

Selectmen's Meeting
October 14, 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 a curb cut application for 39 Fuller Street. Present was Mr. Gary Bendavid.

Mr. Bendavid explained that they would like to move the existing curb cut a bit to line up with the proposed driveway and reduce the size from 26' to 22'. It has already been approved by the Planning Board.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent, stated he approved of the plan. It will shrink the present curb cut.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Jeff Agnoli. Also present for this discussion was: Mark Hess, Chairman of the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC); Lucy Morrison, AHC Assistant; Christina Brown AHC member; and Georgiana Greenough, Assistant to the Planning Board.

Mr. Agnoli stated that he had been working with the Mr. Fuller and the Planning Board toward making a bike path on Meshacket Rd. a reality. He was there to ask permission to seek Town Counsel's assistance with the Agricultural Restrictions on three properties along Meshacket Rd. to see if they allow recreation paths or can be changed or adjusted to do so.

Ms. Dolby asked if the properties were owned by the Land Bank or Ms. Hoar.

Mr. Agnoli responded that they are all the Land Bank. Then he went over the possible plan of route of the path. It may require taking some land on the edge of three parcels with houses on them.

Mr. Smadbeck asked what Jim Athearn, owner of Morning Glory Farm, thought about the plan.

Mr. Agnoli stated that he couldn't speak to that.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he was concerned about taking people's property. Maybe it could be squeezed in on the other side.

Mr. Agnoli responded that particular issue is way in the future and that the matter at hand was the agricultural restrictions.

Ms. Greenough stated that the Planning Board supports the request to go to Town Counsel.

Ms. Dolby stated that the information is important. She suggested going to the MV Commission.

Mr. Donaroma moved to allow the Agricultural Restriction questions to go to Town Counsel. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Fuller.

Mr. Fuller started by stating that the town had some state money to spend on Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road. Some of the things they plan to do are guardrails, plantings and VTA bus stops. He added that downtown paving would begin the following week and include Pease Point Way and School Street. After that they would begin work on the Chappy Point parking lot.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Fuller for the update. He then recognized Mr. Howell Kelly, Dredge Committee Chairman.

Mr. Kelly stated that they have hired the crew for the Dredge this year with Corrigan Mello, Dennis Gazaille, Jack Murray, and Greg Bettencourt as Foreman. They need some administrative help. For now they are using a member of the crew.

The dredging will be from November 15 to January 15 and will start with dredging Eel Pond, then mechanically dredge the delta in the culvert at the Lighthouse and some sand around the Lighthouse will be taken. All the removed sand will be added to Fuller St. Beach.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the dredging plan. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Dolby for an update on the Town Solar Project.

Ms. Dolby stated that she has had a lot of communication with ACE. It has greatly improved. There was going to be a site visit the following Thursday with Lawrence Lynch and ACE about cleaning up the area and a maintenance plan. They would have more of an idea about a schedule after that.

Mr. Donaroma stated that there were about a dozen trees that need to be replaced at Nunnepog. There has been no grading. It's "kind of a mess".

Ms. Dolby stated that ACE has the price of the "Easy Ivy" fencing. She will follow through with them on the plan. ACE will only cover the cost of the inverter noise issue at the amount of their solution. The town will cover the difference to assure there is no noise by utilizing the town's expert's solution. ACE's solution was unacceptable. The Management Agreement has been received, but needs to be reviewed by Jane Varkonda. It needs to be more specific with dates and frequency of visits and work performed. It needs mitigation.

Mr. Donaroma asked Mr. Fuller to go to the site visit.

Mr. Jim Cimeno, Abutter, asked about the sides of the road and a timeframe. He referred to a May 7th email.

Mr. Vito Priore, President of the Smith Hollow Homeowners Association, asked if the Easy Ivy would be on the whole fence. He also asked about painting the fence posts.

Ms. Varkonda stated that they had spray painted the posts in Katama.

Mr. Priore asked about the height of the trees.

Mr. Donaroma stated that they should be "tipped" at 15' and maintained and fertilized on a regular basis.

Mr. Priore appreciated the open lines of communication with the abutters.

The Board then approved the following items:

- The minutes of September 22, 2014
- The Board of Trade Chowder Contest on December 13th from 12-2.
- A Travel Voucher for the Fire Department.
- They signed a response letter to Dr. Siamak Adibi.

The Board appointed Ann Floyd as an alternate to the Historic District Commission. They appointed Ken Magnuson as a regular member to fill a temporary vacancy for 2 months to then change to an alternate member.

The Board opened the one bid for the Assessor's vehicle. The one bid was from Allan deBettencourt in the amount of \$400. They voted to take it under advisement.

The Board received a letter from the Historic District asking them to seek Town Council to enforce a violation that has been dragging on about a balcony. Mr. Donaroma abstained from the discussion.

Ms. Serpa stated that she did not understand the violation. The balcony was not visible from the street and there had been other brass projects approved since then.

The Board decided not to act on the request until they had received more information.

At the request of the DC Retirement Board, The Board of Selectmen voted to accept Chapter 467 of the Acts of 2008, MGL c.32, §3(2)(g) to place uniformed employees of a municipal or public emergency medical service who are certified at any level by the department of public health as an emergency medical technician in Group 4. Ms. Serpa moved to accept. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he had two letters to send to Representative Madden and Senator Wolf about continuing the Muskeget Channel Energy Project. He asked the others to sign. The Board voted to sign the letters and support sending them.

At 4:49 PM Mr. Donaroma moved to close the meeting. Ms. Serpa 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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