

Selectmen's Meeting – March 14, 2011

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of March 7, 2011. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the minutes of the March 7, 2011 executive session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### AYAKO ROONEY

Gerry Rooney reported his wife, Ayako, is safe in Toshashimizu. She was traveling to Japan and landed at the Tokyo Airport ten minutes after the devastating earth quake. A fund raising event will be planned for the near future. Anyone wishing to make a donation may send it to the Whitfield/Manjiro Friendship Society and they will pass it on to the appropriate organization. Gerry Rooney may also be contacted at 508-995-1219, 508-998-55811 or by e-mail.

#### WAYNE STREET

Residents of Wayne Street submitted a petition for roadwork on Wayne Street. The street is not hard surfaced and filled with pot holes, mud when it rains, icy in the winter and dusty when there is no rain. Photos of the street were submitted. Discussion followed and residents stated that at Town Meeting, the Board of Public Works will support hard surfacing Wayne Street. The petitioners also want the Selectmen's support. Dr. Bowcock motioned to place an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to reconstruct and triple stone seal Wayne Street from Scoticut Neck Road easterly to the end and funding is to come from the Potter Street Article that was passed last year. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### ANNUAL TOWN MEETING CPC ARTICLE RIVER WALK - NEW BEDFORD/ACUSHNET

William Roth was in attendance to discuss Section A. Wolf Island Well Site - Open Space Conservation Restriction of the Community Preservation Program article that appears on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. The Community Preservation Committee recommends appropriating \$79,000.00 for a Conservation Restriction on 28.5 acres at the Wolf Island Well site. The Board of Public Works already received a \$30,506.00 grant for the project.

Mr. Roth briefly explained the planned River Walk for New Bedford/Acushnet. He asked the Board to sign a contract with New Bedford and Acushnet to apply for transportation enhancement funding for the project. Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the application. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Mr. Roth asked the Board to sign and submit an application in the amount of \$100,000.00 to Mass Historic Commission for funding to restore gables and stain glass windows at the High School. Mr. Silvia motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the application. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. There is an article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant in the amount of \$190,000.00 to match the Mass Historic Commission application.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet in Wareham on March 17, 2011 at 12:00 noon.

Finance Committee will meet on March 17<sup>th</sup> and March 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

WES Job meeting is scheduled for March 18, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Articles for the Special Town Meeting Warrant are due by 4:00 p.m. on March 22, 2011.

Clerical Union negotiations are scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on March 23, 2011.

Economic Study Committee will meet on Thursday, March 24, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at Town Hall.

#### ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$140.00 were accepted.

#### NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

A request was received from the Shellfish Constable to have the Town Accountant establish a gift account for shellfish propagation donations. Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### CHAPTER 61 LAND

Alfred H. Robichaud submitted a "Notice of Intent" to remove 97.79± acres located at 15 Robichaud Farm Lane (Assessors Map 35, Lot 2) from Chapter 61 status. Under Chapter 61, the Town has an option to purchase said land intended to be sold and/or converted to other use. Mr. Silvia motioned not to exercise said option. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### INTERNET CAFÉ

A letter from was received from Town Counsel regarding internet café gaming. (See attached.) The Police Chief is looking into the issue and the Board agreed to "leave it in the hands of the Police Chief".

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#### TOWN OF ACUSHNET

The Town of Acushnet would like to acquire a 1993 Ford L8000 truck, which the Board of Public Works declared surplus. The vehicle was sold at the Town Auction on March 12, 2011.

#### BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING SCHEDULE

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Monday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. and Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 noon.

A Selectmen's meeting will be posted for the evening of Precinct Meetings, prior to Town Meeting.

Selectmen's meeting will be posted for Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, prior to the start of Town Meeting.

#### TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM RENTAL

A request was received from Footlights Repertory Company to change the dates of their performance and to waive the rental fee. (See attached.) The Board agreed to new dates. Mr. Silvia motioned to charge a rental fee for only the nights a performance is scheduled. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (16 hours)

#### LODGING HOUSE LICENSE

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the renewal application for a Lodging House License for Delano Homestead Bed & Breakfast, 39 Walnut Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### NSTAR GAS

Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the petitions for gas main and service relays at: Oxford Street from Cherry Street to Main Street, William Street from Union Street to Morse Street, Walnut Street from Union Street to Morse Street and Morse Street from William Street to Walnut Street. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

#### FY 12 BUDGETS & ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Mr. Silvia motioned to recommend \$90,000.00 for Annual Town Meeting Article #5, Renovation of High School Historic Entrances. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend the following for Annual Town Meeting Article #9 Community Preservation Committee: A. \$79,000.00, B. \$50,000.00, C. \$90,000.00, D. \$8,000.00, E. \$9,000.00, F. \$190,000.00, G. \$3,000.00, H. \$12,600.00. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Dr. Bowcock made the motions for “recommendation” for numerous FY 12 department budgets, listed in Article #4 of the Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Silvia seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Mr. Silvia motioned to use the figure of \$3.60 for a gallon of gas for budget purposes. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Silvia reported the “Fundraiser for Families of Fishermen” sponsored by the Hastings Middle School Student Council, held on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the Middle School Cafeteria, was well attended.

Mr. Murphy left the room. Mr. Silvia announced the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual M. O. Life, Inc. Charity Ball to be held on April 1, 2011 at White's of Westport from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight. Tickets are \$45.00 per person and may be obtained by calling 508-992-5978, on line at [www.molifeinc.com](http://www.molifeinc.com) or at 43 Daniel Street. Honorees are: Person of the Year, Thomas C. Riley; Consumer Choice Employee of the Year, Charles Lord; Family of the Year, The Cox Family; Personal Achievement Award, Craig Fortin and Lifetime Achievement Award, Jeannette Pittsley (posthumously ). Mr. Murphy returned to the meeting.

The Board stated their prayers and hearts go out to the people of Japan who recently experienced a devastating earthquake. Anyone wishing to make a donation to help the relief effort may send it to the Whitfield/Manjiro Friendship Society.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Sergeant Stephen Foster. His Father recently passed away.

The Board asked that prayers be said for John Rogers' wife, who is in a Boston Hospital.

Condolences were offered to the family and friends of Dr. and Mrs. Gleason. Both recently passed away.

North Fairhaven Improvement Association will hold Candidate's Night on March 16, 2011 at the Hastings Middle School.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:41 p.m., Mr. Silvia motioned to go into executive session to discuss Police Union Contract negotiations, Dispatcher Union Contract negotiations, a possible land acquisition, Council on Aging personnel issues, the Wind Turbine Contract, the Seaport Inn Lease and not to reconvene in open session. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

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Jan St. Germain  
Secretary