

Selectmen's Meeting – November 28, 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 November 14, 2011. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2011 executive session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### ALDEN MAZDA, 37 ALDEN ROAD

Alden Imports, Inc., d/b/a Alden Mazda, 37 Alden Road, submitted an application for Change of Owner/Name Only for a Car Dealer Class I and Repair License. (All stipulations on licenses to remain the same.) Licenses were formerly issued to O'Hara Mazda. Edward J. Lutz, President of the Corporation, was present. Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the change of owner. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### TAX CLASSIFICATION HEARING

Tax Classification Hearing was scheduled for 7:05 p.m. The Director of Finance/Treasurer, Chairman of the Board of Assessors and Administrative Assessor were in attendance. Discussion followed. Dr. Bowcock motioned to adopt a shift of 1.75%. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Residential and open space tax rate is \$10.27. Commercial and industrial and personal property is \$20.63.

#### SHELLFISH CONSTABLE/HARBORMASTER

The Shellfish Warden and Harbormaster were in attendance and stated that funds are available from the Bouchard Oil spill. The Natural Resource Department will apply for two grants. One in the amount of \$111,000. to transplant seed quahogs and \$47,000. - \$50,000. for a floating upweller, to be attached to the dock at Hoppy's Landing. Dr. Bowcock motioned to support the two projects. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

Meeting with J. K. Scanlon Company, Inc. on November 29, 2011 and December 6, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. at the Board of Public Works.

Meeting with representatives of the Buzzards Bay Project is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on November 30, 2011 at the Board of Public Works.

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New Bedford "Forum" will meet from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. on December 1, 2011.

Meeting with Town Counsel, representatives from WES Construction and Board of the Public Works is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on December 1, 2011.

SEMASS COSC meeting is scheduled for December 1, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. in Plymouth.

Meeting with HMFH is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on December 1, 2011 at 2:30 p.m.

New School Building Committee will meet on December 1, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. at the High School.

Walk thru with representatives from Brown and Caldwell and WES Construction will do a "walk thru" for the digester project on December 2, 2011.

Department Heads will meet with FEMA on December 5, 2011 regarding hurricane Irene.

CPC meeting is scheduled for December 8, 2011 at Town Hall.

"Old Time Holiday" will be held on December 9, 10 and 11, 2011.

Council on Aging will meet on December 12, 2011.

The gym at the Recreation Center will be closed while the floor is repaired. The Wellness Center is open.

The Police Chief requested the Board of Selectmen approve extending the deadline for several Officers to use their earned vacation time to July 30, 2012. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Mr. Silvia read the letter from John Sweeney, Jr. offering to donate land at the rear of Turner Avenue to the Town. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to accept the land. Mr. Murphy second. Vote was unanimous.

#### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GIFT ACCOUNT

\$1,000.00 donation from Fairhaven Road Race, Inc. was accepted. The Board thanked all who participated in the race.

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#### PERSONNEL BOARD

Mr. Silvia read Gary F. Souza's letter of resignation from the Personnel Board. (See attached.) The Board thanked him for his time served and wished him well in Liberia.

#### SYLVIA & COMPANY INSURANCE AGENCY

Mr. Silvia read the e-mail from John Beauregard, Sylvia and Company Insurance Agency, regarding the personal use of Town vehicles. (See attached.) A notice will be sent to all Town employees that use Town vehicles.

#### COMMON VICTUALER LICENSE

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the application from Simmy's, 58 Washington Street, for a Common Victualer License. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

#### NSTAR GAS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the petition for gas line installation at 33 Shaw Road between Huttleston Avenue & Forestview Drive. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (Approved by the Board of Public Works.)

#### 2012 LICENSE RENEWALS

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve renewal of 2012 Liquor Licenses for several establishments. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve renewal of 2012 Common Victualer Licenses for several establishments. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (See attached.)

#### OTHER MATTERS

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Edith Silva, who recently passed away. Ms. Silva was the Veterans' Benefits and Service Administrative Assistant and President of the East Fairhaven Improvement Association for many years.

The Board offered their condolences to the family and friends of Katie Brienzo, who recently passed away.

The Board thanked Emilia Crotty for another successful "Turkey Trot for Health and Hunger". Over \$5,000.00 was raised and will be donated to local food pantries.

The Shepherd's Pantry wants to re-locate to Fairhaven. The public was asked to contact the Board of Selectmen or the Shepherd's Pantry if they know of an available space.

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Mr. Silvia read the letter from Chris Richard, Director of Tourism, requesting permission to run one full-page ad in the Neighborhood News. (See attached.) Dr. Bowcock motioned to approve the request. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous.

The Board congratulated the Fairhaven High School Cheerleaders on their recent win of the Division Four Fall Cheerleading State Championships.

#### EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 7:20 p.m., Dr. Bowcock motioned to go into executive session to discuss renewal of Rodman Taylor's Aquaculture License, changes to municipal health insurance, the Solar Panel Project, the Wind Turbine Project, HMFH and Daedalus Agreements, a workers' compensation claim and not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote 3-0.

Jan St. Germain  
Secretary