

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2007
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Wayne Phillips
Steven P. Rose

Others Present: Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel
Mark Fisher, Town Administrator

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present.

On a motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 1, 2007 as submitted.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

At 7:30 p.m. Mr. Lane, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, appeared before the Board
A discussion ensued regarding:

- (1) Payment of current and back taxes from the City of Brockton
- (2) Payment in lieu of taxes from NFPA (National Fire Protection Association)—
PILOT

Mr. Lane reported approximately \$110,000 is owed to the Town of Avon from the City of Brockton for parcels of land.

After some discussion, Chairman Hegarty requested that Mr. Lane pursue the matter of uncollected taxes from the City of Brockton with the Board of Assessor's tax attorney.

Mr. Fisher presented the Board with a policy regarding One Day Special Alcohol Permits which would be given to all applicants requesting one day special alcohol permits.

Mr. Fisher stated according to ABCC regulations there is a maximum of "30 days per calendar year" to grant one day special alcohol permits.

Mr. Rose made a motion to adopt the guidelines for one day special permits as presented by Mr. Fisher.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to table the motion as a courtesy to the applicants who have requested one day special alcohol permits in the past and to give notice to the applicants of the drafted policy.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose amended his motion as follows:

To adopt the guidelines for one day special permits as presented by Mr. Fisher and to have the policy take effect on April 1, 2007.

Mr. Phillips seconded the amended motion. The vote was unanimous.

Fire Department Appointments

On the recommendation of Fire Chief Spurr, Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint Firefighter Francis Currie to the position of full time captain. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On the recommendation of Fire Chief Spurr, Mr. Rose made a motion to appointment Call Firefighter David Ogilvie to the position of full time Firefighter contingent upon passing of his medical exam. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

On the recommendation of Fire Chief Spurr, it was unanimously voted to appoint the following individuals to the position of Call Firefighter, pending the passing of physical exams:

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| 1. Kevin J. Foster, Jr. | 384 West Main St., Avon |
| 2. Nicholas Fernald | 69 School Street, Avon |
| 3. Jason Suzor | 50 Littlefield St., Avon |
| 4. Dana Levangie | 479 Page St., Avon |
| 5. Donald Keseian | 16 Old Pratt St., Avon |
| 6. Edward Palizzolo | 365 Page St., Avon |

A policy in reference to the issuance of licenses and permits was presented to the Board by Mr. Fisher. A similar policy was sent from the Town of Kingston for the purpose of collecting any monies due to the Town for whatever purpose, *i.e.* property and personal property taxes, municipal fees and failure to follow the Internal Revenue Service and Department of Revenue guidelines.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adopt the policy in reference to the issuance of licenses and permits. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose discussed distribution of the policy to other Boards where appropriate fees are collected, *i.e.* Tax Collector, Water Department, etc.

It was unanimously voted to adopt the policy in reference to the issuance of licenses and permits and distribution to the appropriate boards collecting fees would be identified.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to award the bid for printing of the Annual Town Report Book to Tec Doc Digital Solutions of Hudson, Mass., the lowest responsible bidder. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose suggested getting three (3) references from other towns using Tec Doc Digital Solutions for the printing of their Town Reports. After some discussion, it was unanimously voted to award the bid to Tec Doc Digital Solutions contingent upon three (3) favorable references.

On a motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Rose, it was unanimously voted to accept the Norfolk County Mutual Aid Agreement for Joint Fire, Rescue and/or Ambulance Service.

A petition was received from Massachusetts Electric to install one (1) pole location on Bodwell Street to serve a new customer at 258 Bodwell Street.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to table the request until all monies due the Town of Avon from National Grid are received. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Fisher provided the Board with a handout regarding health care costs. After some discussion, the following votes were taken regarding health insurance costs to the Town and the Employee:

1. On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted that effective April 1, 2007 the Town/Employee split for HMO plans for all management employees on the General Government side would be a 75/25 split.
2. On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted that effective April 1, 2007 the Town/Employee split for all appointed and elected officials for HMO plans would be a 75/25 split.
3. On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, all appointed or elected officials holding office as of March 15, 2007 could continue with town health insurance until they no longer hold office. Elected or appointed officials holding office after March 15, 2007 shall not be eligible for health insurance.
4. On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted that effective July 1, 2007, the Town/Employee split for health insurance for HMO plans for all retired town employees would be a 75/25 split.

Chairman Hegarty announced Senator Brian Joyce would be holding office hours in the Mary McDermott Room at Town Hall on Wednesday, February 21st from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If anyone has any issues or concerns they would like to discuss with the Senator, please feel free to stop by the Town Hall. No appointment is necessary.

March 2007 Meeting dates are as follows:

Thursday, March 1, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 15, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Fisher announced Bayside Engineering would be meeting with the Board at the March 1st meeting at 7:35 p.m.

The Board agreed to schedule Tuesday evening, March 6th for Liquor License Violation Hearings.

The Board will meet with the Finance Committee on Thursday evening, March 22nd at 7:30 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to approve one day special alcohol permits for Avon Fish & Game Association on the following dates: 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/17, 3/23, 3/30 and 3/31/07.

Chairman Hegarty read letters received from Avon Middle/High School students who participated in a School to Career program with Comcast's representative, Domenic Cotoia. Mr. Cotoia took 7 students to Comcast's studio and showed them how to produce and direct a TV show. The Board thanked Comcast and Mr. Cotoia.

Town Administrator's Report

1. Road Projects—Improvements
Nichols Ave., Lawson Ave., Johnson Ave., Howard Ave. all need repair and resurfacing for a total cost estimate of \$436,000.
2. Mileage Reimbursement Rate—Effective January 1, 2007 the standard mileage reimbursement rate approved by the IRS is \$48.5 cents per mile

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to approve the IRS reimbursement rate of 48/5 cents per mile for business use of one's own vehicle for business travel.

3. Crowley School—Vandalism and damage—security and maintenance of the building
4. Meeting set with Board of Selectmen for Saturday, March 17, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. for Budget Work Session prior to the March 22nd Meeting with the Finance Committee
5. Worker's Compensation Insurance Rates increase—MEGA
6. Blue Hills Regional School estimated budget projection—\$45,783.00 for Avon

It was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

At 9:25 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of contract negotiations, not to reconvene in open session. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Phillips voted aye

Chairman Hegarty voted aye

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein

Secretary