

Selectmen's Meeting – November 9, 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 October 23, 2009. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the October 23, 2009 executive session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of October 26, 2009. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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CDBG PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to discuss the draft CDBG 2010 Community Development Strategy. (See attached.) The Director of Planning and Economic Development discussed the draft. Mr. Roth stated the project application will be finalized at the Selectmen's Meeting on December 7th.

Mr. Murphy motioned to amend the qualifications for homes under the Green Street Project to include investor and/or owner occupied. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roth discussed how the Town may become a "Certified Green Community" and submitted a handout on "Green Communities Technical Assistance Webinar". (See attached.) One of the qualifications to become a Green Community is adopting the "Stretch Code". Mr. Roth will speak with the Building Commission regarding this issue.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

On November 10 and 12, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. there will be a "walk thru" for contractors for the construction of a digester at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Mattapoisett River Valley Advisory Committee will meet on November 10, 2009 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Commission will meet on November 10, 2009 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

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Veterans' Day is Wednesday, November 11, 2009. Fairhaven's Parade will begin at 10:00 a.m. from Oxford School and will proceed down Main Street to the High School.

The Town Hall is closed on Veterans' Day, November 11th.

New School Building Committee will meet on November 12, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the School Administration Building.

Finance Committee will meet on November 12, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Groundbreaking Ceremony for Southcoast Center for Cancer Care will take place on Monday, November 16, 2009 at 12:00 noon at the site on Mill Road. Dr. Bowcock and Mr. Silvia will attend the luncheon, following the groundbreaking. Mr. Murphy will advise if he is going to attend.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon in Wareham on November 19, 2009.

Board of Selectmen will meet on Tuesday, November 17, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.

Selectmen's Meeting will be posted for 6:00 p.m. on Monday, November 23, 2009 at the Hastings Middle School.

Special Town Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Hastings Middle School.

An e-mail was received from Verizon indicating ten (10) double poles were removed in October.

George Woodbury contacted NSTAR to begin the paperwork to acquire the Town's street lights from NSTAR in January 2010.

Mr. Osuch stated the Governor's cuts were announced last week. Fairhaven's cuts are: \$75,000.00 reduction in school bussing, \$48,243.00 reduction in payment-in-lieu of taxes and a \$7,752.00 reduction in Quinn Bill funding. Cuts that affect the schools have not yet been published.

"Lighting Upgrade for Fairhaven Recreation Department Lighting and Sensor Retrofit" was briefly discussed and will be placed on the November 17, 2009 agenda.

Dr. Bowcock sent a letter to Department Heads, Committees and Boards requesting they begin preparing FY 2011 budgets and that they be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by the Middle of January.

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BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for October 2009 will be placed on file.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

A letter of resignation was received from Ron Medina. With regret, the Board accepted the resignation and thanked Mr. Medina for his time on the Committee.

CONSTABLES

Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Michael Bouvier, Jr., Edward Riggs, Pamela Bourgault, Matthew Botelho and Kevin Kobza Constables. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2010.)

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

A \$500.00 donation from Fairhaven Road Race, Inc. was accepted. Dr. Bowcock thanked the Days Family and all the volunteers for another successful race. For the next meeting, Dr. Bowcock will provide a list of organizations that benefit from road race donations.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the Lease Agreement with Robert Sakwa for storage of lobster gear at Hoppy's Landing. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

POLICIES & PROCEDURES MANUAL

Fairhaven's Policy & Procedures Manual will be placed on the November 17, 2009 agenda.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The Annual Town Meeting will be held on Saturday, May 1, 2010.

Mr. Murphy motioned to set January 8, 2010 the deadline for Street Acceptance Articles. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to set January 22, 2010 the deadline for all other Articles. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

All Articles must be submitted to the Selectmen's Office by 4:00 p.m. on these dates.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The Governor announced the “9C” cuts last week. Decisions at Town Meeting can now be based on information from the Governor's Office and not speculation. Dr. Bowcock reported the Town of Westport held their Town Meeting on October 27th, without knowing the “cuts”. They now have to schedule another Town Meeting to adjust the budget.

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the letter to be distributed to Town Employees for the annual United Way Campaign. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Pledge forms are to be returned to the Selectmen's Office by December 4, 2009.

MASS HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Bernard McCourt, District Highway Director, indicating the State will repair sidewalks on Adams Street and Main Street if the Town accepts responsibility for future maintenance. (See attached.) The Board questioned what “maintenance” means. Does it mean snow removal, sidewalk repair, etc? Mr. Osuch will speak with Mr. McCourt regarding the request.

MOVING PERMIT

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve a Moving Permit to move a modular home to 7 Beachwood Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 6 & 7 Lafayette Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance between 11 & 13 Springhill Street. 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 to garage at rear of home at 23H Summer Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy reported he spoke with Representative Straus and the Howland Road Project will begin again soon. He thanked residents for their patience.

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The Historical Society's lecture on November 13, 2009 will feature Richard Trethewey, the plumbing expert from "This Old House". Lecture begins at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Christopher Richards requesting permission to transfer the eight hours holiday pay for Veterans' Day to the following week. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Improvement Associations held their third annual Veterans' Day Dinner and Dance this past Saturday. The Board thanked Jim Leal and Terrence and Linda Meredith for all their hard work and another successful event. Veterans and non-Veterans were encouraged to attend next year.

Dedication of the Pease Park Boat Ramp to James Holmes is scheduled for approximately 12:00 noon and November 11, 2009.

The Department of Fish and Game, Office of Fishing and Boating Access, held a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday November 6th at 12:00 noon to mark the completion of renovations to the Pease Park facility.

A delegation from Kochi Prefecture visited Fairhaven on November 3, 2009. This was the third delegation to visit since May. They toured the Manjiro Trail and the Manjiro House.

The Board will form a committee of five to seven members to look into changing Medicare Health Insurance for retired employees. Anyone interested in serving on the Committee should submit a letter to the Selectmen's Office by December 7, 2009. Dr. Bowcock will Chair the Committee.

The Board received a letter from Sergeant Kobza regarding an incident on November 7, 2009 involving a male on the roof of the High School threatening to jump. The Police and Fire Departments worked closely together to bring the man to safety. Dr. Bowcock will prepare letters of Commendation to give to all Officers and Fire Fighters involved in the incident.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:40 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session to discuss the contract for solar panels at the landfill, and an amendment to the SEMASS Contract and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary

