

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2008
7:30 P.M.

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

Others present: Michael McCue, Town Administrator

Not present: Wayne Phillips
Joseph Lalli, Town Counsel

Chairman Hegarty called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Mr. Phillips was not in attendance.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 7, 2008 (Regular Session) as written.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, February 7, 2008 (Executive Session) as submitted. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

Chairman Hegarty announced today is the Town of Avon's 120th Birthday! The Town was incorporated on February 21, 1888.

On the recommendation of Town Administrator Michael McCue, Mr. Rose made a motion to award the bid for the printing of the 2007 Annual Town Report Book to Select Print Solutions of North Brookfield, Mass. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

Thursday, March 6, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 20, 2008 at 7:30 p.m.

Fire Chief Spurr submitted a permit/inspection fee schedule change for the Board's approval. Chairman Hegarty read the list of fee schedule changes by category.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the new fee schedule as submitted by Fire Chief Spurr. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A letter was received from the Commonwealth of Mass. – Office of the Attorney General regarding an anti-trust settlement. The Avon public library would receive a cash distribution of approximately \$300.00 from the settlement.

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the cash distribution from the Attorney General's office. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator Michael McCue stated clarification was needed regarding requests for reimbursement of mileage for use of personal vehicles for official town business. Mr. McCue explained employees may opt to receive a monthly stipend. The Board would need to annually vote to set the stipend at the beginning of each new fiscal year. Employees must submit a request for a monthly stipend via the Town Administrator. Reimbursement would be in accordance with IRS regulations. The stipend would be paid through payroll and would be included in the employee's W-2.

Building Superintendent William Salter is requesting a monthly stipend of \$50.00 per month.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to set the stipend for William Salter at \$50.00 per month. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A donation, estimated amount of \$1500.00, required the Board's acceptance for a gift to the Council on Aging. The gift was received from the Randolph Elks for a defibrillator to be used for the Council on Aging.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Chairman Hegarty, it was unanimously voted to accept the gift from the Randolph Elks to the Council on Aging.

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: March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 2008 (Friday night suppers) and March 15, 2008 (Club Function – Birthday).

Town Administrator's Report

1. Mr. McCue requested the Board's permission and feedback to send a letter to Governor Patrick regarding the proposed budget and the distribution of lottery aid to Avon. Mr. McCue stated local aid to cities and towns should not be conditioned on new revenue sources such as casinos. With the Board's permission, Mr. McCue would like copies of the letter sent to Senator Joyce and Representative Galvin stating the Town's position regarding lottery distribution.

Mr. Rose made a motion to grant approval for Mr. McCue to draft a letter to Governor Patrick. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. All were in favor.

2. Mr. McCue provided the Board with a draft of the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of Tuesday, May 6, 2008 for their review.

Mr. Rose made a motion to open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 6, 2008 and insert six (6) articles from the By-Law Committee. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Rose made a motion to close the Annual Town Meeting Warrant of May 6, 2008. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

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

The Board discussed scheduling a meeting for Thursday evening, February 28th with the School Department. Mr. Rose stated he would be able to attend on the 28th.

At 8:00 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session for the purpose of collective bargaining matters. Chairman Hegarty seconded the motion and the Board would not reconvene in open session.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary