



Fairhaven Board of Selectmen

March 12, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Robert Espindola Vice Chairman Daniel Freitas, Clerk Charles Murphy, Town Administrator Mark Rees, and Administrative Assistant Vicki Paquette.

Mr. Espindola called the meeting to order in the Town Hall Banquet Room at 6:33 p.m. The meeting was recorded by Cable Access. An audio recording was also being made for the purpose of minutes.

Chairman Espindola opened the meeting with a moment of silence for Cynthia “Cynn timer” McNaughten. Ms. McNaughten was a long-time member of the Historical Commission and the Community Preservation Committee.

MINUTES

Mr. Freitas motioned to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018, open session. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

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TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT

Mr. Rees updated the Board on several matters:

- Mr. Rees announced that the Town Hall will be closed on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 due to the expected blizzard. Hastings Middle School will be open for those that need to seek shelter
- Mr. Rees told the Board that phase two of Union Wharf is progressing and is expected to be completed by April 29, 2018
- Mr. Rees recently met with the EPA regarding PCB removal work that is expected to begin. Marsh Island and the North street salt marsh are expected to be done by 2022
- Finalist are being narrowed down for the open position for Planning and Economic Development Director

- Mr. Rees reported to the Board the Fairhaven Police have been monitoring parking on Grinnell Street and most of the cars parked are from the residents that live on the street
- BASK, Inc. will be moving their cultivation of medical marijuana to a plant in Freetown.
- Mr. Rees showed the Board a recent newspaper article in the Boston Globe written about Fairhaven.

COMMITTEE LIAISON REPORTS

Under committee liaison reports:

- Mr. Freitas told the Board he will be meeting soon with the Rogers School Committee and the Marine Resources Committee
- Mr. Murphy will be attending a dinner on Saturday, March 17, 2018 at Cotali Mar in New Bedford as part of the Lagoa Friendship Committee. Mayor Cristina Calisto will be here to sign the friendship pact with the Fairhaven Board of Selectmen on Monday, March 19, 2018.
- Mr. Espindola reported that the Wellness Committee has recently sent out their monthly newsletter
- Mr. Espindola and the Economic Development Committee met with the producer of the videos about Fairhaven

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Selectmen met with Eagle Scout Alex Sylvaria. Mr. Sylvaria told the Board that earning the Eagle Scout badge is the highest rank to earn as a boy scout. He is a member of Troop 52. For his Eagle Scout project, he would like to clean up the old barn on the Little Bay bike path and put some picnic tables or benches and a bike rack. He proposes to plant some flowers and make the area look nice. He has a certified carpenter that will be helping him remove the roof and replace it. He has gotten approval from the BPW and has spoken to the Building Commissioner about his proposed project. Selectmen all agreed this was a nice project. He will be asking for donations from the civic organizations in town for help with funding. Resident Sally Lou Johnson had some concerns because she feels that vandals are going to ruin the work that Mr. Sylvaria will do and the Town will have to keep going back there to clean it up. Mr. Frank Coelho also had concerns regarding the ongoing vandalism at Little Bay He would like to see this become a community project and find ways to keep the vandals from destroying Mr. Sylvaria's hard work. Mike Ristuccia, chair of the Board of Public Works (BPW) came before the Selectmen to show his support for Mr. Sylvaria. Members of the BPW have agreed to help Mr. Sylvaria with his project and have offered a donation of their personal funds for a surveillance system. Mr. Freitas thought asking the Police to patrol the area more may help. Mr. Murphy said "if we let the vandals win, and we do nothing, then who is the winner" Mr. Rees noted that once there is a full – time conservation agent for the Town then there will be more help in watching the area for vandalism. Mr. Espindola invited Mr. Sylvaria back before the Board once his project begins so he can update the them on his progress. Mr. Freitas made a

motion to approve the Eagle Scout project by Alex Sylvaria. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

FAIRHAVEN ROTARY CLUB

Mr. Murphy let the Board know that he is a member and past president of the Fairhaven Rotary Club.

Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the application for the use of the Town Hall auditorium on April 29, 2018 by the Fairhaven Rotary Club for the 3rd annual Senior Talent Show. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

NORTHEAST MARITIME INSTITUTE

Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the application for the use of the Town Hall auditorium by the Northeast Maritime Institute for their graduation ceremony to be held on September 8, 2018. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the application for the use of the Town Hall auditorium by the Fairhaven Historical Society for a lecture on John Cooke to be held on March 16, 2018. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT/CLOSURE OF STREET

Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the special events permit/closure of the street for Saint Joseph parish to hold the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 30, 2018. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

GRIMSHAW PARK/YOGA

Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the use of town property at Grimshaw Park by Pam Teves at the aforementioned dates. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

ROGERS SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mr. Espindola explained to the Board that at their last Selectmen's meeting the Rogers School Committee had requested that membership of the Rogers School Committee be kept at 7 full voting members. Questions arose as to whether Barbara Acksen was a member of the committee,

since the Clerk's office had no record of her ever being sworn in. Ms. Acksen, however has been an active member for the past 5 years. Selectmen felt that adding too many members to this committee creates an issue with getting a quorum when members don't show up. All felt that seven is a manageable number of people to serve on this committee and any possible additions should be associate members. If a member resigns then the associate member can move up to full time membership. Mr. Freitas made a motion to establish the number of fulltime members to the Rogers School Committee to seven with unlimited associate members. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to accept John Medeiros's resignation from the Rogers School Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to appoint Gary Lavalette and Barbara Acksen as associates to the Rogers School Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

LAGOA FRIENDSHIP COMMITTEE

Mr. Freitas made a motion to appoint Vicki Paquette to the Lagoa Friendship Pact Committee. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

20 YANKEE LANE - CHAPTER 61A

Mr. Freitas made a motion to table the removal of chapter 61A land while the planning board is still doing research. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

GENERAL FUND OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

Mr. Freitas made a motion to vote on the General Fund Operating Budget as presented by the Town Administrator. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the Capital Budget as presented by the Town Administrator for FY 19. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

POLL WORKERS AND ANNUAL ELECTION

Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the annual town election poll workers. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

2017 TOWN REPORT COVER PHOTOS

The Selectmen looked at several photos submitted for the Town report cover. They thanked all that submitted photos and had a difficult time choosing. Four photos were chosen to be placed on the cover as a collage. Mr. Freitas made a motion to approve the four photos for the Town report cover. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

V-BIKES CONTRACT

Mr. Espindola spoke to the Board regarding the V-Bike proposal. He would like to see this move forward. He has contacted the Chair of the Bikeway committee and the director of the Fairhaven Recreation center who are in favor of this idea. V-Bikes would like to see several communities participate with this project. Mr. Espindola noted that the bikes come from Seattle, Washington. Mr. Freitas made a motion to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the contract subject to Town Council revisions in the contract. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

TOWN CLERK STUDY COMMITTEE

Ann Richard, Chair of the Town Clerk Study Committee spoke to the Selectmen about the progress of their committee. Since the committee was formed in December of 2017, they have met several times and also held a public forum. The committee most recently met prior to this Selectmen's meeting and by voted (5-3) to in favor of having the Clerk's position to become appointed. Their recommendation is to bring this before Town Meeting to petition the legislature.

LOO AQUACULTURE

Chairman Espindola explained to the Board that the Public Hearing is continued from February 22, 2018. In attendance was Tim Cox, Harbormaster, Matt Loo, and Marine resources committee member Frank Coelho. Mr. Espindola stated that Mr. Loo has withdrawn his application for an aquaculture farm at Shaws Cove. Mr. Rees spoke to the Board to tell them that an expert from the State met with the Marine Resources committee to discuss other possible sites for an aquaculture farm in Fairhaven. Mr. Cox met with Chris Schillaci from the Department of Marine Fisheries. A possible site for Mr. Loo to have his aquaculture farm was discussed. Mr. Rees suggested that the rules and regulations concerning aquaculture may have to be changed to reflect the new ideas. Mr. Freitas said he would like to see Mr. Loo keep his application spot on the list and not have to move back to the bottom. Mr. Murphy feels that Mr. Loo didn't get a fair shot at the last meeting. He is very impressed with what Mr. Loo has done. At 7:26 pm Chairman Espindola closed the Public Hearing.

UNION WHARF

Harbormaster, Tim Cox was in attendance to explain to the Board that he and Robert Hobson have come to an agreement regarding Union Wharf dockage and the matter has been resolved.

WATER AND SEWER OPERATING AND CAPITAL BUDGET

In attendance was Vincent Furtado, Board of Public Works Superintendent, Michael Ristuccia, Board of Public Works Chair, and Keith Silvia, Board of Public Works member. Mr. Furtado presented the budget to the meeting. Some of the items presented were:

- Salary and wage increases to reflect the Union increases
- Adding a flushing program to flush the hydrants at night to help rid the town of dirty water
- Adding to training and seminars for workers to keep up with the latest available training
- BPW is looking to purchase software to help calculate rate increases for water and sewer
- A new dump truck was added to replace the 20 year old truck that is currently being used
- Looking to institute automatic meter reading system. Current meters need to be evaluated

All selectmen felt the budget was well presented.

TOWN MEETING WARRANT

Mr. Rees presented the articles for Town Meeting to the Board. The warrant has been closed. Articles can be removed but nothing can be added. Selectmen and Mr. Rees discussed some changes that may result.

SRPEDD TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Chairman Espindola told the Board about a technical assistance program by SRPEDD. This is a program available to the Town to develop a vacant property survey and database. The Town will be offered 20 hours each of assistance to the Selectmen and the Planning Board each fiscal year. Mr. Freitas made a motion to enter into a contract with SRPEDD for technical service to provide the support service for the vacant property survey and database with the Economic Development. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0).

OTHER BUSINESS

Mr. Murphy spoke to the Board about the Earth Day clean up at Fort Phoenix. “Be the Solution to Pollution” will be held on April 8, 2018 at 9 am for those that would like to participate.

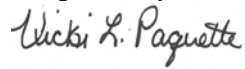
Mr. Murphy informed the Board of a fundraiser at Frontera Grill on March 28, 2018 to benefit Fairhaven High School. Also, that same night will be two programs at Fairhaven High School, “Hidden in Plain Sight” and “If They Had Known”. Both programs focus on drug abuse and the party culture among students.

Both Mr. Murphy and Mr. Freitas expressed concern over the upcoming storm and asked for those residents with fire hydrants near their home to please keep the hydrants clear of snow. Help your neighbors out was a sentiment by both Selectmen.

Mr. Espindola thanked all those who were working diligently to keep the Town safe during the upcoming storm. He said Hasting Middle School would be open for shelter for those who needed a place to stay during the storm. Mr. Espindola announced that Town offices would be closed on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 to due the snow storm forecasted for the day.

Mr. Freitas made a motion to adjourn was made at 8:43 pm. Mr. Murphy seconded. Vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Respectfully



Vicki L. Paquette

Administrative Assistant

(Approved April 9, 2018)

(Amended April 30, 2018 due to typographical error)

Documents appended:

A: Poll Workers for the Annual Town Election

POLL WORKERS

for the

Annual Town Election

April 2, 2018

PRECINCT 1

Bernadette Costa, 19 Huttleston Avenue, 994-1851 - - - - - Warden - U
George Diggle, 21 Summer Street, 996-1976 - - - - - Clerk - U
Mary Yarmac. 35 Laurel Street, 860-884-2163 - - - - - Worker - D
Sandra Belliveau, 124 Weeden Road - 508-993-9342 - - - - - Worker - D

PRECINCT 2

Mary Cunha, 201 Nasketucket Way, 993-9305 - - - - - Warden - U
Christine Alfonse, 38 Veranda Avenue, 997-1975 - - - - - Clerk - R
Carole Fauteux, 87 Harding Road, 992-1045 - - - - - Worker - U
Rosalie Hutchinson, 201 Ocean Mdws, 508-971-0046 - - - - - Worker - U

PRECINCT 3

Lee Bachand, 152 Acushnet Rd, Matt, 774-202-0500 - - - - - Warden - U
Mary Grace, 89 Spring Street, 994-5636 - - - - - Clerk - D
Judy Gomes, 14 Sylvia Street, 774-360-2536 - - - - - Worker - D
Anne Ellis, 310 Mill Road (PO Box 701), 996-1510 - - - - - Worker - U

PRECINCT 4

Linda Therrien, 287 Huttleston Avenue, 996-2068 - - - - - Warden - U
Pamela Greene. 109 Washington Street, 994-9310 - - - - - Clerk - R
Nancy Perry, 93 Fort Street, 996-0051 - - - - - Worker - U
Catherine Delano-Calamari, 44 William Street, 364-8688 - Worker - D

PRECINCT 5

Diane Rocha, 346 Huttleston Avenue, 774-930-0201 - - - - - Warden - D
Elaine Rocha, 7 Holiday Drive, 508-992-2246 - - - - - Clerk - D
Kathleen Audette, 16 Paul Street, 508-999-2583 - - - - - Worker - U
Elizabeth Sylvia, 3 Holiday Drive, 508-996-9956 - - - - - Worker - D

PRECINCT 6

Joan Mello, 15 New Boston Road, 994-5488 - - - - - Warden - U
Sandra Melanphy, 37 Evergreen Street, 994-4241 - - - - - Clerk - D
Linda Chevalier 31 Phoenix Street, 603-801-1690 - - - - - Worker - D
David Chevalier, 31 Phoenix Street, 603-801-1690 - - - - - Worker - D