

Selectmen's Meeting – May 4, 2009

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Dr. Bowcock called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of April 21, 2009. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2009 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of April 27, 2009. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the April 27, 2009 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend the SEMASS meeting on May 5, 2009 at 9:30 a.m.

Next meeting with Gerry Rooney to discuss plans for the May 7, 2009 dedication of the Captain Whitfield House is scheduled for May 5, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

UMASS Dartmouth and the EPA have scheduled a meeting for 6:30 p.m. on May 6, 2009 to discuss Atlas Tack.

Clerical Union negotiations are a scheduled for May 6, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Dedication of the Captain Whitfield House is scheduled for May 7, 2009.

Informational meeting on the SouthCoast Hospital Group at the AT & T Building is scheduled for May 7, 2009 at 7:00 p.m.

SouthCoast Hospital Group will meet with the Selectmen on May 18, 2009.

SRPEDD will meet on May 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.

Council on Aging Volunteer Appreciation Day will be held on May 19, 2009, beginning at 12:30 p.m. at the Council on Aging. Mr. Murphy will attend.

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MIKE'S RESTAURANT, INC. - LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING

Liquor License Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to act on the application submitted by Mike's Restaurant, Inc., d/b/a Mike's Restaurant, 390 Huttleston Avenue for new officers and directors and transfer of stock. Michael J. DeForge, Manager, Attorney Walter Kalisz, Jr., Daneen Eilertsenm and Carolyn Metivier were present. Dr. Bowcock called the hearing to order and read the legal notice of hearing into the record. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the application. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission for approval.

APPOINTMENT OF POLICE CHIEF

Dr. Bowcock stated the three candidates for the position of Police Chief are all very qualified and have distinguished careers with a highly motivated Police Department. All did well on the Civil Service Examination and Michael Myers was the top scorer. Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Michael Myers the new Police Chief. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Board congratulated Sergeant Myers and stated they are here to support and stand behind him. The Board wished Chief Souza and his wife a happy, healthy and relaxing retirement. A Change of Command Ceremony will be held at the Town Hall on June 29, 2009.

COMMONWEALTH GAS COMPANY

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 2 Baxter Avenue. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service from stub on private property at 251 Sconticut Neck Road. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition for emergency gas leak repair at 5 Wayne Avenue. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petitions for gas line maintenance at 10 Newton Street and 7 Samoset Circle. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

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PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR

Dr. Bowcock read William Roth's letter requesting permission to carry over one and one half vacation days to next year. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HARBORMASTER

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Harbormaster regarding Union Wharf Repairs. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock read the Harbormaster's letter requesting that people who purchased 2009 Seasonal Parking Stickers for Pease Park, be allowed to park at Hoppy's until June 30, 2009 with their Pease Park Sticker. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Pease Park Stickers may be used at Hoppy's Landing until the Pease Park project is completed. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock read the notice for the New Bedford/Fairhaven Harbor Plan Renewal Public Meeting on Tuesday, May 19, 2009 from 6-8:00 p.m. at Fairhaven Town Hall. (See attached.)

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy attended the May 1, 2009 Grand Re-Opening of Shaw's Supermarket.

Mr. Silvia attended the opening game of the Southcoast Girl's Soft Ball League. The Board congratulated the teams and wished them a good season.

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Blanche Pepin, Administrative Director of The Shepard's Pantry, thanking the Fairhaven Animal Shelter for "the generous donation of dog and cat food". (See attached.)

At 7:10 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary