

Selectmen's Meeting – April 5, 2010

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.

Dr. Bowcock requested the minutes of March 29, 2010 be amended by inserting the word “past” in the following sentence: Jay Simmons, a “past” Commissioner of Trust Funds, reported Trust Fund meetings are not being posted properly.” Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the amended minutes of March 29, 2010. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2010 executive session (6:50 p.m.) Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the minutes of the March 29, 2010 executive session (8:35 p.m.) Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMUNITY NURSE & HOSPICE CARE

Linda Quinn, Community Nurse and Hospice Care Fundraising Coordinator and Judy Brown from the Royal were in attendance to request approval for a new fundraiser, to benefit the hospice program of Community Nurse and Hospice Care. Dr. Bowcock read the letter outlining a walking event called “Walk, Rock and Roll at the Royal” to be held on September 19, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the event. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

SEMASS meeting in Plymouth on April 6, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

WES Construction will meet at the Board of Public Works on April 7, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

Local Town Administrators will meet on April 7, 2010 at 12:00 noon at Marion Town Hall.

Economic Summit meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 8, 2010 at Town Hall.

Police negotiations are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on April 8, 2010.

Dispatcher negotiations are scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on April 8, 2010.

Finance Committee will meet on April 8, 2010 and April 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Council on Aging will meet on April 12, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

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Fall River Electrical Associates job meeting is scheduled for April 12, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. at Town Hall. (Town Hall Electrical Restoration)

Board of Selectmen will meet at 6:30 p.m. on April 12, 2010. Public Hearing on the G. Bourne Knowles Property is scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Advisory Committee will meet at 3:30 p.m. on April 13, 2010 and the Water District Meeting is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. Both meetings are at the Board of Public Works.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon in Wareham on April 15, 2010.

Insurance Advisory Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on April 15, 2010 at Town Hall.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for March 2010 will be placed on file.

BOARD OF HEALTH & BUILDING DEPARTMENT ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

The job description for Board of Health & Building Departments Administrative Assistant will be posted within Town Departments.

MODULAR HOME PERMITS

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve a Modular Home Permit for 10 Allen Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Building Commissioner, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Board of Public Works and Tree Warden.)

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve a Modular Home Permit for 31 Balsam Street. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Building Commissioner, Police Chief, Fire Chief, Board of Public Works and Tree Warden.)

NSTAR GAS

Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the petition to install a gas main and service at 200 & 200A Mill Road beginning at 333 Bridge Street and going easterly for approximately 950' to the intersection of Mill Road and proceeding northerly on Mill Road for approximately 1,200'. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

PILGRIM MONUMENT

Dr. Bowcock summarized the letter from Eric Martin, Committee 100, on plans to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the Pilgrim Monument. (See attached.) A copy of the letter will be sent

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to the Improvement Associations, the Bicentennial Committee, the Director of Tourism and the Fairhaven Militia.

ANNUAL & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

The May 1, 2010 Special Town Meeting Warrant was reviewed and votes taken. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to reconsider Article 7 Park/Field Maintenance Revolving Account on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend "Yield to the Petitioner" on Article 7 Park/Field Maintenance Revolving Account on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:05 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to go into executive session to discuss the Antone Joseph case, the Theresa Darwin case, union contract negotiations, health insurance issues with SMEC and to reconvene in open session. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0. Open meeting reconvened at 8:05 p.m.

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock read the letter from the Fairhaven Improvement Association requesting the appointment of Angela Dawicki, Diane Lopes and Linda Meredith to the Bicentennial Committee. (See attached.) Mr. Murphy motioned to appoint Angela Dawicki, Diane Lopes and Linda Meredith to the Bicentennial Committee. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

A letter was received from Comcast indicating that effective April 24, 2010 some cable packages will increase. (See attached.) Customers will receive notice of these changes in advance.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve a 3% cost of living increase, effective July 1, 2010, for Margaret Oliveira, the recipient of a non-contributory retirement allowance. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Annual North Fairhaven Easter Egg Hunt was held on April 3rd. Mr. Silvia thanked Dr. Bowcock for his generous donation of candy. He also thanked all the volunteers who helped make this another successful event.

2009 TOWN ELECTION RESULTS

Mr. Osuch announced the results of the Town Election. Dr. Brian Bowcock was re-elected to the Board of Selectmen, Peter DeTerra re-elected to the Board of Health, Barbara Acksen re-elected Commissioner of Trust Funds, Eileen Lowney re-elected Town Clerk, Stasia Powers re-elected

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to the School Committee, Elaine Rocha elected to the Housing Authority, Daniel Freitas and Kathleen Sturtevant elected to the Board of Public Works, Albert Borges re-elected to the Planning Board, Peter Nopper elected to the Planning Board and Bernard Roderick elected to the School Committee. The Board thanked all who participated in the election process and congratulated those elected. Several candidates in attendance thanked the residents of Fairhaven for their support.

At 8:45 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to adjourn. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary