

Selectmen's Meeting
January 13, 2014
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 Serpa, Chairman; and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Chairman Serpa opened the meeting and recognized Mr. Jeremy Scheffer for his hearing on having a 2 acre aquaculture lot in the middle flats area north of Eel Pond. Also present was Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Warden.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the Shellfish Committee supported this new aquaculture area for Mr. Scheffer. His father has already been approved for the same area. These will be an experiment for this area. If the Board approves this area, the Conservation Commission will have to approve it. The Division of Marine Fisheries will come down and do an assessment of the area and they will be the last word. If they do approve it as an area, the Committee will have them approve 3-4 lots for future farming if it works out. He then addressed a letter received from Mr. Arthur York Allen with some concerns about the placement of the equipment. Mr. Bagnall stated that most of the equipment would be under the surface of the water and not visible.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa closed the meeting at 4:02PM. She felt the concerns in the letter were addressed and they could move to approve the new license.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed and moved to approve the new aquaculture license. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous. The Board wished Mr. Scheffer good luck.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Uses Car Dealer License for Bertel Auto Brokers.

Travel Vouchers for the Fire and Highway Departments

Ms. Serpa then addressed a request from 11 North to close until May 12, 2014.

Mr. Smadbeck asked why the Board needed to grant a closure if they were already closed for good according to the local paper.

Ms. Dolby stated that they still legally have a liquor license and the Board has received no formal notification that this closure is permanent.

Ms. Serpa stated that if they were to approve this closure she would like them to surrender their license to the office until they plan to reopen and she would like to see the closure only until April 13, 2014.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed and made a motion to approve the closure of 11 North through April 13, 2014 as long as the license was surrendered to the office by noon of January 21, 2014. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the contract for the building of the Library. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve and designate Ms. Serpa to sign, but not be released until all of the exhibits were in the Selectmen's Office. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was an update on the Katama Airfield. Present were members of the Airfield Commission.

Mr. Bob Stone started with a short history of the airport and handed out a packet which he went into detail about. He stated that they are stalled on the hangar and conservation restriction and wanted to move forward. There was a brief discussion of the "Nickerson Property" but no clarity on if it was included or not in the CR.

Mr. Jaime Craig stated that they had not received the bullet points from Town Counsel.

Mr. Smadbeck told Mr. Stone that he had sat in front of them at a previous meeting and asked the Board with much vigor not to sign the Conservation Restriction and that it was taking too much from the town. Without the Conservation Restriction the Commission cannot build a bigger hangar.

Mr. Craig replied that the Commission would like to talk about the CR and get the bullet points from Town Counsel.

It was decided that they would reconvene the following week with Town Counsel and Ms. Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent to discuss the CR, Hangar, RFP for management and the tax situation.

Mr. Stone finished by stating that Ms. Varkonda has been key in the whole process and they could not have gotten this far without her.

At 4:43 Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant