

Selectmen's Meeting – September 12, 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 September 1, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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

NEW BOSTON ROAD CONSERVATION RESTRICTION

Alan Decker from the Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc. was present to request approval of "Amendment of Conservation Restriction to Buzzards Bay Coalition, Inc. for New Boston Road Conservation Area, New Boston Road, Fairhaven." (See attached.) Mr. Decker reported the Conservation Commission postponed making a decision until September 26th and requested the Board of Selectmen delay making a decision until September 27th. An appointment will be scheduled on the September 27th agenda.

LIQUOR LICENSE HEARING - DOROTHY COX'S CANDIES, INC.

Liquor License Hearing was scheduled for 7:00 p.m. to act on the application submitted by Dorothy Cox's Candies, Inc. for a change of location of a Package Store Beer & Wine License from 115 Huttleston Avenue to 63 Alden Road. Abutters were notified by certified mail of the date and time of the hearing. None were present. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the transfer. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Application will be forwarded to the Alcoholic Beverage Control Commission.)

CDBG STRATEGY & FY 12 APPLICATION

Director of Planning and Economic Development was in attendance and gave a brief overview of the CDBG program. He is working on a 2012 CDBG Draft Community Development Strategy. A public hearing will be scheduled for Tuesday, September 27, 2011 to take public comment and discuss potential target areas for community development. A copy of the draft will be submitted to the Selectmen's Office prior to the hearing on September 27th. A neighborhood meeting is scheduled for September 21st. Brief discussion followed.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to award the consulting contract to Breezeway Farm Consulting, Inc. located in New Salem, MA. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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Dr. Bowcock motioned to award the contract for the Spring Street Reconstruction Project to Pavao Construction Company of Dighton, MA in the amount of \$405,435. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden requested permission to remove 12-15 trees damaged by Tropical Storm Irene. He will submit a list of the locations and post the trees. Dr. Bowcock motioned to support the Tree Warden in the removal of the damaged trees. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Tree Warden reported the tree chipper no longer works and the department needs a new and bigger chipper. Approximate cost is \$60,000. He also requested two cell phones, one for himself and one for the truck. Residents are calling on his personal cell phone and the bills are huge. An increase in salary for the Tree Warden and his workers was discussed. Mr. Medeiros was advised to schedule a meeting with the Personnel Board to discuss the increase for his workers and to include salary increases in the FY 13 budget. He will contact the Finance Committee to discuss the request for a chipper and cell phones.

Mr. Medeiros and his family were thanked for a job well done during and after Tropical Storm Irene.

SOUTHCOAST HOSPITALS GROUP, INC.

Attorney Christopher Saunders was in attendance to announced Southcoast Hospitals Group's intent to construct an Ambulatory Care Center on Mill Road, adjacent to the Cancer Treatment Center. A representative from Southcoast explained plans for the Center. A "neighborhood meeting" will be held on Thursday, September 15th at 7:00 p.m. at the Cancer Center.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY – 150 SCONTICUT NECK ROAD

Marc Jodoin, EMA Director, John Rogers and Roger Gautreau were in attendance to request use of the former Council on Aging building at 150 Sconticut Neck Road, as the new headquarters for Emergency Management. Dr. Bowcock motioned to have EMA transfer from their present location to 150 Sconticut Neck Road. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. The Board thanked all the EMA volunteers for providing a service to the Town and a job well done during and after recent Tropical Storm Irene.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting to discuss the digester project is scheduled for September 13, 2011 at the Board of Public Works.

Mattapoissett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee will meet on September 13, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

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Mattapoisett River Valley Water District Committee will meet on September 13, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Buzzards Bay Action Committee will meet at 12:00 noon on September 15, 2011 in Wareham.

Finance Committee will meet on September 15, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Public Works.

WES Job meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Mr. Osuch will meet with Anne Silvia, the new Council on Aging Director, on September 19, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. Ms. Silvia will start work on Monday, October 3, 2011.

Regional Town Managers' meeting is scheduled for September 21, 2011 at 12:00 noon in Marion.

Representatives from Stephenson & Brook (Workers' Compensation Risk Management) will meet with department heads on September 23, 2011.

SRPEDD's 911 Feasibility Study will be discussed with the Police Chief and Fire Chief at a later date.

The Board of Public Works scheduled an auction for Saturday, September 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works. Items not sold will be sold as "scrap".

The Fairhaven Village Militia and the Fairhaven Office of Tourism will hold an "Encampment" at Fort Phoenix on September 17 and 18, 2011.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Local Election Districts Review Commission, approved re-dividing the Town into precincts. Effective date of new precincts is December 31, 2011.

ASSESSOR'S OFFICE

Mr. Silvia read the request from Kelly Ferranti to carry over 1 ½ vacation days. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

SEWER RATE RELIEF APPROPRIATION

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Commonwealth Sewer Rate Relief Fund Application for FY 2012 Distribution. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

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HOPPY'S LANDING LAND MANAGEMENT AGREEMENT

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the "Land Management Agreement" by and between the Department of Fish and Game and the Town of Fairhaven. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Handicapped accessible sport fishing pier, etc.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to sign the Lease Agreements by and between the Town of Fairhaven and Robert Hobson, Russell J. Costa and Robert Sakwa for storage at Hoppy's Landing. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

CITY OF NEW BEDFORD

Dr. Bowcock motioned to support the City's application to MassWorks Infrastructure Program to revitalize Acushnet Avenue. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

ANIMAL SHELTER

Mr. Silvia read the request from friends of Barbara Wood to place a bench and a shade tree at the Animal Shelter in her memory. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request, as long as it is coordinated with the Animal Control Officer. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Silvia read the letter from Nancy Parent requesting appointment to the Bicentennial Committee. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

TOWN HALL AUDITORIUM

An application was received from the Harpoon Harmonizers to hold a musical show on Saturday, November 26th from 5-10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium. The Board of Health, Building Department, Fire Department and the Police Department approved the event. The Police Chief requests a Police Office be present. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the event. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board of Selectmen will meet on Monday, October 3rd and October 17th at 6:30 p.m. and Tuesday, October 25th at 6:00 p.m. The October 25th meeting will be held at the Hastings Middle School. Meeting schedule for the remainder of the year will be placed on the September 27th agenda.

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SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Dr. Bowcock motioned to schedule a Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, October 25th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hastings Middle School, schedule a debt exclusion vote for November 2nd (proposed new elementary school) and to set September 21st as the deadline to submit articles for the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

OTHER MATTERS

Eco/Energy Fair will be held in conjunction with the Farmer's Market on Sunday, September 18th. The Farmer's market is open from 1-4 p.m.

The Board thanked Kathy Lopes for another successful Fort Phoenix 5K Road Race/Walk on September 11, 2011.

The Board thanked Wayne Oliver for organizing the "911 Anniversary Ceremony" held on September 11, 2011 at the High School.

At 8:11 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to adjourn. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Jan St. Germain
Secretary