acceptance of the street at Town Meeting. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend the SEMASS meeting on April 15, 2008 at 10:00 a.m. in Plymouth.

Fire Mediation is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 15, 2008.

Sub-bids on the MacLean's Seafood/Union Wharf project are due at 2:00 p.m. on April 17, 2008.

Finance Committee will meet on April 17, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Retirement Board meeting is scheduled for April 28, 2008 at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

Finance Committee will meet on April 24, 2008 and requested a status report on all Union Contracts.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$50.00 were accepted.

ARBOR DAY

Dr. Bowcock motioned to declare Friday, April 25, 2008 Arbor Day in Fairhaven. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for March 2008 will be placed on file.

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FIRE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the request from the Fairhaven Protecting Society expressing an interest in acquiring Engine 4 when a new fire truck is purchased. (See attached.) The Board agreed that when the Fire Chief does declare the engine surplus, they are in favor of transferring the vehicle to the Protection Society. The vehicle may be used in a catastrophic emergency at the Fire Chief's discretion.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Harbormaster requesting permission to use money in the Union Wharf Repair account for repairs to the Wharf. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request and not to exceed \$3,000. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Harbormaster requesting permission to use the services of the Bristol County Trial Court Community Service Program. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Shellfish Constable requesting permission to declare unclaimed boats stored at the Board of Public Works surplus. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to declare the boats surplus. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Tom Cooney, Recreation Director, regarding the interview process for the Program Coordinator position. (See attached.) Mr. Osuch and Mr. Murphy will participate in the interview process.

LOTTERY COMMISSION

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Massachusetts State Lottery Commission regarding "KENO-to-go and the list of qualified agents in Fairhaven. (See attached.) The Board stated they have no objection to the KENO-to-go program.

IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION

Mr. Silvia left the room. Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Terrence Meredith, Chairman of the Improvement Association Music Committee. The Committee requests permission to hold the Music in the Center Concerts at Town Hall on July 17th, 24th, 31st, and August 7th and 14th at 7:00 p.m. and to have access to electricity and rest rooms. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia returned to the meeting.

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GREATER NEW BEDFORD REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Randall Durrigan requesting re-appointment to the Greater New Bedford Regional Vocational Technical High School Committee. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock, as Moderator, motioned to re-appoint Mr. Durrigan to the Vocational School Committee. Mr. Silvia, as Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, seconded the motion. It was so voted. Term to expire May 1, 2012.

SRPEDD

Dr. Bowcock motioned to re-appoint Albert Borges the Selectmen's representative on the SRPEDD Commission. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Term to expire May 31, 2009.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to re-appoint William Roth to SRPEDD's Joint Transportation Planning Group and to appoint Charles Murphy the alternate. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Term to expire May 31, 2009.

NSTAR GAS
(APPROVED BY THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 347 Alden Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 9 Birchfield Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 32 Elizabeth Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 28 Francis Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 35 Hacker Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 47 Hacker Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 36 Hedge Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 6 Holiday Drive. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 7 Holiday Drive. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance digging on Jameson Street for a service to 11 Sebec Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 100 Pleasant Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 114/116 Pleasant Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 449 Sconticut Neck Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MAY 3, 2008 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant articles for the May 3, 2008 Special Town Meeting were reviewed.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Police Chief addressing the tragic events of the evening of Friday, April 4, 2008. (See attached.) The Chief is investigating and will continue to keep the Board informed. He will attend the April 28th meeting and present recommendations to curb underage events at liquor establishments after a certain time of day, and to also have licensed establishments notify the Board of Selectmen when they are renting their premise to private events.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Silvia attended the United Way Awards Banquet and accepted a plaque "Campaign Improvement Award – Presented to the Employees of the Town of Fairhaven for Increasing Their Fundraising Efforts for the 2007 Campaign".

The Board thanked all who ran for office in the April 7, 2008 Town Election and congratulated those elected.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss an offer to purchase a portion of MacLean's Seafood, Clerical Union negotiations, Fire Union negotiations, Comcast Cable negotiations, Director of Finance/Treasurer Employment

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Contract and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary