

Selectmen's Meeting –January 3, 2011

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 December 20, 2010. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2010 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### FIRE DEPARTMENT - BC/BS AMBULANCE BILLING

The Fire Chief was in attendance to discuss BC/BS's plan to no longer have contracts with ambulance providers. If this happens, BC/BS would send checks to the patient, not the provider for ambulance services. BC/BS stated municipalities will not be affected, but to date, have not put this in writing. The House and Senate back the ambulance providers. Another Bill is to go before the Governor on this matter. The Chief will provide the Board with a copy. He also asked the Selectmen to support the Fire Chiefs on this matter.

The Chief also discussed legislation he submitted for the two paramedic requirement on an ambulance run.

#### SYLVIA INSURANCE

John Beauregard from Sylvania Insurance was in attendance and reviewed the Town's insurance coverage including workers' compensation. (See attached.)

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Advisory Sub-Committee will meet at 8:30 a.m. on January 4, 2011 at the Board of Public Works.

WES Job Meeting is scheduled for January 6, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Osuch will meet with a Chamber of Commerce Representative on January 7, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Mattapoisett River Valley Advisory Committee is scheduled January 11, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works

Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Meeting is scheduled January 11, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works

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Clerical Union negotiations are scheduled for January 12, 2011 at 3:30 p.m.

Town Hall will be closed all day on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 17, 2011.

Next Selectmen's Meeting is Tuesday, January 18, 2011 at 4:30 p.m.

#### ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$50.00 were accepted.

#### POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Union submitted a request to begin contract negotiations. Dates will be set up with the Union.

#### 2010 TOWN REPORT

Board of Selectmen's Report for the 2010 Annual Town Report was accepted.

Mr. Osuch will contact Frank Rezendes for a cover photo for the 2010 Annual Town Report.

#### DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER

Mr. Murphy read the memo from the Director of Finance/Treasurer stating that as of December 28, 2010, the Highway Department Snow and Ice Account is overspent by \$7,568.81. (See attached.) As required by Massachusetts General Laws, a vote of the Board of Selectmen and the Finance Committee is needed to deficit spend. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve deficit spending. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### SRPEDD

Mr. Silvia and Mr. Osuch explained SRPEDD's Technical Assistance Program to Cities and Towns. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve certification of the revised Southeastern Massachusetts Metropolitan Planning Organization (SMMPO). Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### MASS ENERGYINSIGHT

Bob Espindola, a member of the Sustainable Energy Committee, submitted a request to have full access to the Town's energy data, included in the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources MassEnergyInsight reporting system. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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#### MILLCENT LIBRARY

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Carolyn Longworth, Library Director, requesting the re-appointment of Library Trustee Lisa Wright. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to re-appoint Lisa Wright. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire January 3, 2014.)

#### TOURISM COMMITTEE

Mr. Murphy read the letter from Jami Franco, Seaport Inn & Marina General Manager, requesting appointment to the Tourism Committee. (See attached.) The Board stated the Seaport Inn has not been cooperative with issues dealing with the Bridge Street Abutment, has not cooperated with the Building Commissioner and has had issues with businesses abutting the Seaport Inn. The Board agreed, at this time, not to appoint an employee of the Seaport Inn to the Tourism Committee.

#### 2011 LICENSES

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 2011 renewal of Liquor Licenses 1-4. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 2011 renewal of Common Victualer Licenses 1-11. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 2011 renewal of Car Dealer Licenses 1-2. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 2011 renewal of Car Repair Licenses 1-4. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 2011 renewal of Entertainment Licenses 1. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the 2011 renewal of Private Livery Licenses 1. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to send a letter stating possible action to the establishments not ready for 2011. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

#### UNION WHARF LOBSTER BASIN LEASES

Letter from the Harbormaster regarding a survey of yearly slip rental fees was briefly discussed. (See attached.) An appointment will be scheduled with the Harbormaster at a future date to discuss the rates.

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Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the Union Wharf Lobster Basin Leases for 2011 at \$1,000.00 each. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

#### OTHER MATTERS

Al Benac presented a John I. Bryant photograph to the Town. The photograph will be placed in the Selectmen's Office.

Mr. Silvia reported SRTA has introduced a pilot program and shuttle service will be available for Fairhaven, Acushnet and Mattapoisett. The fee is \$1.25. The shuttle may be boarded anywhere along the bus route by waiving to the driver.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:04 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss Workers' Compensation claims, the Solar Panel Project, the Wind Turbine Project, Police Contract negotiations, a bill from UMASS Dartmouth and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain  
Secretary