

Selectmen's Meeting
June 9, 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 recognized Mr. Joe Sollitto, Chair of the 4th of July Parade Committee.

Mr. Sollitto stated that he was present to update the Board on the parade this year and to invite them to attend and judge the floats.

He continued that the committee has been working hard and had a few changes they would like to ask the Board to consider. First they would like to discontinue the reviewing stand. Each year it was becoming more and more difficult to find viewers for the stand. Also, entrants will be required to register for the parade. In addition they will ask businesses to not be moving advertisements but to sponsor group floats. He added that they were working toward having Roberts Way open to allow the fire trucks to line up.

Ms. Dolby stated that the office would determine a deadline for entry and prepare a list for parade day.

Mr. Sollitto stated that they knew that the police department would be very busy so he had secured two sheriff's deputies for assistance.

Police Chief Tony Bettencourt stated that he would like participants encouraged to be there early.

Ms. Serpa agreed that the reviewing stand should not be included this year.

The Board agreed with the changes.

Mr. Solitto finished by presenting the Board with a framed picture of the 1963 annual town meeting that they had found in the courthouse.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Sollitto and then recognized Mr. Gerry McDermott from NStar.

Mr. McDermott stated that pole 55/75 on North Summer St. is a hotspot and the transformer needs to be replaced which will also require replacement of the pole. He stated that he is notifying the town out of courtesy and that he doesn't need permission to replace the equipment. The new pole will be 40' tall and increase in width from the current width of 10" to 14". He stated that NStar would be sensitive to the historic nature of the sidewalk and replace any bricks that may get damaged. He has spoken with the Highway Superintendent and Police Chief.

Mr. Smadbeck asked what it meant that it was a "hotspot"

Mr. McDermott stated that it meant the transformer could blow any minute.

Mr. Smadbeck asked when this project would happen.

Mr. McDermott replied that it would be that week. He stated that it would be "early and quick".

Ms. Dolby pointed out that the location of the pole is tight on the sidewalk and getting by with a vehicle is tight.

Mr. Fuller asked that it be put as close to the curb as possible.

Mr. Eugene Courtney, abutting property owner, stated that last year NStar knew about the problem and were saying they needed to replace the transformer when Port Hunter was built. Why did they wait until now? Also it is difficult for wheelchairs to get by the current pole. He didn't see that the new pole would make it any easier.

Mr. McDermott replied that they needed to do a study which they had just received the results stating that this pole was a "hot spot". He would take the wheelchair issue into consideration when placing the new pole.

Mr. Fuller asked if the trees would be impacted. That street has very nice shade and tree canopy.

Mr. McDermott replied that there would be no tree trimming that he knew of. He will contact the police chief and highway superintendent of exact times and dates.

The Board thanked him for coming.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of May 27, 2014 and June 2, 2014.

To appoint Paul Pimentel as representative to the Cape Light Compact and Barbara Conroy as representative to the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative.

Yard Sales for: Patti Dean at 19 Dark Woods Rd., Peter West at 4 Crocker Dr., and Ted Balcomb at 21 Herring Creek Rd.

The Board voted to sign the lease with AT&T for use of the Katama Silo to provide wireless service.

The Board granted a request from the Board of Trade to hang a banner over Main St. for the Sandcastle competition from July 30th to August 2nd.

The Board approved the Affordable Housing Committee to use \$27,757.50 to hire a consultant on the Meshacket Project.

The Board approved the following donations to the Library: \$3,453.12 from the will of Stephen C. Gentle, \$100 from Courtney Brady, \$100 from Jane Dean, and \$100 from Thomas and Diane Durawa.

The Board signed a letter to the Board of Assessors for a tax abatement on the lots donated to the town by Herb Tate.

The Board then addressed the issue of the bids for management of the Katama Airport. They had received a letter from the Katama Airport Commission recommending George Smith. Ms. Serpa moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous. They recognized that Michael Klimek was in the audience and welcomed him as the newest member of the Katama Airport Commission.

Ms. Dolby stated that the bids had been thoroughly reviewed by Jane Varkonda, Jen O'Hanlon, and the Katama Airport Commission.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Commission had not submitted any recommendation on the Red Top Hangar lease. The Board would hold off on voting until the following week.

The Board then set a hearing for June 23rd at 4:10pm for the Grill on Main to change their description by adding the new patio area.

At 4:26PM Mr. Donaroma moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and not to return into public session. Ms. Serpa seconded. A roll call vote was held where all voted aye. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant