

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2011
AVON TOWN HALL MEETING ROOM
7:30 P.M.

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

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

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

Mr. Rose made a motion to approve the minutes of Thursday, January 27, 2011 (Regular Session) as submitted. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Award bid to lease space for Wireless Communications Facility on Fagan Drive

Chairman Hegarty stated a recommendation memo from the Town Administrator is in each member's packet. Mr. McCue reviewed the bids for the Cell Tower RFP and it is his recommendation to the Board to award the contract to T-Mobile Northeast LLC at a rate of \$21,600 a year with 3% yearly increases as well as a 30% share of rent from any additional carriers, also subject to a 30% yearly increase. The contract would be for 25 years. A Special Permit for this project may need Town Meeting approval as a result of the recent changes to the Zoning By-Laws.

Mr. Rose questioned whether Mr. McCue reviewed the comparison of conditions in the RFP? Mr. McCue replied yes. Mr. McCue stated he made this recommendation based on the guarantee of rent from T-Mobile as the first carrier on the tower.

Mr. Phillips made a motion, based on the Town Administrator's supporting documentation, to award the contract to T-Mobile Northeast LLC since it would generate the most revenue for the

Town. Mr. Rose seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Rose reported the original RFP stated a 30 year lease; then it was amended to a 20 year lease with 2 five (5) year options.

Chairman Hegarty asked if there were any other stipulations within the RFP that would be problematic for the Town? Mr. McCue replied no. Mr. McCue reported that the Town would have guaranteed money during construction and with a carrier.

After further discussion, it was unanimously voted to award the bid to T-Mobile Northeast LLC.

Printing of the 2010 Annual Town Report

Mr. McCue recommended to the Board to award the bid for printing of the 2010 Annual Town Report to King Printing of Lowell, MA at a price of \$2447.00.

Mr. Rose asked if they met all the requirements of the RFP? Mr. McCue responded in the affirmative and stated that delivery to Avon was included in the price. Mr. McCue also stated that the low bidder we had some difficulty with in 2007 and it was not his recommendation to use the vendor again. Even though he completed the 2007 Annual Town Report, we never received an electronic copy.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to award the bid for the printing of the 2010 Annual Town Report, based on the recommendation of the Town Administrator, to King Printing of Lowell, MA. Mr. Rose suggested tabling the item to allow Mr. McCue ample time to check references and verify that King Printing would be the best choice for the Town, since they are a new vendor.

After further discussion, it was unanimously voted to award the bid to King Printing of Lowell, MA with the stipulation that all references were favorable.

APPOINTMENT OF CONSTABLES FOR 2011

Mr. Phillips made a motion to table the appointment of Constables for 2011 until an amended policy, originally adopted by the Board of Selectmen on July 17, 2008, could be reviewed and approved. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Mr. McCue presented the Board with amendments to the original Appointment of Constables Policy approved and adopted on July 17, 2008.

After some discussion, Mr. Rose made a motion to adopt the amended Appointment of Constables Policy, effective February 10, 2011. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion with discussion. Mr. Phillips suggested a friendly amendment voting to remove the item "to table the Appointment of Constables" as previously voted. The motion carried.

It was unanimously voted to remove the item "to table the appointment of Constables for 2011."

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to appoint the following Constables for 2011, term to expire: December 31, 2011:

Mr. David Asiaf
Mr. Jerold Loomis
Mr. William Geary, Jr.
Mr. Harold March
Mr. Thomas Farmer
Mr. David DiCenso
Mr. Stephen Cain
Mr. Sean Bastis

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. McCue stated the Board of Assessors and the Town Administrator have conducted interviews for the position of Assistant Assessor and it is their recommendation to hire Daniel Lane to the position. Mr. Lane was employed for 14 years in Marion County, Florida.

On a motion made by Mr. Rose, seconded by Mr. Phillips, it was unanimously voted to appoint Daniel Lane of New Bedford to the position of Assistant Assessor, contingent upon successful fulfillment of Town of Avon hiring policies and execution of a mutually agreeable contract.

Chairman Hegarty read a letter from OCPC about a Public Health District Incentive Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to provide financial support for groups of municipalities to enter into formal, long-term agreements to share resources and coordinate activities in order to improve the scope, quality, and effectiveness of local public health services for their combined populations. The Old Colony Planning Council is interested in exploring this initiative with Avon and others in the region. If the Town of Avon is interested, a general statement of interest must be sent to OCPC by February 15, 2011 to explore this regionalization effort.

Chairman Hegarty reported that Avon's Health Agent has no objections. There is no commitment by the Town of Avon to send a letter of interest.

Mr. Rose made a motion to grant Chairman Hegarty's request to forward a letter to OCPC regarding Avon's interest in participating. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. All were in favor.

A request was received from Kathleen Kelleher, Avon Housing Rehabilitation Program Manager, to appoint three (3) new members to the Ad Hoc Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC).

Mr. Rose made a motion to appoint Deborah Chase, Jane Hanley and Reverend Thomas Boudreau to the Ad Hoc Community Development Advisory Committee (CDAC) to terms which expire on December 31, 2011. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried.

A temporary sign application was received from Affordable Furniture, Inc. at 75 Stockwell Drive to display signs for a "Tax Time" promotion.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve a temporary sign permit for Affordable Furniture, Inc. to display signs from 2/12/11 through 4/3/11. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A Public Entertainment license application was received from Avon V.F.W., Post #8892 for an addition to their Entertainment license which is for one (1) juke box. A request is made for a live band, DJ, karaoke, to be performed from 7:00 p.m. to midnight or an afternoon function from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to grant the addition to the Public Entertainment license for Avon V.F.W., Post #8892 at 263 East Main Street. Mr. Rose seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Public Announcements

William O'Donnell, Register of Deeds for Norfolk County, and members of his staff will be available at the Avon Town Hall Meeting Room on Thursday, March 3, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon. No appointment is needed. Questions will be answered about any Registry of Deeds matter and information will be available concerning the Massachusetts Homestead Act.

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

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. McCue reported that Sheriff Bellotti's Community Service Program will once again provide assistance by painting some interior space at Town Hall and the Senior Center beginning this coming Monday. The cost to the Town is only for supplies and lunch.

Mr. McCue brought to the Board's attention a federally subsidized program from DCS Energy which uses solar panels and electronic signs. He will attend meetings on the subject in the coming weeks.

Mr. McCue provided a draft of an Anti-Fraud Policy. This is a policy suggested by the auditors for the Town to adopt. It will be placed on a future agenda, after the Board reviews it.

The Board of Selectmen will hold a meeting next Wednesday evening at Town Hall with area boards and officials. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss regional and other shared approaches to delivery of municipal services. Stoughton, Canton, Randolph, Holbrook and Milton officials were invited to attend the meeting.

At 8:30 p.m. Mr. Rose made a motion to enter Executive Session to discuss a collective bargaining matter. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion.

A roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Rose voted aye

Mr. Phillips voted aye
Chairman Hegarty voted aye

The Board would not reconvene in Open Session.

Respectfully submitted,

Miriam Rothstein
Secretary