

Selectmen's Meeting
May 12, 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; Michael J. Donaroma; and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting. The first item on the agenda was Ms. Martina Thornton, County Manager. She had not arrived yet so Mr. Smadbeck put her issue on hold and addressed the next item which was an excavation permit at 243 Katama Road. Mr. Roger Schaeffer was present to represent the homeowner.

Mr. Schaeffer stated that it was an upgrade to electrical service and that they would be upgrading the conduit under the bike path only. He would not be touching the street. The process would not disturb the pavement and would go underneath. Work would happen between 5/14 and 5/16.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the permit with supervision of the Highway Superintendent. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Minutes of 4/28/14.

Travel Vouchers for the Police and Wastewater Departments.

A Warrant for Animal Control.

A Yard Sale for Jennifer Smyth at 4 E. Jenney Way on May 17th.

The Walk for the Friends of the Library on Labor Day weekend with the approval of the Police Department.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Martina Thornton, County Manager.

Ms. Thornton stated that the County and the Towns have been discussing a building for the Center for Living for quite a while. Building the building from scratch would cost a minimum of \$1.5 million at the needed space of 3500sf. The VNA building is on the market and is 7500sf. and could accommodate the Center for Living with some small changes. The larger size would also allow for expansion in the future which will be needed. The price for the VNA building is \$1.5million and with the needed renovations the total cost would be approximately \$1.6million. The County would look into leasing the extra space out until it was needed.

Ms. Thornton continued that the County does not have this money and would be asking the Towns for assistance. The purchase would require a bond and special legislation. The funding from the towns would be on a 50/50 formula.

Ms. Serpa asked if this would require a Town Meeting vote.

Ms. Thornton replied that it would. They would need approval for the legislation which would take 6 months then a Special Town Meeting vote for the financials.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he thought it was a good idea and there is definitely a need.

Ms. Serpa thought it was a good way to go.

Ms. Dolby thought it would make sense to lease the extra space out possibly to defray some of the cost.

Ms. Thornton replied that who the County would lease to would be a future discussion.

The Board encouraged Ms. Thornton and supported this idea.

Ms. Dolby asked if any other towns had approved.

Ms. Thornton replied that Edgartown was the first.

Ms. Dolby wished her good luck and stated that this was a good idea.

At 4:15PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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