

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**March 9, 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; Michael J. Donaroma; and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and recognized Elizabeth Rothwell from the Harbor View and Kelley House.

Ms. Rothwell requested for the Kelley House to host the 4th Annual Wee St. Patrick's Day Parade. It will stage at the parking lot at the bottom of Main St. and proceed down Dock St. and up Kelley St.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the parade. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Water Superintendent Bill Chapman and Ron Koontz from the USDA.

Mr. Chapman stated that Mr. Koontz was here to finalize the USDA funding for painting the water tower. There would be a loan of \$675,000 with 3% interest and a grant of \$225,000. The intent is to paint in the fall.

Mr. Koontz stated that he had the documents ready to sign. It would be financed through Unibank.

Ms. Serpa moved to sign the loan resolution and corresponding documents. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then spent several minutes signing all the documents. At the end Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Koontz and the USDA for all their assistance.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item which was the Library Building Committee. Present were several members of the Library Building Committee, Library Trustees, Jill Hughes, and Project Manager Rick Pomroy.

Mr. Pomroy gave an update on where the project is and that they will need an addition \$484,173. They would like to change the article on the Town Meeting warrant to reflect that.

Ms. Serpa stated that the warrant was already finished and the article will stand at \$225,000. It was too much extra to ask for at this time.

Mr. Smadbeck asked about the Library Foundation or ELF. They should have more to put toward the project.

Deanna Laird replied that Town Counsel was looking into it. ELF has said they cannot donate because it was originally for the new library at the site of the Carnegie Library.

Ms. Dolby stated that Town Counsel was working on it with the Attorney General's Office. She would get an update.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that this has ballooned to a larger amount than they had discussed. He wants to look at other options, but would be willing to go to Town Meeting at another time.

Ms. Laird responded that the Furniture and Fixtures have a long lead time and this is where most of the money will be missing because it is the last part.

Ms. Serpa wanted to see what Town Counsel had to say. She also wants to explore all options to get the money from ELF.

Mr. Donaroma summarized that the Board supported the original article for \$225,000 and seeking out ELF to pay for the furnishings.

Ms. Dolby stated that ELF was on record as wanting to pay for the furnishings.

Ms. Serpa then asked about the generator item and whether they could share with the school's newly proposed generator.

Ms. Dolby replied that there was an appeal in process to not require it.

Mr. Larry Mercier stated that the Board was tying the hands of the Building Committee.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that they had the \$225,000 in the warrant article. He then moved on to the next item. The Board had received some letters from property owners on Simpson's Lane about the Chappy Ferry line.

Ms. Serpa moved to refer the issue to the Planning Board. Mr. Donaroma agreed that they were the appropriate board and seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

Common Victualler Licenses for Port Hunter and Main St. Diner.

A Weekday Entertainment License for Port Hunter.

A Sunday Entertainment License for Port Hunter.

The minutes of March 2, 2015.

The Board set a liquor hearing for The Dunes on March 23, 2015 at 4:05pm.

The Board voted the change the manager at Behind the Bookstore to Joyce Sudikoff.

The Board set the Annual and Special Town Meetings for April 14, 2015 at 7pm.

Ms. Dolby then gave her update. There was an issue with Peter Wells at the Chappy Ferry getting dig safe to locate the cross harbor cable. Nstar was not being responsive. Ms. Dolby had called someone she had previously met at Nstar and thinks she has fixed the problem.

Ms. Dolby and Ms. Marilyn Wortman will be attending a meeting on the Affordable Healthcare Act on 3/25/15 off island.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Warren Gossen who was not on the agenda.

Mr. Gossen loudly and with hostility asked various questions pertaining to the police department and indicating it was in some way inferior to other police departments.

Ms. Serpa then abstained from the topic and removed herself from the meeting.

Mr. Smadbeck's reaction was to state that he had every confidence in the Edgartown Police Department and felt they were one of the best in the state.

Mr. Gossen continued on his loud rant and became more hostile. The Board chose not to respond and at 5:01pm Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant