

Selectmen's Meeting – August 15, 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 August 1, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2011 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS SUPERINTENDENT

Vincent Furtado, new Board of Public Works Superintendent, introduced himself to the Board. The Board congratulated him on his recent appointment.

#### LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING – CONNOLLY'S LIQUOR MART

Liquor License Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to act on the application submitted by Jay Sahi Corp., d/b/a Connolly's Liquor Mart, 36 Howland Road, for a transfer of Package Store All Alcoholic License, Pledge of License and Pledge of Inventory. Bhavesh Patel, Manager, and Attorney Joseph Devlin were in attendance. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission) The Board reminded Mr. Patel all employees must be TIPS certified.

#### CDBG PUBLIC HEARING 2010 GRANT PROGRESS REPORT

Public Hearing was scheduled for 7:10 p.m. for an update on public input on the 2010 CDBG Grant. This grant includes the reconstruction of Middle Street and the housing rehabilitation program. Middle Street from Pease Park to Washington Street has been reconstructed and final paving will be done this fall. Washington Street from Main Street to Water Street is almost complete. Surplus funds will be used to extend the Middle Street project from Washington Street to Ferry Street and the replacement of some sidewalk panels in this area. .

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Representatives from Stephenson & Brook (Workers' Compensation Risk Management) will meet with School Administration and School Staff on August 17, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the High School to discuss Workers' Compensation claims and ways to decrease the number of claims. A meeting with Board of Public Works, Recreation Center and Council on Aging will be schedule for September.

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Meeting to discuss the floor at the Recreation Center is scheduled for 11:30 a.m. on August 18, 2011.

Meeting with representatives from Brown and Caldwell to discuss the digester project is scheduled for August 18, 2011 at 2:00 p.m.

Representatives from Aquastore and WES Construction will meet at 3:00 p.m. on August 18, 2011 to discuss the digester tanks.

Interviews for the Council on Aging Director's position will begin at 4:00 p.m. on August 18, 2011.

Retirement Board will meet on August 26, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. at the Town Hall.

New School Building Committee meeting was held on August 11, 2011. The cost of the new school has gone up slightly to \$24.65 million, because of the increase in hazardous material removal costs. However, because of an increase in reimbursement for green design, the Town's share is reduced to approximately 9.6%. The application will be submitted to the Massachusetts School Building Authority this week.

The Board of Public Works scheduled an auction for Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

The "Public Protection Classification Summary Report" prepared by Insurance Services Office, Inc. rating the Town's structural fire suppression delivery system was received and the Town's rating increased this year (See attached report.) and will result in homeowners saving on their homeowners insurance. Fairhaven's rating is in the top 25% of all towns/cities in Massachusetts.

Mr. Osuch reported he received a complaint for noise at "Down the Hatch" this past weekend and a complaint that patrons of "Down the Hatch" were parking at Hoppy's Landing and not paying the parking fee.

#### ANIMAL CONTROL

Mr. Silvia read the request from the Animal Control Officer to purchase a microchip wand with funding to come from the Gift Account. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### BOARD OF APPEALS

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Chairman of the Board of Appeals regarding an incident that occurred during the August 2, 2011 Board of Appeals meeting concerning "procedural protocol". (See attached.) Associate member Renee Fleurent, Jr. will be asked to attend the next

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Selectmen's Meeting. The Board will review the Open Meeting Law with Mr. Fleurent. The Board emphasized that every Town Officer must have a copy of the Open Meeting Guide.

#### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign Amendments No. 3A and No. 3B to Agreement between Town of Fairhaven and Brown and Caldwell for Professional Services Related to WWTP Improvements and Engineering Services during Construction". Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### HOPPY'S LANDING

The Board will review the Sample" Land Management Agreement for Hoppy's Landing. Douglas Cameron of the Department of Fish and Game, will attend the August 29, 2011 Selectmen's Meeting to discuss the proposed Agreement.

#### PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Mr. Silvia read the request from the Director of Planning and Economic Development for "Authorization for Legal Services" to perform a title search and determine the status of the paper street off Turner Avenue, with regards to the Town's drainage line. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### SRPEDD

The Police Chief, Sergeant Kobza, the Fire Chief and Fire Lieutenant Correia discussed the 911 Dispatch Feasibility Study. Both the Police and Fire Departments do not support the Geo Comm report on regional dispatching. Major concerns were raised about other functions dispatchers perform with the general public and dealing with phone calls that are not emergencies. Both Chief Myers and Chief Francis submitted letters concerning the Geo Comm report and feel the feasibility study needs additional review to address the non-emergency services performed by dispatchers. Non-emergency calls still must be addressed. Concerns were also raised about "closing" the Police Station from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 a.m., if there are no dispatchers in the station to handle walk ins and other issues. There would be no cost savings to the Town. Personnel would need to be hired to serve the public and handle non 911 calls. A letter will be sent to SRPEDD stating the Selectmen are not in favor of the feasibility study and it needs additional review to address the non-emergency services performed by dispatchers.

#### TOWN CLERK

Mr. Silvia read the letter from the Town Clerk stating she will appoint Carolyn Hurley, Principal Clerk, effective August 29, 2011. (See attached.)

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#### ENERGY EDGE

A request was received from Rob Holdsworth, President of Energy Edge Technologies, for approval to conduct a free analysis of energy efficiency and conservation opportunities in Town facilities. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### SPECIAL ONE DAY ALL ALCOHOLIC LICENSE

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Ice Chest Bar & Grill requesting a Special One Day All Alcoholic License for a Bridal Shower on August 20, 2011. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application, subject to Ice Chest Bar & Grill submitting the required 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Permit. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application from Our Lady of Angels for a Special One Day All Alcoholic License for the Annual Feast on September 3, 4 and 5, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line maintenance at 70 Green 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 89 Fort Street. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

#### OTHER MATTERS

Residents were reminded this is hurricane season. Hurricane passes are available at the Board of Public Works Monday thru Friday.

The West Island Improvement Association Board of Directors submitted a letter stating they “voted unanimously to support the provision of pet evacuation strategy as part of Fairhaven’s emergency planning”. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock will meet with the Association to discuss the Causeway Beach and will also address this issue.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:35 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss a Clerical Union Grievance, a request for documents from UMASS Dartmouth, renewal of the Taylor Cultured Seafood Aquaculture License, personnel issues regarding Hoppy’s Landing 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