

Selectmen's Meeting
May 11, 2015
4:P.M.

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. meeting room, Town Hall. Members present were Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman, Margaret E. Serpa, Arthur Smadbeck and Pamela M. Dolby, Town Administrator.

The Chairman called to order a Public Hearing at 4:P.M.. The Chairman read the legal notice stating the subject matter for the hearing. Jay Kaufman is requesting permission to remove a public shade tree. The tree is a sycamore maple. There was a letter from Robert Hagerty Tree, Inc. stating the center of the tree is dead and further pruning will not enhance or improve the trees.

Mr. Kaufman said the tree was planted too close to the house and needed to be removed.

Mr. Donaroma asked for any comments from the audience. There were none. Mr. Donaroma asked the Tree Warden to comment. Stuart Fuller said he was in agreement that the tree needed to be removed.

At this time Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing and asked for a vote. Ms. Serpa made a motion to allow the tree to be removed; there was a 2nd by Mr. Smadbeck followed by a vote in favor

James Carleton of Bad Marthas came before the Board to discuss extending the hours for the establishment. The Board informed him that they were going to set a public hearing for this request and he would receive notice of the hearing. They told him it would be in the next three weeks and until then he must close by 9:P.M.

The Chairman called to order a Public Hearing at 4:10P.M.. The Chairman read the legal notice stating the subject matter for the hearing. Martin Homlish is requesting approval to install a 1000 gallon underground tank for the storage of propane and a 500 gallon above ground tank for the storage of propane. The approvals are needed because he has existing tanks and the new total will exceed 2000 gallons on the property.

Mr. Homlish was represented by John Magnuson, contractor. Mr. Magnuson informed the Board that the Homlish family was building a pool and pool house and the location is too far from the existing tanks so they are installing new ones to meet the need.

Peter Shemeth, Fire Chief, explained the laws that need to be enforced when a property exceeds 2000 gallons.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there were any comments from the audience. There were none. Ms. Dolby informed the Board that an abutter came to the office to look at the map and was satisfied with the location.

At this time Mr. Donaroma closed the public hearing and asked for a vote. Ms. Serpa made a motion to grant the permits for the underground tanks; Mr. Smadbeck gave the motion a 2nd and there followed a vote in favor.

Representatives from the Harborview Hotel were present to discuss an event they are proposing to be held on Father's Day June 21, 2015. It is the first Car-B-Q Classic. There will be a classic car show, a power cruise parade of hot rods etc and then a BBQ by the pool.

The Selectmen told them to work with the Police Department on the parade details and then voted to approve the event.

The Procurement Officer was present to recommend the Town accept a bid from Donaroma's Nursery in the amount of \$15,950.00 to plant and maintain the downtown planters and baskets for the summer of 2015. Mr. Smadbeck and Ms. Serpa voted to award the contract to Donaroma's. Mr. Donaroma did not participate in the discussion or the vote.

The Town received notification from the Commonwealth of the following Shellfish Closures: Sengekontacket (except area near big bridge) 5/1-10/31; Eel Pond 5/1-8/31; and inner harbor 5/1-10/31.

Other Business:

The Board voted a change of manager for Flatbread. The new manager will be Paul Cucchiarelli.

Ms. Dolby reminded the Board of the March to the Sea on Friday, May 22nd. The parade will be leaving the school at 1:P.M.

The Affordable Housing Committee has been holding public forums on the Meshacket Project. One of the major concerns is the traffic on Meshacket Road. There have been many suggestions such as: crosswalks, speed limit signs and an increased Police presence.

Ms. Dolby referred to the traffic study done by the Martha's Vineyard Commission a couple of years ago. She will ask the Highway Superintendent where that stands.

A letter was received from Ron Rappaport, Town Counsel, regarding transport network companies (Uber vehicles). Mr. Rappaport refers to the pending bill that was filed by the governor. We don't know how long it will take to enact that into law and until then the Town can amend the taxi regs to include TNC vehicles. Ms. Dolby said she has been working on the amendments and hopes to have them ready in about two weeks.

Ms. Dolby informed the Board that she and the Procurement Officer have been working on the RFP for the Carnegie (Edgartown Free Public Library) building.

The Board voted to grant yard sale permits to: Jennifer Smyth –Jenney Way 5/17; Georgie Greenough- Martha's Road 5/23; Jeffrey Bartkowski - Massasoit Road 5/16.

The Board voted a Transient Vendors License for Nikki Sedacca Gallery.

At this time Ms. Serpa left her place as a Selectperson and joined the audience.

Mr. Donaroma, once again, thanked Jack Collins (interim Police Chief) for his assistance. He said he read the report and felt it was very thorough. It was a good job and a good report. It shows there is still work to do.

Mr. Smadbeck also thanked Mr. Collins for the amount of work he did. He felt he went above and beyond. The blueprint provided will serve not just us but it will serve as a working document for the new administration and he appreciates it very much. Mr. Smadbeck said he would like to nominate David Rossi for Police Chief and Christopher Dolby for Lieutenant of the Edgartown Police Department. He said he could not think of better hands to have Edgartown in at this juncture.

At this time Mr. Smadbeck asked Mr. Rossi if he would like to say anything.

Mr. Rossi said he felt very lucky. He spoke of his past community involvement and School Committee position. He spoke of his experience with budgets and referred to Dr. Jim Weiss, Superintendent of Schools and John Stevens, Edgartown School Principal as good role models. He thanked Jack Collins for the process over the past months and he spoke of pursuing the accreditation process for EPD that they will be pursuing. It is nice to say we have a good police department but meeting the national standards would be better. He wants what is best for Edgartown because Edgartown deserves it.

Mr. Donaroma said Edgartown is a lucky town. Mr. Donaroma suggested the motion be amended to say "based on a mutually agreed upon contract". Mr. Smadbeck agreed to amend the motion to include that statement and that was followed by a vote in favor to promote David Rossi to Edgartown Police Chief and Christopher Dolby to Lieutenant.

Peter Look was present and expressed his displeasure at the lack of public involvement in the process. He wanted to know when the board read the report and when it was discussed and when the decision was made.

Warren Gosson was present to express his displeasure with the Board and the way they handled this situation.

At this time the Town Clerk swore in Chief David Rossi and his brother Chief Dan Rossi of West Tisbury pinned his badge on. The Town Clerk then swore in Christopher Dolby and Chief Rossi pinned his badge on.

There being no further business the meeting ended at 4:40.

APPROVED:



Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman



Margaret E. Serpa



Arthur Smadbeck

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela M. Dolby
Town Administrator

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