

Selectmen's Meeting – November 22, 2010

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of November 8, 2010. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2010 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

The Harbormaster was in attendance. He requested a letter be sent to the Division of Marine Fisheries asking for a survey of the proposed one acre aquaculture site south of Round Island and to seek their approval of the site. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to send a letter to the Division of Marine Fisheries. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock motioned that if the Division of Marine Fisheries approves the application, the Board of Selectmen limit the number of aquaculture licenses issued annually to no more than two. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Harbormaster stated his concerns for navigation hazards.

The fog horn on the Hurricane Barrier has been sounding constantly for several weeks. It is controlled by the Coast Guard and is in the process of being repaired. For safety reasons, it can not be turned off.

TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Tax Classification Hearing was scheduled for 6:45 p.m. The Director of Finance/Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Assessors and Administrative Assessor were in attendance. Chairman of the Board of Assessors summarized the "Tax Rate Setting Information". (See attached.) Discussion followed. Mr. Silvia motioned to adopt a shift of 1.75%. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Residential and open space tax rate is \$9.56. Commercial and industrial and personal property is \$19.30

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Superintendent of Schools, Chris Bunnell Chairman of the New School Building Committee, members of the Committee and Pip Lewis of HMFH Architects were in attendance. They discussed the Town's four options for the Rogers School and Wood School. Options are: (1) renovating and upgrading schools, (2) renovation and addition to the Rogers School, (3) constructing a new school at the Wood School site or (4) building a model school at the Wood School site. The Model school would be similar to the East Fairhaven School (model school).

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The Town would be reimbursed 55% from the State and an additional 5% for model school bonus pints. Discussion continued on the options and preliminary construction costs. (See attached.) 51% of the Town's voters must approve the project.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Town Hall will be closed on Thanksgiving Day, November 25, 2010 and Friday, November 26, 2010.

Retirement Board will meet on November 29, 2010 at 8:30 a.m. at Town Hall.

Flu Clinic is scheduled for November 30, 2010 from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Recreation Center.

“Manager's Meeting” is scheduled for December 1, 2010 at 12:00 noon in Fairhaven.

DCR scheduled a Water Usage meeting for December 2, 2010 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon at Myles Standish in Carver.

WES Construction Job Meeting is scheduled for 8:30 a.m. on December 3, 2010 at the Board of Public Works.

The Board will review the proposed Selectmen's Meeting Schedule. (See attached.)

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

The Building Commissioner submitted a request for legal services to “seek injunction for Seaport Inn, 110 Middle Street, to stop all work being done by un-licensed people including owners of property.” (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the contract in the amount of \$4,500.00 with Cook & Company, Inc. for the Retiree Drug Subsidy Program. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the proposal in the amount of \$2,800.00 from Cook & Company for the Early Retiree Reinsurance Program. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Contract is in effect from November 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve a 10% increase for health insurance and 5% increase for dental insurance, effective January 1, 2011. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Murphy read the letter from the Board of Public Works stating they have scheduled a Town auction for March 12, 2011 and future auctions will be the 3rd Saturday of September. (See attached.)

CLERICAL UNION

A request was received for AFSCME Council 93 to begin contract negotiations. Mr. Silvia will advise of dates and times to begin negotiations.

DISPATCHERS' UNION

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the "Letter of Agreement – Dispatchers Family Leave Donation". Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EMA GIFT ACCOUNT

\$1,000.00 donation to the EMA Gift Account from Fairhaven Road Race was accepted.

FIRE MUSEUM

\$200.00 donation from Fairhaven Protecting Society was accepted.

HOPPY'S LANDING EASE AGREEMENT

Mr. Silvia motioned to sign the Lease Agreement by and between Town of Fairhaven and Russell Costa. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Lease expires August 31, 2011.)

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mr. Silvia motioned to re-appointment Jeffrey Osuch to the Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Commission. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire November 22, 2013.)

PERSONNEL BOARD

Mr. Murphy read Marc Scanlon's letter of resignation from the Personnel Board. (See attached.) The Board thanked Mr. Scanlon for his years of service to the Town.

Next meeting of the Personnel Board is scheduled for December 14, 2010.

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NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 15 Hawthorne Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

OTHER MATTERS

The Board congratulated the Fairhaven High School Girls Volleyball Team for reaching the Division 2 finals.

The Board thanked Gerry Payette for organizing the Veterans' Day Parade.

UMASS Dartmouth conducted a business/tourism study. Students will report at a client dinner on December 16, 2010 at Rachel's Lakesider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:15 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss Police Union Contract negotiations, Clerical Union Contract issues, the Wind Turbine Project and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary