

Selectmen's Meeting – April 21, 2009

Dr. Bowcock, Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia were in attendance.

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Dr. Bowcock called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Silvia was congratulated on his re-election to the Board of Selectmen.

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

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

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

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

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

Mr. Murphy nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees. Dr. Bowcock 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.

Mr. Murphy nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board. Mr. Silvia 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.

Mr. Murphy nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the 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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Mr. Murphy nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee. Mr. Silvia 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.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Murphy to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee. Dr. Bowcock 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.

Mr. Silvia nominated Mr. Murphy to serve on the Boat Ramps and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee. Dr. Bowcock 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.

Mr. Murphy nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Historical Commission. Dr. Bowcock 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

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of April 6, 2009. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2009 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### HOPPY'S LANDING PARKING

The Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden were in attendance and discussed parking proposals for Hoppy's Landing. Three different proposals were submitted. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to support "Proposal 1" "Hire a minimum wage person paid out of the Hoppy's Landing Account to be at the entrance on Saturdays and Sundays from 7a.m. till 3 p.m. This person will collect parking fees for boats or people using the dock or moorings. Others would be allowed to enter and enjoy the property for nothing or for a small fee as set by your board. During the week the Harbormaster and Shellfish Warden will police as they do now." Mr. Silvia seconded the motion. Voter was unanimous. A Deputy Shellfish Warden will collect the fees. This "Proposal" will be evaluated until the end of July, and a future decision for parking at Hoppy's Landing will be made at that time.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Osuch taped the Pre-Town Meeting program this afternoon. It will be shown on the government access channel at 7:00 p.m. every night until Town Meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

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SEMASS Communities will meet on April 22, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.  
Clerical Union negotiations are scheduled for April 22, 2009 at 3:00 p.m.

Finance Committee will meet at 7:00 p.m. on April 23 and 30, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Sub-Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on April 24, 2009.

Retirement Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on April 27, 2009.

Meeting with NER Construction Management, Inc. (Town Hall Restoration Project) is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on April 28, 2009.

Economic Study Committee will meet at 1:00 p.m. on April 28, 2009 at Town Hall.

Precincts Meetings are scheduled for April 28 and 29, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p. m. at the Hastings Middle School. Precincts 1, 2 and 3 will meet on April 28<sup>th</sup> and 4, 5 and 6 on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting with the City of New Bedford to discuss the Hurricane Barrier is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on May 1, 2009.

Annual Town Meeting is scheduled for May 2, 2009 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Fire Contract Arbitration Award was received today.

The Board will review the SRPEDD Municipal Survey.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve Change Order #3 to the Contract with Contractors Network, Inc., 190 Taunton Avenue, Seekonk, MA in the amount of \$1,000.00 for Union Wharf Emergency Repairs. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock signed the Change Order.

Interviews for Police Chief will be scheduled for April 27, 2009 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Osuch will confirm a meeting on April 29, 2009 with the Moderator to review Town Meeting Warrants.

#### BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Building Commissioner requesting William Alphonse, Jr. be appointed a temporary Gas Inspector. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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#### MA HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Massachusetts Highway District 5 is preparing to resurface Route 6 in Fairhaven from the New Bedford City Line to Mattapoisett 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. Murphy motioned to sign the agreement with the stipulation that item #1 (The Town agrees to “Be responsible for maintenance, sweeping and snow removal on the completed sidewalk.”) be crossed out and initialed by the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### ROADWAY RECONSTRUCTION – HOWLAND ROAD

Notice from LAL Construction Company indicating work on a section of Howland Road will begin on April 20<sup>th</sup> and drainage improvements will begin April 27, 2009.

#### TREE DEPARTMENT

The Tree Warden was in attendance to request permission to remove 22 trees on Howland Road for the road re-construction project. He stated the trees are in tough shape and need to be removed. If the State doesn't have a plan to plant new trees, once the project is completed the Tree Warden will use funds from his budget. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the removal of the 22 trees. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Tree Warden will contact the home owners this week.

#### MA SCHOOL BUILDING AUTHORITY

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the “Massachusetts School Building Authority Initial Compliance Certification”. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### SPECIAL ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LICENSE

St. Joseph's School submitted an application for a one day All Alcoholic License for a fundraiser/bike run on Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at Ice Chest Bar & Grill. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the application. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### ROTARY CLUB

Mr. Murphy, a member of the Rotary Club, left the room. Dr. Bowcock read the letter submitted by the Rotary Club requesting permission to place a dunk tank on the west lawn of the Town Hall, as their fund raiser for the Home Coming Fair. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Murphy returned to the meeting.

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### COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Community Connections requesting permission to hold a Walk-a-thon to benefit their programs on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 a.m. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. A copy of the request will be forwarded to the Police Chief.

### SHAW'S

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Shaw's Supermarket, Inc. inviting the Board of Selectmen to attend the grand re-opening of Shaw's on Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy will attend and represent the Board of Selectmen.

### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy participated in the Hastings Middle School Career Day on April 16, 2009 and was also a guest reader at the East Fairhaven School for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade class.

A student from the Nemasket Group will begin "work sampling" on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Annual North Fairhaven Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 11<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bowcock and Peter DeTerra were thanked for their generous donation of candy.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Teresa Howland, who recently passed away. For many years, she and her husband owned and operated Howland Nursery on Alden Road.

### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 5:40 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session to discuss Animal Control Department personnel issues, Weights and Measures Services Contract, Clerical Union Contract negotiations, Union Wharf and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain  
Secretary

