

Selectmen's Meeting – October 23, 2009

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Dr. Bowcock called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

#### NSTAR GAS

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 93 Shaw Road. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works)

#### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the "Scope of Services and Compensation Agreement for Consulting Services Between Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts and Brown and Caldwell – Amendment No. 3 for The Wastewater Treatment Plant Anaerobic Digester and Combined Heat and Power Facility Project". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Vote of the May 2, 2009 Annual Town Meeting stated "that the Board of Public Works with the approval of the Board of Selectmen is authorized to contract for and expend any federal or state aid, including federal stimulus funds for the project." Board of Public Works signed the agreement on October 19, 2009.

#### KOCHI PREFECTURE DELEGATION

A delegation from Kochi Prefecture will be in Fairhaven on November 3, 2009. Shortly after 9:30 a.m., the delegation will arrive at the Town Hall for a greeting and then visit the Millicent Library and tour the Manjiro Trail. Lunch will be served at the Century House at 1:00 p.m.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 12:20 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session to discuss the project to place solar panels at the Landfill and to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0. Open meeting reconvened at 12:40 p.m.

#### OCTOBER 27, 2009 SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Dr. Bowcock explained that the Finance Committee met last evening and discussed the October 27, 2009 Special Town Meeting Warrant. Article 2, Section 2 Schools-Elementary/High School was discussed with the Superintendent of School. Dr. Bowcock said the Superintendent wished Town Meeting was scheduled for a later date, because the Governor's 9C cuts are not known. It is expected the Governor will announce the cuts on either October 29<sup>th</sup> or 30<sup>th</sup>, after Town Meeting. The Finance Committee also questioned if Procurement Laws were followed concerning Article 15, Repairs to Piping and Valves – Water Department. Article 17, Lease of Town Owned Land for Purpose of Installing and Operating Solar Panels was discussed in great

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length. The Board of Selectmen wants Town Counsel present at Town Meeting to answer any questions concerning the Lease. Town Counsel is not available on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Dr. Bowcock said there are a numbers of issues/questions concerning Warrant Articles and no answers. The Board discussed pushing the Town Meeting date back to make more informed decisions, when more information is available. Dr. Bowcock motioned at the October 27, 2009 Special Town Meeting to continue the Meeting to November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

At 12:46 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain  
Secretary