

Selectmen's Meeting – April 25, 2011

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

Also in attendance was Jeffrey Osuch.

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

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the April 12, 2011 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch and Sewer Superintendent Linda Schick will attend the DEP meeting in Lakeville on April 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss the NPDES Permit.

The Director of Tourism will hold a "Tourism Workshop" on April 26, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Bids for Town Hall Repairs Phase III will be opened at 2:00 p.m. on April 27, 2011 at Town Hall.

"Pre Town Meeting" will be taped at 8:00 a.m. on April 28, 2011 at Town Hall.

Mr. Osuch will meet with John Beauregard from Sylvia Group and representatives from Stephenson and Brook on April 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. to discuss Workers' Compensation claims/insurance.

WES Construction Job Meeting is scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on April 28, 2011 at the Board of Public Works.

Meeting with the Moderator to review the Special Town Meeting Warrant and Annual Town Meeting Warrant is scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on April 28, 2011 at Town Hall.

Mr. Osuch will attend a meeting at the Celtic House in New Bedford on April 29, 2011 at 7:30 a.m.

Open House at the new South Coast Cancer Center is scheduled for April 30, 2011.

Precinct Meetings are scheduled for May 4, 2011 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Hastings Middle School.

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Copper gutters were stolen from the Millicent Library and the Town Hall. A claim was filed with the Town's insurance carrier.

BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Mr. Silvia read a letter of resignation from Erika Correia, effective April 29, 2011. (See attached.) The Board wished Ms. Correia success and happiness in her new job.

TOWN CLERK

Mr. Silvia read Linda Smith's notice of retirement, effective August 26, 2011. (See attached.) The Board wished her a happy and healthy retirement.

TOWN COUNSEL

Mr. Silvia read a letter from Town Counsel requesting designation as a special municipal employee. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to designate Thomas P. Crotty a special municipal employee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL WINDOW REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Mr. Silvia summarized the letter from Town Counsel "regarding the authority of Town Officials" with regards to the Hastings Middle School window replacement project. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to authorize Chairman Michael Silvia to execute the "Project Funding Agreement – Green Repair Program" on behalf of the Town for the Hastings Middle School Window Replacement Project. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Murphy motioned to authorize Paul Kitchen to manage and make final, binding decisions (but not allowing the expenditure of funds beyond the amount appropriated by Town Meeting) with respect to that project on behalf of the Town. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

GOVERNMENT ACCESS DEPARTMENT

Mr. Osuch summarized the request from Bernice Alves to transfer \$1,500.00 from Pegg Access Cable Account to Government Access Program Account. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Silvia suggested Government Access prepare a budget for FY 13.

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BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Stephen Cabral requesting appointment to the Bicentennial Committee. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Stephen Cabral to the Bicentennial Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire May 31, 2013.)

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TOURISM COMMITTEE

Mr. Silvia read Susan Moulton's letter of resignation from the Tourism Committee. (See attached.) Hampton Inn will be contacted and asked if someone else from the Hampton Inn would like to be appointed.

NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to obstruct and disturb the surface at 114 Adams Street between Linden Avenue and School Street to install a new gas service on the Linden Avenue side. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to obstruct and disturb the surface at 49 Chestnut Street between Pleasant Street and Farmfield Street to install a new gas service. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to obstruct and disturb the surface at 3 Stephen Street between Blossom Street and dead end to retire a gas service. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

CONTRACT RAISES

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend a 1% salary increase for FY 12 for the Executive Secretary, Director of Finance/Treasurer, Town Accountant and Director of Planning and Economic Development. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend \$72,750.00 for Article #17 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Article #21 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant will be passed over.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend "At Town Meeting" for Article #28 on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Osuch will find out how much the Cultural Council spends each year.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to reconsider Article #28. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend \$19,250.00 for Article #28. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to reconsider Article 4 #25 Police Department Salary & Wages. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend \$2,540,539.00 for Article 4 #25 Police Department Salary & Wages. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to reconsider Article 4 #28 Building Department Purchase of Services. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to recommend \$2,650.00 for Article 4 #28 Building Department Purchase of Services. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock congratulated the North Fairhaven Improvement Association on another successful Easter Egg Hunt, held this past Saturday at Livesey Park.

Mr. Silvia thanked Dr. Bowcock for his generous donation of candy for the Easter Egg Hunt and thanked all the volunteers who helped with the event.

West Island Improvement Association will host an Irish event on May 21, 2011.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:25 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss a tax title issue, the Sealer of Weights and Measurers position, Brown and Caldwell Contract issues, Clerical Union negotiations, Dispatcher Union negotiations, Fire Union negotiations, Police Union negotiations and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary