

Selectmen's Meeting – July 18, 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 July 5, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 executive session after adding "Mr. Murphy was absent." Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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

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

POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Police Chief was in attendance to request approval of the lateral transfer of Officer Janis M. Bubluski from the Acushnet Police Department to Fairhaven Police Department, effective July 31, 2011. Officer Bubluski was also present. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BICENTENNIAL BANQUET

Donald Arsenault, Chairman of the Bicentennial Banquet Committee, was in attendance to request the Board of Selectmen send a formal invitation to the Governor of Massachusetts, inviting him to attend the Bicentennial Banquet planned for March 10, 2012 at the Seaport Inn. He also requested local and State Congressmen/Senators be invited. Dr. Bowcock motioned to send formal invitations. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DREDGE BOAT PERMIT

Arlindo DosSantos and Shellfish Warden Tim Cox were present. Mr. Silvia read Mr. DosSantos' letter requesting a dredge boat license. (See attached.) In the past, the Town only issued three licenses per year. The three were renewed for this year, but only one is being used. The Shellfish Warden said he didn't have a problem issuing another license. Dr. Bowcock motioned to issue a dredge boat license to Mr. DosSantos. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. In the future, the Board suggested putting stipulations on the license if it is not being used.

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HOUSING AUTHORITY

Anne Silveira, Elaine Rocha and Raymond Sylvia, members of the Housing Authority, were in attendance to vote, with the Board of Selectmen, to fill the vacancy on the Housing Authority. Jimmie Oliver, the only applicant, was also present. Mr. Silvia read Mr. Oliver's letter requesting appointment. (See attached.) The Housing Authority all recommended Mr. Oliver. Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Jimmie Oliver to fill the vacancy. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. He will serve until the next Town election.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

WES Job meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Meeting with DEP is scheduled for July 21, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

New School Building Committee will meet on July 25, 2011 and July 27, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School Library.

Retirement Board will meet at 8:30 a.m. on July 27, 2011 at Town Hall.

SEMASS Steering Committee will meet on July 28, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Rochester Plant.

Mr. Osuch will meet with Robert Espindola of the Sustainability Committee on July 28, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Silvia left the room. The Historical Society requests permission to reserve the Town Hall Auditorium on Friday, July 29, 2011 for a presentation on "Rum Runners of Sconticut Neck and Beyond". The presentation will begin at 7:00 p.m. and Mr. Silvia is the guest speaker. Mr. Murphy motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. It was so voted.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to endorse Universal Environmental Consultants (UEC) Hazardous Material Inspection and Design Services for the existing Wood School. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Contract amount is \$3,740.

Notice was received from the Department of the Army, New England District, Corps of Engineers that the New Bedford-Fairhaven Hurricane Dike and Barrier System was re-certified. (See attached.)

OXFORD/ROGERS SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY COMMITTEE

Chris Bunnell was in attendance and asked the Board to create an Oxford/Rogers School feasibility study committee to evaluate the future of the two properties. The School Committee will also be asked to support the study committee. Dr. Bowcock motioned to create a Feasibility

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Study Committee to discuss the future of the two properties. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to appoint Amy Hartley-Matteson to the New School Building Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ANIMAL SHELTER GIFT ACCOUNT

Donations to the Gift Account totaling \$60.00 were accepted.

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Amendment No. 3A and Amendment No. 3B to Brown and Caldwell Agreement were passed over.

PERSONNEL BOARD

An amendment to job title and working hours for personnel at the Council on Aging was held to a future date, after a new Council on Aging Director is hired.

On June 23, 2011, the Personnel Board voted to approve "Early Retirement Incentive" for non-union employees. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve "Early Retirement Incentive", effective July 1, 2012, for non-union employees. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE/TREASURER

Director of Finance/Treasurer submitted a request to sign a contract in the amount of \$7,850. with Primoris Benefit Advisors, Inc., 100 Winwood Avenue, Colchester, CT for the required two year valuation of Post Employment Benefits other than Pensions. Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the contract. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Department of Housing and Community Development awarding the Town a FY 11 Community Development Fund I grant in the amount of up to \$883,926. (See attached.) The Director of Planning and Economic Development was thanked for a job well done.

SRPEDD

The Southeast Regional 911 Dispatch Final Feasibility Report and Implementation Plan was taken under advisement.

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WALK, ROCK & ROLL AT THE ROYAL

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Community Nurse and Hospice Care requesting approval of the fund raiser “Walk, Rock and Roll at the Royal” to be held on September 10, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SEAPORT ADVISORY COUNCIL

Dr. Bowcock motioned to renew the lease with the Seaport Advisory Council for three years, with terms to be negotiated. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Seaport Council rents office space in the Town Hall.)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss the Taylor Seafood Agreement, legal issues regarding the Seaport Inn and to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0. Open meeting reconvened at 7:45 p.m.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Council on Aging members Jerald Brecken, Joan Mello, Geraldine Frates, Albert Borges, Joseph Borelli, Elaine O’Neill, Lindsay Gordon, Francis Cox, and Joyce Cookinham, Social Day Care Coordinator, were in attendance. The Board of Selectmen discussed the role of the Council on Aging and the Council on Aging Director. The Board stated they want to work in partnership with the Director and the Council on Aging to ensure a peaceful, comfortable and non-threatening COA Center where seniors will want to go. They want a smooth running operation. Council on Aging members were reminded they are an advisory Board. The Selectmen stated they will be more involved in the process to hire a new Director. It was suggested that a member of the Board of Selectmen, member of the Council on Aging and a representative from Coastline Elderly be involved in the interview process.

OTHER MATTERS

Mr. Murphy thanked all who called about the medical condition of his daughter. On July 5, 2011, his daughter passed out at work from dehydration and in doing so, took a bad fall. This was the reason for his absence from the meeting on July 5th.

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At 7:53 p.m. Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss Council on Aging issues with the Council on Aging and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

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Jan St. Germain
Secretary