

Selectmen's Meeting
September 2, 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 which was an application for a fireworks permit for a wedding on October 4, 2014. Present were the event planners from ZBR Events, Kelsey Berry and Zoe Barbey Ross. Also present were Police Chief Tony Bettencourt and Fire Chief Peter Shemeth.

Ms. Berry presented the event specifics. The reception would be on the harbor and the bride is determined to have fireworks. They would be put on by Atlas Pyrovision Productions which is the same company that does the 4th of July and the applicants have acquired a permit from the US Coast Guard. They would be held at 9:30pm and last about 15 minutes.

Chief Shemeth stated that he approved of the event. The applicants had supplied the requested deposit for coverage and would receive a refund of any remaining funds. The location of the barge will be about the same location as the 4th of July.

Chief Bettencourt also approved. The applicants would be billed for services after the event.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that fireworks were fun and he saw no problem with approving them with the Chiefs' approval.

Ms. Serpa asked the event planners to keep in touch with the Police and Fire throughout the process and as the event approached. She moved to approve the application. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

There was time between the scheduled items on the agenda. Mr. Smadbeck recognized Mark Hess, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Committee.

Mr. Hess asked if the Board had signed the contract for administration for the Committee.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that they had not. It seemed the Meshacket Project had morphed into something other than what had been approved at Town Meeting and the Board needed some details. The original project that had been approved at Town Meeting had a mix of ownership and rental unit. The most recent plan showed a large amount of rental units and no ownership. It may have to go back to Town Meeting vote for the new proposal.

Mr. Hess replied that the Committee had several sources that expressed that the need in housing right now is in rental and not in ownership. They had thought it important to fill the biggest need. They had been keeping the Board updated with each change.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board had not received any updates since Town Meeting. He stated that changing it all to rental was too big of a change and that he liked the mixed use idea. Ownership was important.

Mr. Donaroma also felt that this was too big of a change to the original approved plan at Town Meeting to not go back to Town Meeting.

Ms. Dolby stated that the Affordable Housing Committee was having a Public Meeting on September 18th to present the current plan to the public and take ideas.

Ms. Serpa suggested that Mr. Hess and Mr. Smadbeck have a talk once a month to catch up on what's going on.

Mr. Smadbeck thought that was a good idea. He asked about funding.

Mr. Hess stated that the Committee was preparing an RFP to build and run the rental units. He would take everything they have discussed back to the Committee.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the scheduled vote with the Board of Health (BOH) to elect an interim Board member to fill the vacancy left when Kevin Searle resigned until the next town election on April 15, 2015. Present were BOH members Kathy Case and Harold Zadeh. Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board of Selectmen had received two letters of interest and sent them to the BOH. He asked for their nomination.

The Board nominated and seconded Dr. Garret Orazem. The BOH then voted 2-0 favor and the Board of Selectmen voted 3-0 in favor.

Ms. Dolby stated that she would contact Dr. Orazem and he could get sworn in at the Town Clerk's Office.

The Board then voted to accept the bid for supplying propane for the town use purposes to Vineyard Propane. The bids had been reviewed thoroughly and Vineyard Propane was the best choice.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of July 14th & 28th and August 11th & 25th.

A gift of \$8,450 for the Fire Department.

Gifts totaling \$10,300 for the Library.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. The towns of Edgartown, Tisbury, and Oak Bluffs are working on hiring an Energy Manager to handle all three towns. The ad was being handled by Tisbury. Interviews would be the following week with representatives from each town.

At 4:20PM Mr. Donaroma moved to close the meeting. 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