

Selectmen's Meeting – August 1, 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 18, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 executive session (7:30 p.m.). Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the July 18, 2011 executive session (7:53 p.m.). Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

NEW SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE

Pip Lewis from HMFH Architects, Richard Marks from Daedalus and members of the New School Building Committee were in attendance and discussed the proposed new elementary school at the Wood School site. Mr. Lewis and Mr. Marks gave a brief update on the project. The proposed new school will be similar to the East Fairhaven School, but with some building code changes and the number of parking spaces will be increased. "Everybody's Playground" at the Wood School will remain, as will the large tree located on the grounds. The garden and air monitoring system will be re-located to another location on site. A Special Town Meeting will be scheduled for the end of October and assuming the Article passes at Town Meeting, a debt exclusion vote will also be scheduled. August 16th is the deadline to submit the project to the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). Total cost is \$24,313,360. Reimbursement rate is 60.39%, which includes 5% for a model school. The Town's share is \$10,246,137. However, the Town must appropriate the full \$24,313,360. It is expected the Wood School will close in June of 2012 and students will be relocated. The Rogers School will remain open. It is planned that the new school will open in the fall of 2013. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the project and funding is not to exceed \$24.4 million. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Anne Carreiro, Town Accountant, was in attendance to renew her Contract of Employment. The Board expressed their appreciation for her dedication and excellent work. Dr. Bowcock motioned to renew her Contact. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Osuch will attend a Town Administrator's Meeting at the Acushnet Town Hall on August 3, 2011 at 12:00 noon.

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Mr. Osuch will meet with a representative from NXTEL on August 5, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at Town Hall.

Mr. Osuch will meet with Vincent Furtado, the new Board of Public Works Superintendent, on August 5, 2011.

Council on Aging meeting is scheduled for 9:30 a.m. on August 8, 2011.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee will meet on August 9, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water District Committee will meet on August 9, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

SEMASS Steering Committee meeting is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. on August 10, 2011.

WES Job meeting is scheduled for August 11, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Representatives from AIM Insurance Company (Workers' Compensation Insurance) will meet with department heads on August 11, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. at Town Hall.

New School Building Committee will meet on August 11, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School.

Representatives from Stephenson & Brook (Workers' Compensation Risk Management) will meet with School Administration and School Staff on August 17, 2011 at the High School to discuss Workers' Compensation claims and ways to decrease the number of claims.

Departments are continuing to review the Southeast Regional 911 Dispatch Final Feasibility Report and Implementation Plan.

SEAPORT INN/JOSEPH MORRA

This past Friday, there was a wrestling event at the Seaport Inn. The Seaport Inn did not apply for a "Third Party Permit, as required of all establishments in Fairhaven licensed to serve alcoholic beverages, who intend to rent a portion of their building to a third party. Notice must be given at least 72 hours prior to the event. The establishment must notify the Police Department first, to determine if an Officer is necessary. The Seaport Inn didn't do this and the Police Department learned of the event thru the media .A hearing will be scheduled for August 15, 2011 with the Seaport Inn.

Mr. Silvia requested a full Police Report on the incident that recently occurred at the Seaport Inn involving Joseph Morra, an elected member of the Planning Board, appointed member of the Board of Appeals and an employee of the Seaport Inn. Mr. Morra was arrested by the Fairhaven

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Police Department on a number of charges. The Board agreed Mr. Morra should resign from the Planning Board and Board of Appeals.

COUNCIL ON AGING

Mr. Silvia read the request from the Social Day Coordinator and Assistant Social Day Coordinator to change their working hours back to the original hours. (See attached.) Mr. Silvia motioned to approve the request. Dr. Bowcock seconded. Vote was unanimous.

ASSISTANT TREASURER

A request was received from the Treasurer to re-appoint Lisa Rose, Assistant Treasurer, for a term of 3 years. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Term to expire June 30, 2014.)

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL COMMISSION

Mr. Silvia summarized the "Notice of Hearing" from the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission. A hearing for Douglas Wine & Spirits will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Boston. (See attached.)

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, HIGHWAY DIVISION

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the "Land Damage Agreement" with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation, for parcels on Huttleston Avenue/Route 6. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SPECIAL ONE DAY LICENSE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application from the Town Crier for a One Day All Alcoholic License for a benefit on August 14th from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

COMMUNITY CONNECTION

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Community Connections requesting permission to hold a walk-a-thon to benefit their programs on Saturday, October 1, 2011 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at 10 David Drown Blvd. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 44 Bellevue Street between Francis Street and Adams Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works).

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 94 Farmfield Street between Morey Lane and dead end. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works).

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition to install a new gas service at 41 Harding Road between Phillips Street and Saratoga 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 40-44 Hedge Street between Main Street and Cherry Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works).

OTHER MATTERS

Dr. Bowcock mentioned the article on the digester project that recently appeared in the newspaper. The project was supposed to be completed this past May. Contractual and legal ramifications are expected as a result of the delay.

“Tribute to the Troops” motor cycle run is scheduled for August 14, 2011. Proceeds will benefit the Fort Rodman Museum in New Bedford.

The Board congratulated Vincent Furtado on his appointment as Board of Public Works Superintendent.

Mr. Murphy stated he received a letter from Thomas Riley, Executive Director of “Better Community Living, Inc.”, thanking the Town of Fairhaven and residents for their support.

Mr. Silvia stated he enjoyed being part of the Historical Commission's presentation on “Rum Runners”, and it was well attended.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:30 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss renewal of the Taylor Cultured Seafood Aquaculture License, the Seaport Inn, a request for documents from UMASS Dartmouth, a request from Claudia Martin, the digester project 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