

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**November 17, 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 public hearing for the Community Development Strategy which is a component of the CDBG grant. Present was the CDBG grant administrator for the town, Alice Boyd.

Ms. Boyd passed around a sign-in sheet and gave an overview of the CDBG grant and what it does. She asked if there were any questions related to the Community Development Strategy or the grant. She explained that there would be a hearing on the grant application on December 8th and that the application is due on February 13, 2015.

Ms. Serpa stated that it is a successful program and thanked Ms. Boyd.

There being no further comment, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing at 4:04pm. He then moved on to the next item which was a shade tree hearing for 85 S. Summer Street. Mr. Donaroma abstained from this application. Representing the applicant was Ms. Cammie Naylor. The Tree Warden Stuart Fuller was also in attendance.

Ms. Naylor described the Norway Maple to be removed as declining. There had been root and canopy damage over the years from construction and trimming for the power lines. The letter from Mr. Hagerty, Arborist, stated that the condition of the tree is fair to poor. She asked to replace the tree with two Linden trees of 4-5" caliper.

Mr. Fuller supported the removal of the tree and saw the benefit in the replacements. The new trees would match the other side of the house and they would be replacing one tree with two.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve removal of the Norway Maple and replacement with the two Linden trees with the oversight of the Tree Warden. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Donaroma returned.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next tree hearing which was for 96 S. Summer Street. Present for the applicants was Kristen Reimann, Landscape Architect. The application was to remove all 7 trees of various species, age, and condition along the street side of the property.

Ms. Reimann explained that the plan was to remove the existing dwelling and set the new one much closer to the street. The trees have been reviewed by Mark DiBiase, Arborist at Bartlett Tree Experts. He rated each tree which ranged from Poor to Good condition. She stated that she would like to replace them with 2-3 large American Elms 4-5" caliper. She did not have a plan on where they would go yet.

Mr. Fuller stated that it was hard to support removal of all of the trees on the street. The one on the corner is a significant elm. However, the new construction would require a lot of fill and the raising of the grade which the tree would not likely survive.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the character of the road has a thickness of trees. This plan will significantly change that. The Board needs a plan that shows where the replacements would go and he felt this was an opportunity, with the wires on the other side of the street, to plant significant trees.

Mr. Fuller agreed this would be a good opportunity to enhance and keep the canopy.

Ms. Reimann showed the plan for the new house and how close it was to the street. She did not see the room for any more trees.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board is trying to maintain the greenscape.

To which Ms. Reimann responded that she was doubtful the greenscape would be maintained with the house so close to the street.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he did not like the offer of 2-3 trees to replace 7. He wanted to see a landscape plan.

Ms. Serpa was also concerned that there was no plan and did not see the benefit to the town.

Ms. Reimann stated that they would agree to 5 replacement trees.

The Board decided to continue the hearing until the following meeting on November 24th to see a landscape plan including 5 replacement trees.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the third and last shade tree hearing of the day for 99 School Street. Present for the applicants was Cammie Naylor. Mr. Donaroma abstained.

Ms. Naylor explained that they would like to remove 2 small Sycamore Maples and replace them with two Autumn Glory Maples in better places than the current trees. She referenced the letter from Mr. Hagerty stating that there was no value to the current trees and that they were stunted.

Mr. Fuller supported removal and replacement.

Ms. Serpa saw the benefit in replacing two bad trees with two new ones.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the removal and replacement with the oversight of Mr. Fuller. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of November 3rd and 10th, 2014.

An Automatic Entertainment License for the Wharf Pub.

Weekday Entertainment Licenses for the Wharf Pub and Rockfish.

Sunday Entertainment Licenses for the Wharf Pub and Rockfish.

Common Victualler Licenses for Alchemy, Rockfish, The Wharf Pub, and the Square Rigger.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. She stated that budgets, salaries, and articles for April Town Meeting were due the following Thursday, Operation budgets are due December 5th. She asked the Board if the Town Hall could close the day after Christmas. It is a Friday and there will most likely not be anyone around.

Ms. Serpa moved to close Town Hall December 26, 2014. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:25 PM Ms. Serpa moved to close the meeting. Ms. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant