

Selectmen's Meeting
May 5, 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: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman and Michael J. Donaroma. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was the annual taxi hearing. Present were Police Chief Tony Bettencourt, Owner of Stagecoach Taxi Melaney West, and Alice Butler representing Adam Cab. Ms. West was also representing Jon's Taxi. Mr. Smadbeck asked if there was anything that needed to be discussed.

Ms. West asked if Stagecoach could add two vehicles to the eight already under her license. She stated that business was good and she saw a need.

Mr. Donaroma moved to permit two additional vehicles under the Stagecoach license for a total of ten vehicles. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Chief Bettencourt then stated that the police department would like to be the licensing authority for taxi drivers. He thought it would be more efficient and they could do the proper checks.

Ms. Dolby stated that the section of the taxi regulations would have to be changed.

The Board was in favor of the change.

Ms. West stated that she thought it was a great idea.

The Board then approved the following items:

A controlled burn at Katama Airport between April 15th and May 21st.

A Yard Sale for Susan Schofield at 7 Mockingbird Trail.

A One Day Liquor License for the MV Wine Fest at the Rod and Gun Club on May 10th.

A Common Victualler License for Black Sheep Charcuterie.

The Board signed a letter supporting the closure of Plymouth Nuclear Power Plant.

The Board voted to rescind the decision on April 7th of the decision of a liquor license for the Edgartown Book Store and further to table the vote for when they have the proper permission from the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board then voted to approve the application of Edgartown Book Store for a liquor license based on the approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals from April 30th. The application will be sent to the ABCC for approval, but will not be issued from the Selectmen's Office until the issues with the Board of Health and the Building Inspector have been resolved.

The Board set a hearing for Bad Martha's Brewery for May 19th at 4pm.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Nicole Gazaille.

Ms. Gazaille stated that she wanted to bring more attention to the Relay for Life this year. She asked to "Paint the Town Purple" by decorating the lightposts downtown and putting signs in the minipark from May 26th to June 1st.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it sounded like a nice idea. She would have to ask the Conservation Commission about the minipark, but he saw no problem with it.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve "Paint the Town Purple". Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved a curbcut at 57 Cleavelandtown Rd. with the oversight and approval of the Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Smadbeck then asked those present if there was anything else. He recognized Peter L. Look. *Mr. Look had written a letter with questions on the vote at Special Town Meeting on the change of*

the Town Clerk position from elected to appointed. The letter had been sent to Town Counsel and Town Counsel had written a response. He wanted to discuss the response.

Mr. Look stated that he felt the voters were misled by the amendment to the article requiring special legislation and wanted to know why the article was on the special town meeting instead of the annual town meeting.

Mr. Smadbeck responded that the Town Clerk was told that the article should be on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. She was given bad information. The amendment was written by Town Counsel to remedy the situation. The town voted. The Board had no authority to change a town meeting vote.

This conversation went around in circles for several minutes Mr. Look rewording the same statement and the Board answering with the same information.

Mr. Smadbeck then pointed out that this issue was also voted at the ballot box and approved.

Mr. Look reiterated that he felt misled.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board disagrees and thanked Mr. Look for coming in.

At 4:39PM Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant

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