

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 17, 2012
7:30 P.M.

Members present: Francis A. Hegarty, Chairman
Steven P. Rose
Robert F. Brady, Jr.

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

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

Mr. Rose made a motion to accept the minutes of Thursday, May 3, 2012 (Regular Session) as written. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, May 3, 2012 (Executive Session as submitted). Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

There were no public comments during the Open Forum.

A request for a temporary sign permit for a 25 foot high CAR FAX FOX was received from Avon Auto Brokers at 159 Memorial Drive to be displayed from June 1 through September 1, 2012.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to grant the 25 foot CAR FAX FOX with the following conditions: (1) before the permit is issued, a picture of what this will look like is needed; (2) make sure no safety issues are present with the placement and positioning of the CAR FAX FOX and (3) The cost for the 3 month temporary permit is \$100.00. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A request for a Reserve Fund transfer was received from the Tax Collector, in the amount of \$9679.61. This expenditure is for payment of the interest for an ATB case. Mr. Rose questioned that the transfer request on the form reflected two different amounts. Chairman Hegarty recommended the Board go with the lower amount. Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the

transfer from the Reserve Fund to the line item Tax Collector expenses in the amount of \$9586.81. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A request for a year end line-item transfer was submitted by Mr. McCue to cover various unexpected repairs and expenses at Town Hall, in the amount of \$15,000. Mr. Rose made a motion to table the item. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. McCue explained that there were unforeseen expenses at Town Hall, including repairs to a heating unit, the phone system, restriping the parking lot, etc. Not receiving funds at this time would mean holding back various bills for repairs that were completed.

Mr. Rose amended his motion and recommended transferring from the Medical and Life line item to the Town Hall expense line item the amount of \$5,000 to cover some of the repair bills and requested that the Town Administrator comes back again to the Board for the remainder in the month of June. Mr. Brady seconded the amended motion. All were in favor.

A year end line item transfer request was submitted to transfer from the Medical and Life line item to the COA expense line item the amount of \$1500 to cover the increase in fuel costs for the COA van. Mr. Brady made a motion to approve the transfer of \$1500 to the COA expense line item. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A year end line item transfer request was submitted in the amount of \$15,000 to cover ongoing legal case expenses. The amount would be transferred from the Medical and Life line item to the legal expense line item.

Mr. Rose made a motion to put the item on hold and table the request. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A letter of interest was received from Stephen Eranio of 50 Fletcher Street requesting appointment as an alternate to the Board of Appeals. Mr. Eranio was present to entertain any questions.

Mr. Brady made a motion to appoint Stephen Eranio to the Board of Appeals (Alternate) to a term to expire on June 30, 2014. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. On behalf of the Board, Chairman Hegarty thanked Mr. Eranio for his interest in serving the Town of Avon.

On the recommendation of the COA Board of Directors and COA Director Jane Hanley, a request was submitted to appoint Carol Geary to the part-time clerk/receptionist position at the Council on Aging. This is a non-union position, F6-Step 1, at a salary rate of \$11.48 per hour.

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint Carol Geary to the part-time clerk/receptionist position at the Council on Aging, F6-/Step 1, at \$11.48 per hour. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A letter was received from COA Director Jane Hanley requesting appointment of Joan McGonnigal to the position of part-time Assistant Cook at the COA, F6, Step 1, working no more than 16 hours per week at a salary rate of \$11.48 per hour. The request was approved by the COA Board of Directors.

Mr. Brady made a motion to appoint Joan McGonnigal to the position of part-time Assistant Cook at the COA, F6, Step 1 at a rate of \$11.48 per hour. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose stated the two previous motions for appointments must include the language “contingent upon favorable Town of Avon hiring policies, to include a pre-employment physical and successful CORI.”

It was unanimously voted to include the above language in both previous motions regarding the appointment of Carol Geary and Joan McGonnigal.

Meeting dates for the month of June were discussed. Chairman Hegarty set dates of June 7 and 21. Mr. Rose reported he is not available for a meeting on June 7. Meeting dates were agreed to be held on Thursday, May 31, 2012 and Thursday, June 21, 2012.

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve all vouchers for the payment of bills minus an invoice from Tibbetts Engineering Corp. Mr. Brady seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Town Administrator’s Report

Mr. McCue reported he attended a Municipal Hearing Officer Training on May 10th. Mr. McCue is Municipal Hearing Officer for the Town. Mr. McCue stated he found the training to be beneficial since he hadn’t attended a training session in several years.

Mr. McCue informed the Board that Shaun Burke, the Peer-to-Peer Technical Assistance Grant Program consultant, is working to assist the Town to develop options for downtown economic development. Mr. Burke would like to update the Board on his progress and would like to appear at a joint meeting with the Planning Board and the Board of Selectmen. Mr. McCue will coordinate a future meeting.

Mr. McCue announced the Town received FEMA reimbursement funds from tropical storm damage several months ago. Mr. McCue stated Fire Chief Spurr was very helpful in filing the necessary paperwork.

Mr. McCue plans on attending a Tree City awards ceremony with Selectman Brady in New Bedford on May 31st.

Mr. McCue wants to remind Town employees and residents that on Saturday, May 19th “Pepsi Gives Back” will be held. This is a program sponsored by Pepsi that supports surrounding towns and assists with community projects. Pepsi will provide 25 volunteers to assist in preparing and painting the Town’s gazebo. Pepsi will provide lunch and games for children. The hours are 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Wal-Mart donated \$500.00 worth of supplies towards this event. Volunteers from the community are invited to attend! Any questions, please contact Mr. McCue at the Avon Town Hall.

Chairman Hegarty reported that there are some small changes in local aid figures. There is a minor increase in Chapter 70 aid.

On Monday evening, May 21st, a public forum will be held in the Mary McDermott Meeting Room at the Avon Town Hall at 7:00 p.m. A gentleman is proposing to open a gun store in Avon. The individual will present plans to the public.

At 8:05 p.m., with all business completed, Mr. Brady made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary