



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen May 2, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Selectman Brian Bowcock, Selectman Charles Murphy, Selectman Bob Espindola, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch and John Nunes.

Chairman Brian Bowcock called the meeting to order in the Hastings Middle School Cafeteria at 6:52 p.m.

TOWN MEETING RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Murphy motioned to reconsider the Tree Warden salary in Annual Town Meeting Article 3 and Article 4, Line 29a, and motioned to reconsider Article 4, Line 29e Tree Warden, Other Charges. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote to reconsider was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Murphy motioned to set the Tree Warden's salary at \$6,500.00 and \$1,000.00 for Tree Warden – Other Charges and Expenses. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

TOWN COUNSEL

Mr. Espindola requested the Board of Selectmen to approve a proposal from Kopelman and Paige as a special Town Counsel. Dr. Bowcock said he wanted time to review the contract. Mr. Espindola said he needed the approval so he would have time to consult with Attorney Lauren Goldberg prior to May 5, 2012. (See Attachment A). Mr. Espindola motioned to approve the request to authorize the Board to enter a contract with Kopelman and Paige to give him counsel. There was no second and the motion failed. Dr. Bowcock asked for time to review the contract and questioned if Mr. Espindola could make the motion for hiring an attorney to represent himself.

Mr. Murphy stated he would not support a fee of \$165 an hour, as proposed by Atty. Goldberg. Mr. Murphy said that he would not support a fee higher than \$150 an hour.

Mr. Espindola said that he would pay the difference.

Mr. Murphy motioned to hire Atty. Goldberg at the rate of \$150 an hour. Dr. Bowcock would not second the motion because he said he wanted time to review the proposal. Motion failed for lack of second.

Mr. Murphy motioned to adjourn at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Respectfully,

Jeffrey W. Osuch

Executive Secretary

(Minutes approved 5/7/2012)