

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Wayne Phillips

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Not present: Steven P. Rose (on vacation)

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m., announcing Mr. Rose was on vacation and not present this evening.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, October 2, 2008 (regular session) as written. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

On a motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to approve the minutes of Thursday, October 2, 2008 (executive session) as written.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, September 18, 2008 (regular session) as submitted. The motion was seconded by Chairman Hegarty. The vote was unanimous.

On a motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Thursday, September 18, 2008 (executive session) as written.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Chairman Hegarty read the State Election Warrant of November 4, 2008. Polls would be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to sign the State Election Warrant of November 4, 2008 as presented. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty announced November 2008 meeting dates as follows:

Thursday, November 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, November 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

A letter was received from Superintendent of Schools Margaret Frieswyk requesting the Board declare six (6) cafeteria tables as surplus.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to declare the cafeteria tables as surplus material. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A request was received from Michael Walsh, candidate for Norfolk County Commissioner, to erect political signs in the Town of Avon.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the request to erect political signs for Michael Walsh. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A letter was received from resident Kim Sargent of 48 South Street asking the Board to reconsider a previous vote denying a street opening to excavate for gas service installation. The Board voted on July 17, 2008 to deny the street opening request because South Street was a recently paved road.

After some discussion, Mr. Phillips made a motion to deny the request for reconsideration of a previous vote not to allow a street opening at 48 South Street. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

7:45 p.m.—Public Hearing on the application of George Papadopoulos, D/B/A Supreme Pizza, for a common victualler's license at 17 North Main Street

Applicant George Papadopoulos appeared before the Board. Mr. Papadopoulos explained there would be no alterations to the location at 17 North Main Street. Supreme Pizza would be open six (6) days a week from 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. Mr. Papadopoulos owns and operates a similar establishment in Medway, serving pizza and subs.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the common victualler's license for 17 North Main Street. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Chairman Hegarty reported the Town is taking precautionary measures regarding the fiscal year 09 budget. The Board is asking all departments to watch and monitor their budgets given the instability and projected shortfalls in state revenue. State local assistance committed to the Town may be reduced via Section 9C cuts. Town Administrator Michael McCue sent a memo to all town departments asking that every department refrain from any and all discretionary spending.

Patricia and Ed Kenney of 214 South Street are seeking permission to complete a sidewalk cut. After a large renovation at their home, they are relocating their driveway.

With Highway and Water Department approval, Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the relocation of the driveway at 214 South Street and the Highway Department would approve the final process. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

8:05 p.m.—Cable TV Advisory Committee

Cable TV Advisory members Bruce Lane, Gerald Picardi and Pat Murphy appeared before the Board. Committee members wanted to update the Board on cable contract renewal negotiations.

Mr. Lane reported the negotiations period between the Town of Avon and Comcast has been extended from September 12, 2008 until midnight on November 1, 2008.

Mr. Lane stated there are a number of issues being negotiated. Increases in subscriber fees to the Town payable from Comcast, new camera equipment and the ability to have live broadcasts on two channels—channel 9 (community access channel) and channel 98 were some of the items discussed.

Mr. Lane reported the current contract expires on November 16th. The renewal contract would be for a period of ten (10) years. Mr. Lane stated he would keep the Board informed on the negotiations process.

The Cable TV Advisory Committee exited at 8:15 p.m.

On a motion made by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills as submitted.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Michael McCue informed the Board that he would continue to monitor the financial situation in the Town.

Mr. McCue responded to Mr. Phillips' question regarding senior exemptions. In checking with the Department of Revenue, Mr. McCue reported that the \$1,000 property tax exemption for seniors would go to the person living in the domicile, even if the house was co-owned with a person living out of state. Mr. Phillips thanked Mr. McCue for checking into the matter.

Chairman Hegarty reminded all residents to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4, 2008.

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Phillips made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a legal matter. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Phillips voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in open session.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary