

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009  
7:30 P.M.

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

Others present: Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Not present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. with all members present. Town Administrator Michael McCue was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, January 8, 2009 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, December 18, 2008 (Executive Session) as written. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Chairman Hegarty asked for the Board's input on two licenses for 2009 renewal that were not picked up.

Chairman Hegarty informed the Board that Edart Truck Leasing LLC is in the process of being sold to Ryder Truck Rental at the 100 Wales Avenue location. With no current Class II license, no sales between now and the time of sale would be allowed.

A Livery license issued to Above & Beyond Limousine Service at 68 Pratt Street was never picked up. The Board agreed a certified letter should be sent allowing the license holder ten (10) days to pick up the license or the license would be revoked.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to send certified letters to Edart Truck Leasing and Above & Beyond Limousine Service informing both license holders the information as previously stated above.

Meeting dates were set as follows for the month of February:

Thursday, February 5, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.  
Thursday, February 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Chairman Hegarty reported that the heating unit on Building B is no longer working. It is in the Park and Recreation section of the building. Chairman Hegarty received information from Mr. Salter that to repair the unit would cost approximately \$3000.00. To replace the unit would cost approximately \$6000.00. The second heating unit is upwards of ten (10) years old at that location.

After some discussion, Mr. Phillips stated bids should be obtained for both heating units and the Board would review the cost at the next Selectmen's meeting. The Board agreed.

**7:45 p.m.—Opening of Bids for Printing of the 2008 Annual Town Report book**

Chairman Hegarty read the Legal Notice published in "The Enterprise" for the printing of the 2008 Annual Town Report.

Mr. Rose opened the following bids:

1. TecDoc Digital Solutions	Hudson, MA	\$2961.00
2. Connolly Printing	Woburn, MA	\$4886.00
3. Select Print Solutions	N. Brookfield, MA	\$3,651.00
4. Graphic Image	Milford, CT	\$5,780.00
5. ProForma Printing	Melrose, MA	\$5,121.00
6. Braintree Printing	Braintree, MA	\$3,248.20

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to take the bids under advisement.

Chairman Hegarty read a letter from a resident at Fellowship Circle commending Mr. Sarni and the Highway Department for an excellent job in assisting the maintenance staff with plowing and clean-up during the last snowstorm. Thank you for a job well done.

Chairman Hegarty announced we have not heard from the State regarding 9C cuts. We are awaiting word from the Governor regarding local aid.

At 7:55 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to call for a brief recess. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor.

At 8:00 p.m. the Board reconvened.

**8:00 p.m. —Rescheduled Public Hearing on the FY '09 Massachusetts CDBG Program Grant Application**

Mr. Peter Sanborn, President of Community Opportunities Group, Inc. and his assistant, Ms. Beverly Estes-Smargiassi appeared before the Board.

Mr. Sanborn explained the Town of Avon is submitting a grant application to the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development for FY '09 funding. This application must be submitted by February 13, 2009. As part of the requirement for the grant application process, the Town must develop a Community Development Strategy (CDS). The Community Development Strategy establishes the goals, activities and projects which will address local community development needs. A survey was sent to residents as an insert in the "Moneysaver." Mr. Sanborn stated public input and comments are important and he encourages anyone interested to return the surveys to the Town Hall as soon as possible. Mr. Sanborn reported the State will look at the level of interest of the residents.

Mr. Sanborn reported that since Avon's population is under 5,000, it is not necessary to designate an economic target area. The entire Town is considered an economic target area.

Mr. Sanborn discussed a Housing Rehabilitation Program to provide financial resources to homeowners who qualify; *i.e.*, assistance with home repairs, septic systems, structural repairs, lead paint removal, code violations, etc. were mentioned. The range of assistance may be less than \$1000. or greater than \$40,000. The Town may also request funding for social services, such as child care subsidies and job training.

Mr. Sanborn opened the hearing for public comments.

Patrick Murphy of 12 Maple Ave. stated he serves as a member of the Avon Housing Authority and the New Building Committee. He expressed his concern with future housing projects in the Town.

COA Director Barbara Brenton reported surveys have been distributed to 750 residents and she asked residents to return surveys quickly since she is aware of the February 13<sup>th</sup> application deadline.

Mr. Sanborn reported for the next step the Board of Selectmen must take formal action and adopt a Community Development Strategy.

Chairman Hegarty reported at the February 5<sup>th</sup> meeting the Board will establish a Community Development Advisory Committee.

At 8:25 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to close the hearing. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Sanborn and Ms. Estes-Smargiassi departed.

With all business completed, Mr. Rose made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein  
Secretary