



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

June 4, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Selectman Brian Bowcock, Selectman Charles Murphy, Selectman Bob Espindola, Executive Secretary Jeffrey Osuch and Administrative Assistant Anne Kakley.

Also Present: Albert Benac, Mary Jane Richard, Ann Richard, Christopher Richard, Anne Silvia, Phil Washko, John Nunes, Theodore Lorentzen, Cathy Melanson, Jeffrey Lucas, Michael Carter of GCG Associates, Antone Medeiros, John Charbonneau, Carol Murchie, Mali Lim of the *Neighborhood News*, Arielle Wittenberg of the *Standard-Times*.

Chairman Brian Bowcock called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:33 p.m.

MINUTES

- The Board voted to accept the minutes of the **May 21, 2012** meeting, **open** session.
- The Board voted to accept the minutes of the **May 21, 2012** meeting, **executive** session.

EXECUTIVE SECRETARY'S REPORT

In his report, Mr. Osuch updated the Board on some important upcoming meetings and events:

- Tuesday, June 5 –
 - 2:00 p.m. – Sub contractor bid opening for the New Elementary School Project
- Thursday, June 7 –
 - 7:30 to 9:00 a.m. – Forum group at the Quest Center in New Bedford
 - 5:30 p.m. – New School Committee at the High School Library
- Friday, June 8 –
 - 9:00 a.m. – WES job meeting at the BPW
 - 3:00 p.m. – Bids for Stop Loss Insurance
- Monday, June 11 –
 - 9:30 a.m. – Council on Aging Board of Directors meeting
- Tuesday, June 12 –
 - 3:30 p.m. – Mattapoissett River Valley Advisory Committee
 - 4:30 p.m. – Mattapoissett River Valley District Committee

- Thursday, June 14 –
 - 2:00 p.m. – New School general bid opening
 - 6:00 p.m. – New School Committee at the High School Library
 - 7:00 p.m. – Finance Committee
- Friday, June 15 –
 - 9:00 a.m. – WES job meeting at the BPW

Mr. Osuch also informed the Board that the contractor for site clearing at the new Wood School, Zilioli, Inc, had submitted their first requisition in the amount of \$72,262.70. The requisition is roughly half the full contracted amount for site clearing. Mr. Murphy motioned to sign the requisition. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Osuch said that masonry repair work on the Town Hall lower courtyards would proceed after the successful bidder, LaLiberty, completed bonding. He suggested the Board take a vote to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract in the amount of \$53,323.00 when it was complete. The Board voted as such, with Mr. Murphy making the motion, and Mr. Espindola seconding. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

WIND TURBINE DEDICATION CEREMONY

Mr. Osuch asked the Board to consider some dates for a Wind Turbine Dedication Ceremony. Mr. Espindola recused himself from the discussion at 6:40 p.m. Mr. Osuch said two possible dates were Thursday, June 14, or Friday, June 15, and he cited the Recreation Center as an appropriate location for parking, with attendees walking from there to the wind turbine site. Mr. Murphy said that he would prefer the dedication to fall on a Saturday. The Board asked Tourism Director Christopher Richard, who was in the audience, to weigh in on potential dates that would not interfere with summer activities. Based on the discussion, the Board decided that they would try to proceed with a Wind Turbine Dedication Ceremony on July 21 or 28. Mr. Espindola re-joined the meeting at 6:43 p.m.

As a final note in his report, Mr. Osuch reminded the public that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen would be the hurricane preparedness meeting and would take place at the West Island Community Building, at 41 Causeway Road, on June 18.

ANNUAL BOARD REAPPOINTMENTS

The Chairman read a list of annual re-appointments (see Attachment A). All of the attached names were appointed to their respective boards, positions and/or committees, with Mr. Murphy motioning and Mr. Espindola seconding. All votes were unanimous. (3-0). Dr. Bowcock took a moment to thank the multitude of volunteers who are appointed annually to the boards and committees.

ANN RICHARD – UNSUNG HEROINE

At 6:58 p.m., the Board met with resident/volunteer Ann Richard and State Representative William Straus. Rep. Straus informed the Board that he had requested the meeting to honor Ms. Richard as an “Unsung Heroine” of Fairhaven. He said that 15 women each year are recognized by the State Commission on Women. He cited her activities and efforts over the past couple decades, many of which related to sustainability and literacy. He noted that Ms. Richard has been volunteering since high school, and cited her most recent community accomplishments as being the Farmer’s Market and the Fisherman’s Benefit. For these reasons, Rep. Straus nominated her as an “Unsung Heroine” and Ms. Richard was recently recognized for this title at the State House. The Board echoed Rep. Straus’ praise of Ms. Richard and presented her with a proclamation (see Attachment B). There was standing applause for Ms. Richard. In a brief comment, Ms. Richard said that she still had many years of volunteerism ahead of her.

OFFICE OF TOURISM MOVE

At 7:05 p.m., the Board held a scheduled appointment with Christopher Richard, Tourism Director, to discuss moving his office, currently located at 43 Center Street. Town Meeting only voted enough rent for the Office of Tourism to remain at 43 Center Street until December 31, so the Board of Selectmen was charged with finding a new location for the department.

Mr. Richard said that his opinion had not changed since the last time he appeared before the Board. He still thought that the best location for the Office of Tourism would be the Academy Building, located on the corner of Route 6 and Main Street. He thought it was a prime location for visibility on Route 6 and he cited its central location between Center village tourist spots and historical sites in Oxford Village. He said he thought it would bolster the Historical Society’s Museum by increasing exposure and traffic. He called it a “win-win situation” and expressed confusion about the opposition he had met regarding the move from the Fairhaven Historical Society. He said that he had heard of other office options, like the Town Hall, but he said that the Town Hall presented a security problem for when he held his Saturday hours, because the rest of the departments at that time are closed. Moreover, he said that walking into a municipal building would be intimidating for travelers, who would likely prefer the ambiance of the Academy Building.

Dr. Bowcock expressed support for moving the Office of Tourism to the Academy Building. He said that the Academy Building could be made handicapped accessible without major renovations, and that there was plenty of room for the Office of Tourism to share the building with the Historical Society, the Historical Commission, and the Fairhaven Militia.

Mr. Murphy asked Mr. Richard what kinds of renovations would have to occur to the Academy Building in order to proceed with the move. Mr. Richard said that the Historical Society would have to move most of the artifacts located in the “Period Room” to the second floor, as the Office of Tourism would occupy that office on the west side of the building. Mr. Richard said that the Academy Building had been recently insulated, had a new roof and new storm windows.

Mr. Espindola said that he was concerned that they would move the Tourism Office and find out that the Academy Building is too expensive to heat. He recommended looking into combining needs with the City of New Bedford, who is currently seeking a Tourism Director. He said he

wanted to look into conducting a working session with New Bedford on the possibility of regionalizing Tourism services.

Mr. Richard addressed the heating concern by saying that his own heating costs have not been removed from his budget, and that the Historical Commission budget currently keeps the Academy Building at an adequate temperature.

Mr. Murphy said that he wanted to look into meeting with the Historical Commission in July. The Board ended the discussion with Mr. Richard, saying that they would look into meeting with the Historical Commission and speak with the New Bedford Mayor's Office for a potential working session to discuss service regionalization. Dr. Bowcock said that a decision would have to be made soon, however, because the December 31 deadline was approaching for the Tourism Office.

TREE HEARING

At 7:28 p.m., the Board conducted a Tree Hearing for eight (8) trees located on Fort Street, from Cedar Street to the end of Fort Street. The tree removal would be necessary as a part of the Fort Street Roadway Improvement Project. Michael Carter from GCG Associates, Highway Superintendent John Charbonneau, and Tree Warden Antone Medeiros were present to discuss the project.

Mr. Carter began the hearing by describing what the project would require. He said that some of the trees were being removed because they were growing into the roadway; others were being removed to repair or install sidewalks that would be compliant with ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) as required for use of federal Chapter 90 road repair funds. Mr. Medeiros said that some of the trees' roots would be irreparably damaged by the construction, and so their removal would be necessary.

Dr. Bowcock opened the hearing to public inquiry. Questioning from the public ensued. There was a considerable presence from residents who were either opposed to the tree removal, opposed to the road construction, or desired further explanation. Some residents questioned if the road construction was necessary. Mr. Charbonneau said that there were still railroad ties and remnants of a trolley system rotting under the street, which was causing the road to rapidly degrade in quality.

Resident Carol Murchie asked what the tree re-planting plans would be. Mr. Charbonneau said that the trees removed would be replaced by younger trees that would be less likely to grow as large as their predecessors.

Resident Jeff Lucas asked if any utilities would be required to upgrade as a part of the reconstruction project. Mr. Charbonneau confirmed that NSTAR gas would replace their main as a part of the project.

The Board said that they may consider asking the Board of Public Works to change the plans based on the results of the tree hearing. Resident Ann Richard asked if the BPW would have to

vote to approve a revised plan. Mr. Charbonneau said that the BPW approved the original plan in 2011. He said that since the proposed revision would cost less money, it's likely that the BPW would be receptive to the changes.

As a result of inquiry from the public, the Board decided to proceed with asking the Board of Public Works to revisit the plans to reflect a project that makes only the west side of the street ADA compliant, leaves the east side without a sidewalk, and reduces the need for tree removal. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

NSTAR HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The Board reviewed a letter to the Department of Public Utilities regarding NSTAR's performance in the last hurricane event in the Fairhaven area. The letter reflects NSTAR's failure to adequately prepare for the predicted Hurricane Irene, by not following the practice of having stationed crew ready to respond to outages. As such, the Board voted to send a letter to the Department of Public Utilities. See Attachment C. Mr. Murphy motioned to send the letter. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

MCGUIRK LAND DONATION

The Board finalized a conservation land acquisition in the Edgewater Street/Sconticut Neck area by voting to sign acquisition paperwork for closing on the property. The donation is from Francis and Nancy (McGuirk) Silvia. Mr. Murphy motioned to authorize the Chairman to sign the paperwork and Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

NSTAR GAS PERMITS

The Board reviewed permit applications from NSTAR. The first gas permit was for 30 Nancy Street. The BPW had already approved the permit. The Board voted to approve as well, with Mr. Murphy motioning and Mr. Espindola seconding. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

The Board also voted to approve an NSTAR gas permit for 8 and 9 Eddy Street, which was previously approved by the BPW. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

CONSERVATION COMMISSION APPOINTMENT

The Board read a letter of inquiry from Fairhaven resident John Dallen. The Board voted to appoint Mr. Dallen to the Conservation Commission. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

AUDITORIUM USE – LIBRARY

The Board read a letter from Children's Librarian Jane Murphy, requesting the use of the Town Hall Auditorium for library events scheduled for Wednesday, June 27, Tuesday, July 10, and

Wednesday, August 8. The Board approved Ms. Murphy's request for all three dates. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

MILL RD/BRIDGE ST ALTERATION PAPERWORK

The Board voted to sign Field Engineering plans (paper and mylar) for the Mill Road/Bridge Street alteration. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

POLICE APPOINTMENT LIST

The Board reviewed an appointment list of 10 candidates for five vacancies in the Police Department. The Board determined that it would need to coordinate a time with the Police Chief to interview the candidates interested in the five slots. The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 p.m. and June 14 at 7:00 p.m. with the Police Chief for interviews.

COA BOCCE COURT

The Board met with Council on Aging director Anne Silvia to discuss the installation of a Bocce court at the Council on Aging building. According to Ms. Silvia, the Council on Aging was in receipt of a United Way grant. When combined with discounted lumber and services from the BPW, Ms. Silvia said that the COA would be able to build a Bocce court at no cost to the Town as a result of the grant. She asked for permission to break ground on the project. The Board endorsed the project and granted approval for her to break ground. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0). The Board thanked Ms. Silvia for her innovation and efforts.

SPRING ST CHANGE ORDER

The Board voted to sign a change order to the Spring Street Restoration Project in the amount of \$11,265.00. Mr. Murphy motioned. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

USE OF TOWN COUNSEL

The Board revisited the topic of Town Counsel use, which had been tabled at the Board's previous meeting. At a previous meeting, it had been debated whether or not Mr. Espindola could participate in a vote to authorize himself to hire alternate Town Counsel via Kopelman and Paige. Since the last meeting, Mr. Espindola said that he had been in touch with the State Ethics Commission and was confident that he could vote on the matter. Dr. Bowcock said that he did not think that there was a need to hire outside counsel. Mr. Murphy said that his concern was still the cost. He said that Mr. Espindola had "completed his due diligence" in meeting the current Town Counsel rate of \$160 an hour. He motioned to authorize Mr. Espindola to hire Kopelman and Paige to represent him in contacting the Ethics Commission on his capacity to vote in wind turbine related issues. Mr. Espindola seconded. Dr. Bowcock dissented, citing that he believed the hiring of Kopelman and Paige would be using public funds for private representation. Motion carried. (2-1).

CORRESPONDENCE

In Correspondence:

- The Board read a letter from Al Benac regarding the recent upkeep at the Verizon utility hut abutting Cushman Park. Mr. Benac asked that the air conditioner and heater at the hut be replaced, grass be planted, fill removed, perimeter marked, sensor light installed, and evergreens be removed. The Board thanked Mr. Benac for his input and took the letter under advisement.
- The Board read a letter from Phil Washko asking to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Dr. Bowcock said that there was no known vacancy on the ZBA at the time, but that Mr. Washko would be considered if a vacancy appeared.
- The Board read a letter from Gerry Payette, requesting permission to gather a collage of pictures of the Vietnam Moving Wall on the week of July 3 to display in the Town Hall. The Board granted permission to Mr. Payette and said that they would gratefully receive the collage.
- The Board read two letters regarding Down the Hatch, located at 56 Goulart Memorial Drive. One was a letter of complaint from a neighbor regarding late night noise coming from the establishment, and the other was a letter from the Building Commissioner citing unsafe conditions at the Down the Hatch building. Dr. Bowcock said that the issues raised in the letters, and the issue of granting a Sunday Entertainment license to Down the Hatch, would be considered at the June 18 meeting, when Down the Hatch owner Matthew Hebert had a scheduled appointment with the Selectmen.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business:

- Mr. Espindola congratulated the Class of 2012 on their graduation.
- Mr. Espindola said that he would be attending a June 9 Massachusetts Municipal Association (MMA) meeting in Sutton for newly elected selectmen.

Dr. Bowcock announced that the Blue Sky Power contract was scheduled for discussion in Executive Session, as was discussion of a pending Worker's Compensation claim from David Hopwood. Mr. Espindola asked if going to Executive Session for the Blue Sky Power contract would be necessary or if the matter could be discussed in Open Session. Dr. Bowcock said that the nature of the contract discussion would necessitate Executive Session.

At 8:38 p.m., Mr. Murphy motioned to enter into Executive Session, not to reconvene into open session. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. Roll call vote: Mr. Murphy in favor. Dr. Bowcock in favor. Mr. Espindola in favor. (3-0).

Respectfully,

Anne Kakley

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Selectmen's Secretary

(Minutes approved 6/18/2012)

2012 RE-APPOINTMENT LIST

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER (1 YEAR TERM)

CATHERINE MINDLIN

REBEKAH TOMLINSON

BOARD OF APPEALS (5 YEAR TERM)

PEG COOK

ART CURATOR (1 YEAR TERM)

ALBERT BENAC

BOARD OF ASSESSORS (1 YEAR TERM)

PAMELA DAVIS

ELLIS B. WITHINGTON

RONALD J. MANZONE

BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

ETHEL CATALDO

JOHN M. FRATES, JR.

BETSY LEBEAU

RODERICK N. LOPEZ

WAYNE OLIVEIRA

BEVERLY RASMUSSEN

BARBARA SAWYER

KATHLEEN THOMPSON

BIKE PATH COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

PETER DETERRA

GREGORY BETTENCOURT

NANCY GREEN

KATHLEEN STURTEVANT

MARK BADWEY

JULIANNE KELLY

JANE BETTENCOURT

MAT COES

KENNETH POTTEL

ROBERT ESPINDOLA

RENE FLEURENT

SUSAN SULLIVAN

GEOFFREY SULLIVAN

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

BETHANY SYKES

REVEREND DENNIS BARNETT

CHARLES CROMWELL

ANGELA DAWICKI

NATALIE HEMINGWAY

ANNE MOZZONE

VICTOR OLIVEIRA

NANCY PERRY

ALEX KEUHLER

BETH LUEY

JOHN MEDEIROS

JOHN ROGERS

ELLSWORTH SYLVARIA

MARTHA CROWLEY

IAN DOBSON

ANNE O'BRIEN-KAKLEY

DIANE LOPES

MYRA LOPES

ETHEL FRATES

SHEILA TUNSTALL MCKENNA

LINDA MEREDITH

WAYNE OLIVEIRA

NANCY PARENT

LAWRENCE ROY

GERALD W STABELL

BOAT RAMP & WATERFRONT RECREATIONAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE
(1 YEAR TERM)

FRANK COELHO

TIMOTHY COX

RONALD MANZONE

MARTIN HENRIQUES

TED LORENTZEN

RONALD LACASSE

PETER NOPPER

DAVID W. HEBERT

BUILDING DEPARTMENT (1 YEAR TERM)

Building Inspector:
WAYNE FOSTIN

Part-time Building Inspector:
ANDREW J. BOBOLA

Chief Wire Inspector:
GEORGE GRACIA

Associate Wire Inspector:
JOHN COTTRILL

Associate Wire Inspector:
ROGER POITRAS, JR.

Plumbing Inspector:
NORMAN LUSSIER

Gas Inspector:
HENRY E. DAIGLE

Temporary Gas Inspector:
WILLIAM ALPHONSE, JR.

CABLE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (1 YEAR TERM)

HERBERT EDDLESTON

EARL FAUNCE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION (3 YEAR TERMS)

CAROL A. TYSON (Expires 2015)

JANINE PECCINI (Expires 2015)

CORA-DOROTHY PEIRCE (Expires 2015)

JAY SIMMONS (Expires 2015)

CONSTABLES (1 YEAR TERM)

MILAN WHITAKER

RICHARD FERREIRA

TIMOTHY GRACIA

STEVEN BORGES

ROBERT JONES

LAWRENCE MACHADO

JOHN SERPA

EUGENE THOMAS

GARY F. SOUZA

HARVE W. VANDAL, JR.

PAMELA BOURGAULT

MATTHEW BOTELHO

EDWARD RIGGS

KEVIN KOBZA

MICHAEL BOUVIER, JR.

EILEEN LONEY

COMMISSION ON DISABILITY (3 YEAR TERMS)

WALDEMAR DEOLIVEIRA

CHARLES K. MURPHY

TRINA BIGHAM

COUNCIL ON AGING (TERMS AS NOTED)

JOSEPH A. BORELLI (ASSOCIATE) (Expires 2013)

LINDSAY GORDON (Expires 2015)

JACK OLIVEIRA (ASSOCIATE) (Expires 2013)

ELAINE O'NEILL (ASSOCIATE) (Expires 2013)

LEE CUMMINGS ALLAIRE (ASSOCIATE) (Expires 2013)

DOG PARK COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

DONNA WUNSCHERL

KATHY LOPES

STEPHANIE IGO

TIMOTHY WATTERSON

SHEILA DOLAN

ANNE JORGENSEN

JOHN JORGENSEN

GAIL EVANGELHO

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

MARC JODOIN

FAIRHAVEN CULTURAL COUNCIL (TERMS NOTED)

KRISTINE A. DANIELS (Expires 2015)

PENNY BREWER (Expires 2015)

FAIRHAVEN HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING SUB-COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

DAVID WOOD

ANDREW TILLET

FIRE APPARATUS STUDY COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

DAVID GORDON

FRANK CRUZ

BRIAN MESSIER

RICHARD ROCHA

JOHN ROGERS, JR.

BOURNE KNOWLES

DONN FLETCHER

TIMOTHY FRANCIS

FIRE DEPARTMENT BUILDING COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

TIMOTHY FRANCIS

DAVID HUGHES

ROBERT LINCOLN

CURTIS LOPES

FRANK REZENDES

RONALD MANZONE

JOHN ROGERS, JR

HISTORICAL COMMISSION (TERMS NOTED)

DAVID DESPRES (Expires 2015)

DOROTHY GAMMONS (Expires 2015)

CYNTHIA MCNAUGHTEN (ASSOCIATE)

JOHN MEDEIROS (ASSOCIATE)

ELLSWORTH SYLVARIA (ASSOCIATE)

MILLCENT LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

MYRA LOPES (Expires 2015)

MEASURER OF WOOD & BARK (ONE YEAR TERM)

ANTONE MEDEIROS

MARTHA'S VINEYARD/NANTUCKET STEAMSHIP AUTHORITY (ONE YEAR TERM)

FRANK REZENDES

MATTAPOISETT RIVER VALLEY WATER DISTRICT COMMISSION

ALFRED RAPHAEL

NATURAL RESOURCE DEPARTMENT (ONE YEAR TERM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED)

Harbormaster:
DAVID DARMOFAL

Deputy Shellfish Warden:
IAN DOBSON (Expires 2015)

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
DAVID CROWLEY

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
MARK MONTEIRO

Shellfish Warden:
TIMOTHY COX (Expires 2015)

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
DON GIFFORD

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
JAMES HENNESSY

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
MARTIN HENRIQUES

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
RONALD MANZONE, JR.

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
PAUL SYLVIA

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
BETSEY LEBEAU

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
KATELYN DAIGNAULT

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
BRYAN WOOD

Deputy Shellfish Warden:
RICHARD DUBE (Expires 2015)

Deputy Shellfish Constable:
DANIEL LOPES

Assistant Shellfish Warden
EDWARD NORMAND (Expires 2015)

OIL SPILL COORDINATOR (ONE YEAR TERM)

TIMOTHY FRANCIS

PARKING CLERK (ONE YEAR TERM)

ANNE O'BRIEN-KAKLEY

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS (THREE YEAR TERM)

EILEEN LOWNY

ROGERS/OXFORD STUDY COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

BARBARA ACKSEN

GAIL ISAKSEN

PAM KUECHLER

BRIAN BOWCOCK

LISA ELLIOT

ROBERT DUARTE

JOHN MEDEIROS

JEFFREY LUCAS

NILS ISAKSEN

JIMMIE OLIVER

STEPHEN DESROCHES

RONA TRACHTENBERG

THOMAS ALDEN, SR

AL BENAC

PAUL KITCHEN

GAYLA REILLY

BEVERLY RASMUSSEN

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

THOMAS M. ALFERES

DAVID HEBERT

FRED PALMER

JTPG REPRESENTATIVE (ONE YEAR TERM)

WILLIAM ROTH

SRPEDD COMMISSION (ONE YEAR TERM)

WILLIAM ROTH

SRTA COMMISSION (ONE YEAR TERM)

MICHAEL SYLVIA

SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

NATE BEKEMEIER

BILL ELLIOTT

LISA ELLIOTT

ROBERT ESPINDOLA

DEIRDRE HEALY

JOHN MCLOUGHLIN

PATRICK MCLOUGHLIN

ANN RICHARD

SUSAN SPOONER

LAURIE HELLSTROM

VINCENT MARRON

MARIANNE MURRAY

TAX COLLECTOR (ONE YEAR TERM)

CAROL BRANDOLINI

TOURISM COMMITTEE (ONE YEAR TERM)

JENNIFER HARTLEY

CHARLES CROMWELL

NATALIE S. HEMINGWAY

ELLSWORTH A. SYLVARIA, JR.

JOHN MEDEIROS

VETERANS' BENEFITS & SERVICE/BURIAL AGENT (ONE YEAR TERM)

JAMES COCHRAN

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Ann Richard has been an active participant and volunteer for Town committees and organizations

Whereas, Ann Richard has been a dedicated advocate for sustainability and green initiatives in Fairhaven

Whereas, Ann Richard helped establish the Fairhaven Farmer's Market, creating a cherished Sunday tradition for our residents and creating an initiative that benefits resident and farmer alike

Whereas, Ann Richard has served as a valuable role model to children in her position as a librarian at the Hastings Middle School, showing the next generation that literacy and dedication to community is essential

Whereas, Ann Richard has been recognized for her tireless efforts by State Representative William Straus as a nominee for the Unsung Heroine of Massachusetts

Now, therefore, we, Dr. Brian Bowcock, Charles K. Murphy and Robert Espindola, the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Fairhaven, do join with Ms. Richard's family and friends in honoring her and thanking her for her service and accomplishments.

Given under our hands and seal
this fourth day of June
in the year two thousand and twelve.

Brian Bowcock

Charles K. Murphy

Robert Espindola



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May 24, 2012

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Public Utilities
1 South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Dear Sir/Madam:

The South Coast of Massachusetts has historically been the community hit hardest by hurricanes in the past. This is due to the path that hurricanes have historically travelled up the eastern seaboard. A full hurricane hit in a coastal region with the potential for serious flooding and wave damage invariable results in the disruption of power to essential services, businesses and homes.

Prior to Hurricane Irene this past year, NStar Electric stationed one truck and a crew in each of the municipalities along the South Coast and the crew worked with the Police, Fire and DPW departments to go out to priority problem areas to restore power. This system worked very well because local public safety agencies familiar with the priority needs of their own town were able to direct these crews to the highest needs. This practice, for unknown reasons, stopped prior to Hurricane Irene and resulted in serious delay of power restoration and a serious lack of communication in restoration of priority needs.

The Town of Fairhaven respectfully requests that when the National Weather Service has posted Hurricane Warning twenty-four hours before a direct point of landfall along the South Coast that at least one bucket truck and a crew be stationed in town if we are within the hurricane landfall path. It is felt that this is a prudent measure in the event a hurricane does hit. This rationale is that the expected degree of storm damage to trees will make it impossible for the utility company to even get to these towns due to the severity of storm-borne debris littering the roadways to these communities.

Planning and preparation are the keys to addressing disaster response. We know what is necessary to address the component relating to utility restoration. Please consider this factor in your review.

Respectfully,
The Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

Dr. Brian Bowcock
Chairman