

Selectmen's Meeting – April 12, 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 and Mr. Murphy congratulated Dr. Bowcock on his re-election to the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Osuch - This is the re-organizational meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The first order of business is to appoint a Chairman.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia. Mr. Murphy seconded.

Mr. Osuch – Are there other nominations? No. Motion to close nominations. Dr. Bowcock motioned to close nominations. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the motion of Mr. Silvia as Chairman, all in favor. Unanimous.

Meeting was turned over to Mr. Silvia. .

Mr. Murphy nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve as Vice Chairman. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve as Vice Chairman, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve as Board Clerk. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve as Board Clerk, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve as Contract Compliance Officer. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve as Contract Compliance Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Murphy nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve as Affirmative Action Officer. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve as Affirmative Action Officer, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve as Fair Housing Coordinator, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Millicent Library Board of Trustees, it was so voted. All were in favor.

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Mr. Murphy nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the Bristol County Advisory Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Sister City Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve on the Personnel Board. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve on the Personnel Board, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Mr. Murphy nominated Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Dr. Bowcock to serve on the High School Building Sub-Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve on the Fire Apparatus Study Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Silvia to serve on the Historical Commission. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Silvia to serve on the Historical Commission, it was so voted. All were in favor.

Dr. Bowcock nominated Mr. Murphy to serve on the Boat Ramps and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. On the nomination of Mr. Murphy to serve on the Boat Ramps and Waterfront Recreational Property Committee, it was so voted. All were in favor.

MINUTES OF MEETING

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of March 28, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the March 28, 2011 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2011 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Town Manager's meeting is scheduled for April 13, 2011 at 12:00 noon in Wareham.

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Clerical Union negotiations are scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on April 14, 2011.

Police Union negotiations are scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 14, 2011.

Finance Committee will meet on April 14, 2011 and April 21, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Osuch will attend a meeting at the "Celtic House" in New Bedford on April 15, 2011 from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m.

Town Hall will be closed on Monday, April 18, 2011, Patriots' Day.

Economic Summit Meeting is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on April 21, 2011 at Town Hall.

Retirement Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on April 25, 2011.

Town Hall will close at 12:00 noon on April 22, 2011, Good Friday.

Mr. Osuch discussed the Draft Environmental Report for West Island Channel and Basin Dredging and the plan for "Proposed Improvement Dredging – West Island Channels & Basins". (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the plan. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT

Construction Report for February 2011 and March 2011 will be placed on file.

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT

Mr. Silvia read the request from the Shellfish Warden to acquire the surplus 1991 GMC Jimmy from EMA. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request from the Director of Finance/Treasurer to use Town Counsel regarding the School Superintendents monthly reimbursement for mileage. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CLASS I CAR DEALER LICENSE

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Alden Buick requesting the business name and address be corrected to J.D. Acquisition Corp. d/b/a Alden Buick GMC, 6 Whalers Way. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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PLANET AID

Mr. Silvia summarized the letter from Planet Aid requesting permission to place a donation bin at the Animal Shelter and Recreation Center. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned not to allow any donation bins on Town property. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 62 Boston Hill Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 42-44 Spring Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 149 Adams Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for 2 proposed joint pole locations and the removal of 2 existing joint pole locations on Howland Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

FY 12 BUDGETS & SPECIAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLES

Dr. Bowcock made the motions to reconsider the “recommended administration” amounts for numerous FY 12 budgets. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

An article will be placed on the May 7, 2011 Special Town Meeting Warrant for Hastings Middle School Window and Door Repairs. Requested amount is \$420,669.

JOYCE COOKINHAM

A hearing was scheduled for 7:30 p.m. to discuss Joyce Cookinham's absenteeism from her position at Social Day at the Council on Aging. Ms. Cookinham was not present. Her husband Thomas was in attendance to represent his wife and requested executive session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 8:56 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss health issues regarding Joyce Cookinham, to discuss with the Board of Public Works Brown and Caldwell Contract issues, Clerical Union Contract negotiations, Fire Union Contract negotiations, Council on Aging issues, and to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0. Open meeting reconvened at 10:13 p.m.

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OTHER MATTERS

A letter was received from the Attorney General indicating “video poker games” are not legal and not allowed. A letter will be sent to Fairhaven License Holders informing them the Town's Licensing Authority, the Board of Selectmen, does not permit licensed establishments to run or have on their premise “video poker games”. If they do, the machines must be removed immediately.

Fairhaven EMA has received two checks totaling \$9,984.58 for some of the expenses incurred during the storms and flooding of March 2010. Reimbursement is from both the Federal and State Emergency Management Agencies. The Board thanked Marc Jodoin, Director of EMA and EMA for their assistance in Town activities.

The Board congratulated newly appointed Police Officers Bachir Kouta, Kevin Swain and Daniel Dorgan.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Robert Cormier. His Mother recently passed away.

Today marks the 150th anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War.

At 10:27 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to adjourn. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary