

Selectmen's Meeting
January 12, 2015
4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting. He opened the public hearing for a complaint filed by Mr. Karl Nelson of a dangerous or nuisance dog belonging to a Mr. John LaBelle. It seemed that Mr. LaBelle was not present yet, so Mr. Smadbeck put the hearing on hold and proceeded with regular business.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of December 15th and 29th, 2014

To change mileage compensation to 57.5 cents per mile for business, 23 cents per mile for medical, and 14 cents per mile for charity. They remarked that most would use only the first option.

Mr. Smadbeck then continued with the public hearing.

Present were both parties, Mr. Nelson's teenage daughter, and Barbara Prada, Animal Control Officer. Mr. Smadbeck swore the group in for testimony.

Ms. Prada stated that she had taken sworn statements from all parties involved which are in her report. Mr. Labelle and Ms. Nelson were walking their dogs separately in the state forest. Both dogs were not on a leash. Mr. Labelle's dog scared the Nelson's dog so it ran into the woods and they had to search for him for several hours. Ms. Prada recommended that Mr. Labelle's dog be ordered to be leashed at all times when it is in Edgartown and that he post a \$200 bond.

Both parties then gave their side of the story that is in the sworn statements.

Mr. Smadbeck then stated that this is a perfect example of why the town has a leash law.

Ms. Serpa moved to order that Mr. Labelle's dog be on a leash at all times when it is in Edgartown. She didn't think the bond was necessary at this time. Mr. Smadbeck seconded and agreed about the bond. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a request from Mullen Way residents to not widen the road. He pointed out that there has been no request to widen the road. Present were Robert Coad; Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent; Attorneys Skip Tomassian and Michelle Cassavant; Georgiana Greenough, Assistant to the Planning Board; and Alan Wilson, Member of the Planning Board.

Mr. Coad wanted to talk about the proposed new development at the end of Mullen Way and the residents were worried about increased traffic.

Ms. Dolby stated that was not what we were here about. We were here to request not widening the road.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that the development was not their pervue. It was in front of the Planning Board right now and they were not going to get involved. The Board of Selectmen could discuss widening the road and had no intention of widening the road.

Mr. Tomassian stated that the road was taken at 17.23' in 1947.

Mr. Fuller injected that the right of way is 17.23'. The pavement is about 14' with utility poles and such.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that concluding from Mr. Fuller's statement the pavement is as wide as it can be.

Mr. Coad stated that it was difficult to pass two cars going in opposite directions. More traffic with this development would make things more difficult.

Mr. Smadbeck reiterated that the Board had no intention of widening Mullen Way.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. The Town Accountant had a meeting with Martina Thornton about the MV Center for Living. The 50/50 formula will be used for the articles. All six towns will have to vote in favor in order to receive the funds. The ACE articles will be the same. She was going to meet the 15th with Angie Grant from the VTA and Stuart Fuller at the visitor's center about some drainage issues and trees. There was a budget meeting on the 13th at 3:00pm.

At 4:34pm Ms. Serpa moved to close the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

not present
Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant