

Selectmen's Meeting
March 10, 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; Michael Donaroma; and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was an Nstar hearing for 25 Pierce Lane. She read the notice aloud and recognized Ms. Karen Corriveau, Right of Way Agent, from NStar. Also present was Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

She stated it was a new house and they need service. It was pretty straight forward.

Mr. Fuller did not have any objections.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:05 pm Ms. Serpa opened the Nstar hearing for 29 S. Water St. by reading the notice aloud.

Ms. Corriveau stated that the indirect route the conduit was taking was to protect the pagoda tree. The tree will not be disturbed.

Ms. Serpa pointed out that the route went along the other side of the street.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had met with the electrician and worked out the best route not to disturb the important pagoda tree. He asked that they put a condition on the approval to replace the bricks of the sidewalk that were removed with similar bricks of the same quality.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve with Mr. Fuller's condition that bricks of similar quality be used to replace any bricks removed for the project and that the sidewalk be left in similar or better condition than before the project. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:10 pm Ms. Serpa opened the Nstar hearing for 24 Cottage St.

Ms. Corriveau stated that this was a renovation and that they would be drilling under Cottage St.

Mr. Fuller asked that they use the drill under the street because Cottage St. had been paved fairly recently.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve with the condition that they drill under the street as not to disturb the surface. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the next item on the agenda which was the application to move the curb cut at 62 N. Water St. from the east side of the frontage to the west side. Representing the owners was Rob Calderaro from Gregory Lombardi Design.

Mr. Calderaro stated that they intended on moving the house to the east and put the drive next to the neighbor's drive on the west side. This would shorten the curb cut length by 3 feet and add an extra public parking spot to the street parking.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had no issue with the move, but would like replacements to be similar curbing and bricks. He reminded Mr. Calderaro that there was no street or sidewalk work allowed between May 15th and September 15th.

Ms. Dolby asked about construction dates and whether there would be a construction fence erected.

Mr. Calderaro was unsure of the construction start date but stated that there would be a fence.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the application with the condition that bricks and curbing be replaced with like kind and approved by Mr. Fuller. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the next item on the agenda which was the application of A&O Danner Company to block a parking spot on N. Water St. in front of the Fligor Building. Present was Mr. Stephen Danner.

Mr. Danner stated that he is requesting to place a small dumpster in the parking area in front of the store two days a week. The dumpster would be only be there during the day and would not be present weeknights or weekends.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had gone to look at the location with the Police Chief and would like it placed in the most forward spot closest to Kelley St.

Mr. Danner was agreeable to this location.

Ms. Serpa stated that if there were any questions or changes, Mr. Danner should consult Mr. Fuller or Chief Bettencourt.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the application with the conditions set forth by Mr. Fuller. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the second dumpster application of the day. This one was from Don O'Shaughnessy for a dumpster in the parking area in front of 82 S. Water Street. Mr. O'Shaughnessy was present.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had spoken with Chief Bettencourt and Mr. Fuller and asked that the dumpster not be allowed to stay the weekends after April 1st and be completely removed by May 1st.

Mr. O'Shaughnessy agreed to these terms.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the application with the conditions set forth by the Chief of Police and Highway Superintendent. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was the election with the Wastewater Commission of the interim commissioner until election of a new commissioner in April. The Board had received a letter of interest from Mr. Scott Ellis. Present were Commissioners Jim Carter and Glen Searle.

Mr. Carter called to order the Board of Commissioners. Mr. Searle moved to elect Mr. Scott Ellis. Mr. Carter seconded. The Board of Commissioners were unanimous. The Board of Selectmen then voted and were also unanimous.

Mr. Ellis thanked everyone for their support.

Ms. Serpa pointed out that Mr. Ellis was also running for election and wished him good luck.

The Board recognized that Mr. Carter was not running for re-election and thanked him for all his hard work.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Common Victualler License for Morning Glory Farm.

Lodging House Licenses for The Lightkeeper's Inn, Edgartown Commons, and The Harborside Inn.

Travel Vouchers for Animal Control.

To revise the opening date for the Seafood Shanty to May 10th.

They addressed a couple of requests by the Affordable Housing Committee and decided to take them under consideration and not make any decisions at this time.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the next item on the agenda which was the request to move the pizza oven from Lattanzi's on Church St. to 11 North Water Street. Mr. John Roberts, Jr. was present.

Mr. Roberts stated that they would need a crane and a flatbed. It would all happen in the early morning of March 19th and shouldn't take too long.

Chief Bettencourt stated that he had spoken with Mr. Roberts and didn't have any problems with the planned move.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa wished Mr. Roberts good luck. She then recognized Mr. Edward Vincent, Jr. for the Dredge Committee.

Mr. Vincent stated that the Dredge Committee would like to move the sand from dredging of the delta at Great Pond to replenish Fuller St. Beach. The Committee had asked previously to do this, but weather and the slope of South Beach had made it impossible to transport the sand from the dredge spot. The beach has changed and it is now possible. They would like to start as soon as possible and transport the sand to the "Mud Hole" parking lot. From there it can be transported to Fuller St. Beach. What was important at this time is getting the sand to the parking lot before the beach changed or the shut down deadline set by the state to protect wildlife on April 1st.

He stated that to do this project the Dredge Committee would need to rent an excavator and a truck. The excavator would cost \$10,000 and the truck would cost \$8,500.

Ms. Serpa asked if the Committee had acquired the required bids.

Mr. Vincent replied that they had acquired the required 3 quotes for items under \$10,000.

Ms. Serpa didn't think it could be separated that way and wanted the total costs.

Ms. Dolby stated that Ms. Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent, needed to sit with Ms. Jen O'Hanlon, Procurement Officer.

Mr. Smadbeck asked why the sand was just being transported to the lot.

Mr. Vincent responded that they just needed to get it off the beach and different trucks would transport it by street than do by beach.

Mr. Paul Bagnall stated that they needed to get it off the beach before April 1st because of the birds.

Mr. Les Baynes stated that the weather keeps changing the beach and that they have a small window.

Mr. Fuller suggested they use the Pentabid for the trucking.

Ms. Serpa stated that this all needed to be done through the Procurement Officer.

The matter was continued until 9am on Wednesday March 12th.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the next item which was the town landings.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had a meeting with Mr. Fuller; Chief Bettencourt; Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster; and Mr. Warren Gaines, Deputy Shellfish Warden concerning a letter to the newspaper about the state of the town landings. She thought it was unfortunate that the person did not speak to the town first. She continued that the trash had been picked up. There was a boat that would be removed by Friday. There would be new signs erected at Katama Landing about leaving boat trailers for long periods of time. They will not be allowed without being attached to vehicles. They were also working on Wilson's land with abandoned boats and trash in the woods. Eel Pond has one boat. The Crab Creek area has recently been obtained by the Town and is under the control of the Conservation Commission. There will be signage, but no chain to allow public access. Collins Beach was referred to the Marine Advisory Committee. Ms. Dolby would be attending their next meeting. The subject of deer carcasses was also brought up. She has spoken to Mr. Matt Poole, Health Agent on the matter. There is no easy solution. She concluded that they would need some money and support for cleanup and dumpsters.

Mr. Blair stated that abandoned boats have been a problem for a long time. He had gotten rid of the ones he had collected over 3 years last year and it cost \$11,000. He suggested perhaps adding it to the Harbormaster's budget much like the snow removal has a separate account for the Highway Department with an annual amount of \$3,000. He added that the Highway Department is always cooperative when it came to boat and trash removal assistance.

Mr. Fuller stated that the latest round of landing cleanups came up with 3 large garbage bags, a microwave, and a television. The Police came and disposed of the needles.

Mr. Blair stated that the Friends of Sengekontacket were very helpful with clean up in the summer time.

Mr. Bagnall stated that there used to be a bury pit in the State Forrest for deer carcasses. They don't do that anymore which is a real problem. He thought it was an island wide problem and should be addressed by the All Island Boards of Selectmen or All Island Boards of Health.

Ms. Serpa stated that they were not able to solve the deer problem today, but think they have made good steps on the landing trash issues.

Ms. Dolby then reported that the Warrant Booklets would be in the mail the following week and the Town Reports should be ready by April 1st.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was the Chappaquiddick Wireless Committee. The previous week they had asked to put off a decision on issuing a new RFP until this week. They were here to report what had transpired during that week.

Ms. Georgiana Greenough stated that Bob and Fran Clay and herself had several conference calls with some contacts. They had received some answers to the main question of why no one wants to install a DAS system on Chappaquiddick. Based on these answers they had come up with a document to send to companies offering a partnership with the Town to create a DAS system. It didn't offer funding. She would like to send this document to all the DAS companies and hope that it drums up some interest when they reissue the RFP.

Ms. Dolby was unsure about the document and stated that anything of this nature needed to first go to Town Counsel for approval.

Ms. Serpa asked how this changes things for issuing a new RFP.

Ms. Greenough asked for another 3 weeks before issuing a new RFP.

The Board was concerned about what this "partnership" would mean and did not want to promise any financial support.

Mr. Donaroma wanted the RFP to be open to all options.

Ms. Serpa read an email aloud from Bob Gurnitz encouraging sending out a new RFP for all options as soon as possible.

Mr. Will Geresy spoke that the Committee met and created the letter together. They would like to garnish interest and create open lines of communications before issuing another RFP.

Ms. Clay stated that they have learned a lot in the last week and it has been very productive.

Ms. Serpa stated that they still need to put out an RFP.

It was decided that the RFP would not be sent for now. The Chappaquiddick Wireless Committee would be back on March 24th to discuss the RFP.

At 5:06PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to continue the meeting to 9am on March 12, 2014 to vote on the dredge request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant