

Selectmen's Meeting
July 27, 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: Michael Donaroma, Chairman; Margaret E. Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was a request from the Katama General Store to have a Lobster Bake Function at their property on Katama Road. Present was the owner Jackie Korell.

Ms. Korell stated that they are having a Slow Food Lobster Bake with about 50 people. There would be no alcohol.

Ms. Serpa asked about the current parking situation. She was concerned about safety and people backing out onto Katama Road. She had seen the bike rack out front which was a good step in the right direction.

Ms. Korell stated that they are still using the front spaces, but had future plans to move all the parking into the lot behind the store.

The Board approved the special event.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item. Present was Colin Butler and Califfe Singh. Also present was Wayne West of Stagecoach Taxi and Police Chief Rossi. Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board had received a letter from Mr. Butler stating that he had sold his taxi business to Mr. Singh and was asking to transfer his Edgartown Taxi Permit over to him.

Chief Rossi supported Mr. Singh as the new owner. He has been driving for several years for Stagecoach and he had a good relationship with the department.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the transfer. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Both voted aye. Ms. Serpa abstained. Passed.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on to the next item and recognized Juliet Mulinare, Procurement Officer. Also present was Chris Scott from the MV Preservation Trust.

Ms. Mulinare stated that the RFP for the Carnegie Building had been put out to bid and the only bid received was from the MV Preservation Trust for the amount of \$1 with extensive restorations planned. The building would be used as a historic library and visitor's center. It will hold, display, and make available to the public the collections of the Preservation Trust.

Mr. Scott stated that they were looking forward to working with the town.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he was thrilled that they were going to be the shepherd of this iconic town building.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept the bid proposal. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa stated that it was an ambitious plan. Mr. Donaroma thought it was great. Ms. Dolby shared that the citizens of town were really concerned what would happen to this special building. This was the best outcome she could imagine.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Minutes of June 8th, June 15th, and June 22nd.

They addressed a letter about the decrepit state of the Yellow House. Town Counsel had been working with the Historic District. The bankruptcy proceedings of the owner were hindering things.

There was a letter from the School Committee asking for an appointment to represent the town in contract negotiations. None of the Board could commit. They asked Chief Rossi who was in the audience. He politely declined, but suggested Les Baynes. It was decided to ask Les Baynes if he would be interested.

The Board appointed Chris White to the Affordable Housing Trust as a Representative from the Affordable Housing Committee.

For Camp Jabberwocky to hang a banner August 10th to 15th.

For Flatbread to stay open until 12:30am on August 2nd, 22nd and September 19th.

Library Change Order #22 for \$12,698.

The Board asked for an update from the Library Building Committee the following week.

Ms. Dolby then gave her update. She started with the CDBG Grant had been awarded to the town again this year to assist low income households repair their homes and childcare assistance. The Nunnepog Solar Project is moving along. They have done some plantings and put up the sound proofing barriers. Stuart Fuller is working on the drainage and the roads. Jane Varkonda is working on a management plan.

Ms. Serpa thanked Ms. Dolby for all her hard work on the solar project. The rest of the Board agreed.

At 4:13PM Ms. Serpa moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and not to return into public session. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. A roll call vote was held where all voted aye. Unanimous. Present were Atty. Ron Rappaport, Town Counsel; Atty. Jack Collins, Labor Attorney; and Police Chief Rossi.

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant