



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

May 27, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board Chairman Charles K. Murphy, Sr., Vice Chairman Robert J. Espindola, and Clerk Daniel Freitas; Town Administrator Mark Rees, and Administrative Assistant Anne O'Brien.

Mr. Murphy called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 5:08 p.m. The meeting was audio recorded by the Selectmen's Office and video recorded by the Government Access channel.

VIVIAN FRANCIS

Mr. Murphy called for a moment of silence for Vivian Francis, who passed away the day prior. Ms. Francis was the mother of Fire Chief Timothy Francis. The Board offered its condolences to the Francis family.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Mr. Rees said that the May 7, 2016 Special Town Meeting Article 6, for the disposition of the Oxford School, had been passed over because of concerns about a failure to provide street-level renderings of the planned senior (62+) housing project from Stratford Group. The developer has offered to pay for a Special Town Meeting for the purposes of presenting the article again, this time with more drawings in advance.

Mr. Espindola motioned to set a Special Town Meeting date of Thursday, June 30, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hastings Middle School Auditorium, and open the warrant for the same. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Espindola motioned to set a warrant closing deadline of Monday, June 6, 2016 at noon for petitioned articles. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Freitas motioned to place an article placeholder for settled collective bargaining agreements on the June 30, 2016 Special Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Espindola seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Espindola motioned to place an article for the disposition of the Oxford School to the Stratford Capital Group onto the June 30, 2016 Special Town Meeting warrant. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Mr. Espindola motioned to place an article for a sewer tie-in at the old fire station on the Oxford School property (the NFIA building). Mr. Freitas asked if the Town had a quote on the cost of the sewer tie-in. Mr. Rees said that he requested pricing information from the BPW superintendent and that the article could be deleted if the cost was excessive. Mr. Freitas seconded the motion to place the article on the warrant. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Mr. Rees said that he anticipated there would be a meeting with more renderings from Stratford Capital Group, and representatives of the same, sometime in the week of June 13.

John Medeiros was recognized. He said that the public has not been kept informed on the status of the housing project. Mr. Rees requested that Mr. Medeiros, and any other residents with questions about the development, collect their questions and submit them to the Selectmen/Town Administrator's office in advance of the informational meeting so the Stratford Group can come prepared with answers.

OTHER BUSINESS

In other business:

- Mr. Espindola thanked everyone who came out to attend the May 27, 2016 dedication of the Jeffrey W. Osuch Public Works Building.
- Mr. Murphy said that the Memorial Day parade would kick off on Monday, May 30, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.
- The Board congratulated all the graduates of Fairhaven High School – graduation is June 5.
- Mr. Murphy said that there would be a Tax Title Auction at the Town Hall on Saturday, June 4 at 10:00 a.m.

At 5:39 p.m. Mr. Espindola motioned to adjourn. Mr. Freitas seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

Respectfully,
Anne O'Brien
Administrative Assistant
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