Selectmen's Meeting November 2, 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: Margaret E. Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting. There being a gap on the agenda, she moved on to regular business.

The Board approved the following items:

A Yard Sale Permit for Tania Tilton at 23 Fisher Rd.

Travel Vouchers for the Police Department and Fire Department.

For the Wharf Pub to close for annual cleanup and repairs from February 15, 2016 to March 15, 2016.

To award the bid for a new HVAC system at the Police Department to Brennan and Co. in the amount of \$57,150.

At 4:05pm Ms. Serpa opened the posted public shade tree hearing for 2 Pierce Lane to remove a sycamore and read the notice. Present was Mark Crossland and Stuart Fuller, Tree Warden.

Ms. Serpa stated that there was really no question about the condition of the tree.

It was decided that the replacement would be a tree of a size and species agreeable with the Tree Warden and be planted before May 31, 2016. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:10pm Ms. Serpa opened the posted public shade tree hearing for 97 Cooke St to remove four trees

Mr. Fuller stated that he supported the removal of the trees and the replacements offered.

It was decided that the #2 tree would be replaced with a significant replacement and there would be additional trees planted around the new carriage house all of size and species approved by the Tree Warden and would be planted by October 31, 2016. Mr. Smadbeck moved. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:15pm Ms. Serpa opened the posted public shade tree hearing for 43 Road to the Plains to remove 10 trees of various size, shape, and condition. Joe Fragosa was present.

Ms. Serpa asked about replacements.

Mr. Fuller stated that the property was on a sharp curve and the trees would be replaced with landscaping which would improve sight lines and the safety of the curve.

It was agreed that the trees could be removed and that the replacement landscaping would be approved by the Tree Warden and completed by May 31, 2016. Mr. Smadbeck moved. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:20pm Ms. Serpa opened the posted public shade tree hearing for 28 S. Summer St. to remove an elm tree. Present was Jeff Lucier.

Mr. Lucier showed a picture of the replacement tree and stated that they intended to set it back further than the original tree to avoid the power lines. He also stated it would be in by October 31, 2016.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the removal and replacement by October 31, 2016. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized the Affordable Housing Committee to talk about 45 Metcalf Drive. Present were Christina Brown, Tim Rush, David Vigneault, and Lucy Morrison.

Ms. Morrison stated that they have provided copies for the Board with all the information they will provide to candidates regarding the process. DC Regional Housing will be an objective observer and the new owner will be decided by lottery of all eligible candidates. She then went over the criteria.

Mr. Smadbeck asked why the town was selling and not the owner of the property.

Ms. Morrison responded that the town had first refusal and the owner wanted to leave the island quickly. The Affordable Housing Trust will purchase and then sell the property. It will be restricted in perpetuity.

Ms. Serpa asked for a timeframe.

Ms. Morrision responded that the closing with the town will be November 6th. There will be 45 days of advertising and hopes the new owners will be in by February.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve \$336,000 out of the Affordable Housing Trust to purchase and the process to sell 45 Metcalf Drive. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Maggie Downey from the Cape Light Compact (CLC).

Ms. Downey then made a slide show presentation update on the CLC which is attached. Grid Modernization was discussed. Mr. Smadbeck was skeptical about putting it in the hands of the utility companies and the benefits to the island.

At 4:45pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved: did not attend Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman	Respectfully submitted,
	Kristy Rose Assistant
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Margaret E. Serpa	
Arthur Smadbeck	
Board of Selectmen	