

Selectmen's Meeting
September 14, 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 public hearing on the application of Verizon to run approximately 1980' of cable and conduit along the Southwesterly side of Edgartown / Vineyard Haven Rd. Present for Verizon was Bob Stanton.

Mr. Stanton described the project. The cable cannot be within 25' of existing cable which is why they want to bury it. There is water and wastewater in the area, but they are willing to work with them on placement. Would all be drilled underground.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent stated that it looked straight forward. There was discussion on whether it would go under or over the water and wastewater.

There being no further comment. Mr. Donaroma closed the public hearing.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve with the stipulation that Verizon work with the town departments for the best route. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:05pm Mr. Donaroma opened the public hearing on the application of Eversource to run 42' of cable and conduit to 77 Fuller Street. Present for Eversource was Jessica Elder.

Ms. Elder explained the project. It would be drilled under the road which would not be disturbed.

Mr. Fuller stated that he preferred drilling and approved of the project.

There being no further comment, Mr. Donaroma closed the public hearing.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the application. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of August 31, 2015.

A Yard Sale for Douglas Benefit at 15 Llewellyn Way.

A letter to Right Fork Diner reprimanding them for their summer music and not having an entertainment license or it being an allowed use according to the airport lease.

A request from HGTV to film some shots for a television show on September 24th.

For the Food & Wine Festival to put up the tent in the Mayhew Ln. parking lot Thursday October 15th instead of Friday the 16th.

The Board accepted a letter in praise of Michael Hathaway in the Harbormaster's Department.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the public shade tree hearing to remove two trees at 140 Cooke Street. Present were Norman Rankow and Melanie Rankow.

Mr. Donaroma then recused himself from the hearing.

Ms. Serpa asked Mr. Rankow to present his application.

Mr. Rankow stated that these were both pine trees and not really shade trees. He wanted to remove them and put up a fence.

Ms. Serpa referenced a letter from Hagerty Tree stating the health of the trees. The Spruce tree was noted to be in poor condition while the Cypress was noted to be in good condition. She asked about a plan for replacement. Typically a plan is submitted with application.

Mr. Rankow stated that he had no intention of replacement.

Ms. Serpa replied that the Board has never approved removal of a tree in good condition. She asked Mr. Fuller what his thought were.

Mr. Fuller wanted a replacement. He suggested either a maple or oak, but could work with Mr. Rankow on an agreeable tree.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they have approved removal of a good condition tree, but only with a significant replacement that benefited the removal.

Mr. Rankow stated that he would commit to replacing the tree if that was what the Board wanted.

Ms. Serpa stated that she wanted a plan on paper with the location, size and type laid out.

Mr. Fuller suggested continuing the hearing for a week to figure out the details.

Mr. Rankow agreed.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to continue the hearing to the following Monday at 4:05pm. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then returned to the meeting.

The Board then approved the new Design Selection Procedures from the Procurement Officer and approved the Propane Bid from Vineyard Propane.

The Board then continued the appointments of the Chappaquiddick Wireless Committee to November 1st, 2015.

The Board approved the MV Bass and Bluefish Derby to park the prize boat and truck in the parking lot at the bottom of Main St. until the end of the Derby.

At 4:25 Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant