

Selectmen's Meeting – June 22, 2009

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

Dr. Bowcock called the meeting, at the West Island Community Center, to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the June 8, 2009 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

Hurricane Preparedness was discussed with department heads from the Board of Public Works, the BPW Superintendent, Fire Chief, Police Chief and Emergency Management Agency. Dr. Bowcock read a letter from Marc Jodoin, EMA Director, informing the Board several EMA volunteers recently passed the amateur radio exam. (See attached.) Residents were reminded that the Wood School is the primary shelter. West Island residents were advised if a decision is made to evacuate the Island, they should heed the warning and leave. If someone decides to remain on the Island, they should call the Police/Fire Department and leave their name, address and telephone number. Rescue personnel will not be on the Island during the storm. Residents were reminded hurricane passes are available at the BPW.

FIRE DEPARTMENT/POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Department received a 23 foot Boston Whaler from the U.S. Government, through a program that allots surplus government property to local law enforcement agencies. The current 25 foot Sea Hawk police boat was turned over to the Fire Department.

The Fire Department would like to declare their old 25 foot Boston Whaler Frontier with twin 200/hp Yamaha outboard motors surplus equipment. The Fire Chief reported the boat is up for sales and the department is accepting sealed bids. Mr. Silvia motioned to declare the old Fire Department boat surplus. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

\$100.00 donation to the Animal Shelter Gift Account was accepted.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Marc Jodoin, EMA Director, declaring a 1997 Ford E350 ambulance surplus. Acushnet EMA would like to acquire it, if no other Town department is interested. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to declare the vehicle surplus. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Town departments will be asked if they want the vehicle. If not, it will go to Acushnet EMA.

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AMERICAN HISTORY COSTUME PARADE

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Director of Tourism inviting the Selectmen to participate in the American History Costume Parade on Saturday, July 4th beginning at 9:30 a.m. at Cushman Park. (See attached.) The Board thanked Mr. Richard for the invitation. Mr. Murphy and Mr. Silvia will attend. Dr. Bowcock is unable to attend.

COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

Brady's Ice Box, 12 Ferry Street, submitted an application for a Common Victualer License. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the application. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SUNDAY ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE

Ice Chest, Inc., d/b/a Ice Chest Bar & Grill, 136 Huttleston Avenue, submitted an application for a Sunday Entertainment License for live music. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the application. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at the intersection of Howland Road at Main Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 70 Howland Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Board of Public Works Superintendent submitted a request to transfer \$8,000.00 from Sewer Department Salaries & Wages and \$2,000.00 from Sewer Department Supplies to the Sewer Utilities account. A vote of both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen is necessary to transfer funds. Finance Committee approved the request. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the transfer. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia motioned to hold a hearing on July 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. with Kevin Villa to discuss his June 14, 2009 accident with the Town vehicle and Mr. Villa is not to return to work until after the hearing. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Bowcock read the letter addressed to Beth Jeppson, DPS Finance Director of the Department of Housing and Community Development, regarding the Town of Fairhaven FY 2008 Audit. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to have Dr. Bowcock sign the letter. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock read the letter addressed to Sarah Williams, Buzzards Bay Project National Estuary Project, regarding reimbursement for the Nasketucket Woods Land Acquisition Project, Municipal Minigrant Grant Program. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to have Dr. Bowcock sign the letter. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN HALL RESTORATION PROJECT

Mr. Murphy motioned to authorize payment to NER Construction Management, Inc., 67 Woburn Street, Wilmington, MA in the amount of \$15,245.15. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the Emergency Management Performance Grant Award in the amount of \$2,500. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Board congratulated Allen and Flo Day on another successful Father's Day Road Race. This is the 35th year and over 1,200 runners participated.

The Board wished everyone a safe and happy July 4th. Residents were reminded a permit is need from the Fire Department for a bon fire.

Annual Homecoming Day Fair is Saturday, June 27, 2009.

West Island residents and the West Island Improvement Association were thanked for hosting the Selectmen's Meeting this evening.

At 8:00 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary