

Selectmen's Meeting – December 7, 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 November 17, 2009. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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

CDBG 2010 GRANT

Final Hearing on the 2010 Fairhaven Community Development Strategy was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. William Roth, Director of Planning and Economic Development, was in attendance and briefly discussed the final plan. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the 2010 Fairhaven Community Development Strategy. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to grant a three month extension to the 2008 Community Development Block Grant and to authorize the Chairman to sign the necessary paperwork. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve Amendment #2 in the amount of \$3,000.00 to the contract with Breezeway Farm Consulting, Inc., New Salem, MA for the 2008 Community Development Block Grant. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy informed Mr. Roth that the Historical Society expressed concern that the benches in front of the Town Hall are not in compliance with the historic age of the building. Mr. Roth will contact Massachusetts Historic to discuss the matter.

NSTAR POLE HEARING

Hearing for one proposed pole location on New Boston Road, south of Fox Run Lane, was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. Dr. Bowcock called the hearing to order. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearing. None were present. Donna Rosa, NSTAR Right-of-Way Representative was in attendance. Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Ms. Rosa requesting a hearing for the proposed pole location. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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COUNCIL ON AGING

Members of the Council on Aging were in attendance. November 12, 2009 letter from Executive Director Deborah Jenkins regarding rate adjustments/job classifications was discussed. (See attached.) The Board explained these requests must first be brought to the Personnel Board. COA Board member, David Darmofal, requested if approved by the Personnel Board, the increases be retro-active to today. Mr. Darmofal will discuss the use of “contracted services” with John Nunes, Director of Finance/Treasurer.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

A meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works on December 8, 2009 with Brown and Caldwell to discuss the digestion project.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Advisory Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on December 8, 2009 at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Committee will meet at 4:30 p.m. on December 8, 2009 at the Board of Public Works.

The School Committee will meet with Blue Sky Power on December 9, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the Landfill Solar Panel Project.

A meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on December 10, 2009 with representatives from Verizon to discuss the phone service for Town Hall.

A meeting with the Animal Control Officer is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2009 at the Town Hall.

“Old Time Christmas” will be held December 12th and 13, 2009 at the Town Hall and nearby churches.

Council on Aging will meet at 9:30 a.m. on December 14, 2009.

A meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works on December 17, 2009 with representatives from NEXAMP to discuss the Board of Public Solar Panel Project.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon on December 17, 2009 in Wareham.

NSTAR will submit a report on a Town wide energy audit in a few weeks.

Mr. Murphy motioned to award the contract for Town Hall Miscellaneous Electrical Restorations to Fall River Electrical Assoc. Co., Inc., P.O. Box 1248, Fall River, MA 02722 in the amount of \$109,400. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the "Waste Disposal Services Agreement" by and between the Town of Fairhaven and Lombards Waste Services, Inc., 367 Rear Court Street, Unit 1, Plymouth, MA 02360. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANIMAL CONTROL

Dr. Bowcock read Tiffany Tripp's letter of resignation, effective December 12, 2009. (See attached.) Ms. Tripp will be available thru the end of the month to help out at the shelter. The position was advertised. Deadline to submit a resume to the Selectmen's Office is December 14, 2009 at 3:00 p.m. The Board thanked Ms. Tripp for the time she served as Animal Control Officer and wished her the best of luck in her future endeavors.

Proposal from the Animal Control Officer for an increase in adoption, surrender and board fees was taken under advisement.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for November 2009 will be placed on file.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Letter from the Cable Advisory Committee regarding proposed recommendations for public access was discussed and taken under advisement. (See attached.) Meaghen Blassingham will be asked to prepare a report on future plans for public access, including equipment needs and operating expenses.

CLERICAL UNION

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the "Collective Bargaining Agreement between Town of Fairhaven and Council 93, American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees AFL-CIO covering Clerical Employees". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Contract is in effect from July 1, 2009 thru June 30, 2011.

HARBORMASTER

Dr. Bowcock read the "end of season" letter from Harbormaster David Darmofal. (See attached.) The Board thanked him for enhancing the department and look forward to his return in the Spring.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the "Contract between the Town of Fairhaven and Cook & Company, Inc., Health Plan Management Group" in the amount of \$4,500. for the Retiree Drug Subsidy Program. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Dr. Brian Bowcock, Doris Blanchard, Bernard F. Roderick, Elaine L. Rocha and Linda Meredith to the Retired Employees Health Insurance Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock will Chair the Committee. The first meeting will be sometime in January.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Police Chief requesting Glen Souza be appointed a special police officer. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Board wished him well in his retirement.

MASS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION HIGHWAY

The Board passed over the Agreement between the DOT and the Town for work on Route 240. The Agreement has nothing to do with the Town.

VERIZON

List of poles Verizon transferred in November will be placed on file. The trailer on Bridge Street was also removed.

RECREATION CENTER

Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the proposal from Dyer Brown SouthCoast, Architects, 65 William Street, New Bedford, MA 02740 for architectural services for the repair of the Recreation Center Building Fascia. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

2010 LICENSE RENEWALS

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the following Common Victualer Licenses. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Brady's Ice Cream, Burger King, D'angelo's Sandwich Shop, Friendly Ice Cream, The Great Wall Restaurant, Honey Dew Donuts, Hot Rod Grill, Mac's Soda Bar, Margaret's, Papa Gino's, 7-Eleven, Taco Bell, Wendy's Restaurant, Mermaids Seafood Restaurant & Grille, Dunkin Donuts, 27 Alden Road and Dunkin Donuts, 32 Howland Road.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve a Private Livery License for Transportation Company – Eugene Fortes, 10 Grape Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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TOWN HALL

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request from Odaiko New England to use the auditorium on Sunday, December 20th from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. for a taiko drumming workshop and to waive the rental fee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

As a past president of the Improvement Association, Mr. Silvia left the room. Dr. Bowcock read the letter from Trey Whalley, President of the Improvement Association, requesting permission to use the Town Hall on Saturday, December 19th beginning at 7:00 p.m. for the annual Sing-a-Long. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request and waive the rental fee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted. Mr. Silvia returned to the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy read a letter from a Town resident regarding problems with Comcast. (See attached.) Mr. Osuch will contact Mary O'Keeffe of Comcast to discuss the issues.

Mr. Murphy explained how he was attacked and robbed in New York City. He reminded residents that safety is always a concern and to put safety first. Don't walk alone. He thanked residents for all their well wishes.

The Board wished Mr. Murphy well.

The lighting of Benoit Square is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on December 11, 2009.

Dr. Bowcock announced the Fairhaven Rotary Club Auction to be held on Sunday, December 13, 2009 from 4:00 – 9:00 p.m. Preview is at 3:00 p.m. The Auction will be broadcast live on cable TV channel 9. Mr. Murphy, a member of the Rotary Club, left the room when this announcement was made.

Additional information on the events scheduled for the Fairhaven's Old Time Christmas Weekend is available in the "Neighborhood News".

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:50 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session to discuss the Quinn Bill, a letter from Jim Sweeney of CCI Energy, a proposed agreement with Blue Sky Power for solar panels at the landfill, a shellfish issue, the Contract with the Director of Planning and Economic Development, the Animal Control Officer position, the Digester/Combined Heat and Power System Project for the Wastewater Treatment Facility and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary

