

Selectmen's Meeting
May 27, 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 and the first item on the agenda was to open sealed bids on tax lots under 5,000sf. There were bids from The Martha's Vineyard Land Bank; Sheriff's Meadow; and Patel Hamlesh. The bids were opened and voted to be taken under consideration.

The Board then appointed the following people to the following committees all for three year terms: Christian Thornton, Shellfish Committee; Bill Seabourn, Ponds Committee; Janet Pogue, Edgartown Representative to the MV Cultural Council; Susan Cioffi, Personnel Board; and Ed Handy, Alternate, Marine Advisory Committee. All were unanimous except Ms. Serpa voted Nay on the appointment of Ed Handy.

The Board then approved the following items:

An Innholders License for The Fallon.

One Day Liquor Licenses for the Taste of the Vineyard and the Patrons' Dinner.

A Common Victualler License for The Pizza Place.

A Class I Autodealer's License for Cars Unlimited Inc, which now allows them to sell new cars in addition to used.

Yard Sale Permits for: Carole Charlin Auerbach on Edgartown Bay Rd. and Amanda Termini at 6 North Line Rd.

Warrants for the Harbormaster: #5FY14 \$525, abatement #4FY13 \$1410.

The Board signed the road application for the state permit for the Triathlon to benefit the YMCA in the fall.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the public hearing for Bad Martha's Brewery for a Farmer's Brewers pouring permit by reading the public notice. Mr. Donaroma abstained. Attorney Sean Murphy was present to represent the applicant.

Mr. Murphy gave a brief history of the company and then went into the details of what they are applying for today. The application is for a farmers brewer's pouring permit which would allow Bad Martha's to sell samples and bottles of beer to be consumed on the premises. The beer has to have been brewed on the premises. There would be something permitted called a growler that patron's can get filled and take home. This is an annual license due to the fact that there is no option for a seasonal license, but the establishment will be seasonal. The brewing room is segregated from the pouring room. They are opening this establishment to promote the brand and it will not be a main brewing center. They will only brew what is sold on property and it will not be a shipping center.

There will be 10 inside seats and 30 outdoor patio seats. He pointed out for comparison that this is a microbrewery with half the capacity as Offshore Ale in Oak Bluffs.

Mr. Murphy then addressed the letter from the Dark Woods Association. He stated that there would be no light pollution, no amplified music or noise, and that they will not direct people to park in the Dark Woods Lot. However, he pointed out, that lot is public parking. He added that this establishment is not a late night location and it is located in the front of the Donaroma's property away from the residents of Dark Woods.

Ms. Marilyn Look asked about taking beer to go and what was served on the premises.

Mr. Murphy replied that growlers would be able to be filled to go and only their own beer in glasses and bottles would be served on premises.

Ms. Christina Miller asked about light pollution and the monitoring of beer bottles.

Ms. Dolby replied that lighting would have been covered by the Planning Board in the Special Permit.

Ms. Look asked about hours and equipment noise.

There was a discussion about hours and whether or not they needed to be set before the license was approved. It was decided they did not.

Mr. Murphy said he would present a letter about the hours to the Board before the license was issued. He also addressed Ms. Look's concern about noise stating that all the equipment was inside in a contained room and would not be audible outside.

Mr. Smadbeck closed the public portion of the hearing at 4:26pm. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. She thought the neighbors concerns had been addressed and she stipulated that the hours needed to be presented in writing before the license was issued. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then returned to the meeting.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a discussion on an article in the MV Gazette on regionalizing the island schools. Present was: The School Committee members: David Rossi, Susan Mercier, and Megan Anderson; Principal John Stevens; and Les Baynes.

Mr. Smadbeck then thanked everyone for coming. He went over the article in detail with points he had highlighted. He expressed the financial implications and the loss of control over the Edgartown School by getting rid of the School Committee for a regional committee of five people. He finished by stating it was a bad idea for Edgartown and the children. It was a bad idea for the School Committee.

Mr. Rossi stated that he completely agreed. The per pupil cost increase would not benefit Edgartown's children at all.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that different towns handle things in different ways. No way was definitively better. Co-ordination is good. Regionalization is not.

Ms. Serpa expressed the importance of individuality. She suggested streamlining the Superintendent's office. They had a person who specifically coordinates curriculum so there should not be a difference among the schools.

Mr. Les Baynes was opposed to giving up control and not having an equal vote. He also pointed out that if another town had problems regionalization would make it Edgartown's problem.

Mr. Smadbeck finished that the article implies there is something wrong with the elementary schools. The Island has phenomenal schools and there is nothing wrong with them. They are just different and have their own styles. Regionalization puts that at risk. He thanked the School Committee for coming.

The Board then voted to transfer the old Harbormaster truck to the Parks Department.

The Board finished by recognizing Mr. Michael Hathaway for his quick and heroic response to the accident at the Chappy Ferry this past weekend.

At 4:49PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant