

Selectmen's Meeting – May 29, 2009

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Dr. Bowcock called the meeting to order at 12:00 noon.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the letter addressed to Michael Goetz, Chief Risk Analysis Branch, FEMA Region 1, regarding the New Bedford-Fairhaven-Army Corps of Engineers Hurricane Barrier, Barrier Certification. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.) The Mayor of New Bedford had already signed the letter.

Clerical Union Negotiations are scheduled for June 4, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. at Town Hall. Mr. Osuch will check with the Union to possibly re-schedule.

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the Lease Agreements by and between the Town of Fairhaven and Thomas Allaire, Robert Sakwa, Robert Hobson and Mike Botelho for storage of lobster pots at Hoppy's Landing. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Memorandum of Understanding between the Town of Fairhaven and SEMASS Partnership will be placed on the June 8, 2009 agenda.

In a letter to the Fire Union dated May 26, 2009, the Chief denied the Union's grievance regarding retroactive pay to former employees. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock, the Building Commissioner, Fire Chief and Board of Health will meet with Matt Hebert of Down the Hatch on June 2, 2009 to explain what he must do to correct safety issues and stay within the original footprint, as licensed.

RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Warren Rensehausen, Director of Recreation, submitted proposed rates for non-resident memberships and a proposed six month resident membership. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the new rates. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

MGL CHAPTER 61 FOREST LANDS

Dr. Bowcock read the letter (See attached.) from David J. McIntire, Jr. notifying the Town that Dennis Mahoney & Son's, Inc. intends to sell 20 acres of land in Fairhaven, currently classified under MGL Chapter 61, Forest Lands. The Mahoney's intend to remove 5.06 acres from its current forestry use and convert it to residential use. The remaining 15 acres will remain in forestry use. In accordance with MGL Chapter 61, section 8, the Town has first refusal rights.

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Mr. Murphy motioned not to exercise the Town's right to purchase the land. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SELECTMEN'S MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board approved the attached meeting schedule thru January 4, 2010. The Board will meet at 12:00 noon on Friday, August 14th.

COMMONWEALTH GAS

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the Commonwealth Gas Permit for gas line maintenance at 45 Center Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

MILLICENT LIBRARY

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Laura Gardner, Youth Services Librarian, requesting permission to hold the Summer Reading Program kick-off event in the Town Hall Auditorium on June 24th at 6:30 p.m. and to reserve the auditorium, in the event of rain, on June 22nd at 10:00 a.m. for a Frisbee Freestyle event. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the requests. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

At 12:40 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary