

Selectmen's Meeting
November 24, 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 opening the bids for the Katama Farm Cow Barn Roof. There were three bids as follows: Aulson Co. \$87,260; Cape Building Systems \$72,650; and Capeway Roofing \$161,200. Mr. Donaroma moved to take the bids under consideration. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck moved on to the next item which was the appointment of a new member of the Conservation Commission to fill the spot vacated by Edo Potter. The Board had received letters from Ann Floyd and Jeff Kontje who were both present. He stated that they were both good candidates and he thanked them for their interest to serve. The Board had received a letter from the Conservation Commission in favor of appointing Mr. Kontje.

Ms. Serpa moved to appoint Jeff Kontje to finish out the term vacated by Edo Potter on the recommendation of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then reopened the Tree Hearing for 96 S. Summer Street continued from the previous week. Present was Kristen Reimann for the applicant and Stuart Fuller, Tree Warden.

Ms. Reimann stated that they had returned, as requested, with a plan including 5 replacement trees for the 7 removed. This new plan included 3 Triumph Elms with a caliper of 4.5-5" and 2 Amur Maackia with a caliper of 3-3.5". She presented the plan to the Board.

The Board and Mr. Fuller looked over the plan.

Mr. Fuller stated that this new plan addresses a lot of his concerns. The new trees will hopefully grow well to a good size.

Mr. Donaroma stated that this was a better solution than the original and will help the treescape.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the removal of the 7 requested trees with replacement as per the plans submitted with the oversight of Stuart Fuller. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck moved on to the next item which was the Shellfish Committee. Present for the discussion was: Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Warden; from the Shellfish Committee, Chairman Ryan Smith and Les Baynes; and Waste Water Superintendent David Thompson.

Mr. Bagnall started with a brief history of the Oyster Project in Sengekontacket. There were adults this year that they were able to put in the family area for harvest. It has been very successful, but takes a lot of man hours to maintain. Last year the Board approved to increase one of the Deputy's hours from 32-40 for which he is grateful. He would like to add an additional warden this year for 30 hours. He has a position that is 19 hours to work the oyster project. He would like to increase that position.

Mr. Thompson then described the benefits and merits of the oyster project and the amount of nitrogen it pulls out of the pond. This helps his department in the mitigation of nitrogen. Theoretically the oysters produce a 20% reduction in nitrogen in the pond. He may, in the future, be able to get nitrogen credit from the state if certified. This would go towards the towns mitigation requirements and help his department significantly. He enthusiastically supports the oyster program.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that what Mr. Thompson said was interesting. He didn't realize that the project had that much impact on nitrogen mitigation. He asked if the hours were increased if more oysters would be grown for mitigation.

Mr. Bagnall added that increasing the hours from 19-30hours would mean he would be able to increase the oyster and quahog propagation. At a DEP meeting last week they learned that there will be a report out in March on the Cape projects for mitigation and whether they can get credit. If that happens he intends to try to get credit for all the programs in Edgartown.

Ms. Serpa stated that she has problems with increasing the hours. They had budgeted \$20,000 for a 19 hour position. Increasing the hours means many additional costs to the town in benefits. She doesn't see that it can be justified. The Personnel Board has to be involved.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the \$20,000 was a compromised last year. The Shellfish Committee wants to keep it going.

Mr. Smadbeck stated to ask the Personnel Board what they think.

Mr. Bagnall stated that he was under the impression that the Board of Selectmen had to approve it before it could go to the Personnel Board.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that Mr. Thompson's input had helped to change his mind a little. Nitrogen Mitigation is very important and becoming more so. He asked about details and numbers.

Mr. Thompsons stated that Falmouth had some data on their project.

Mr. Bagnall responded that the MV Commission started collecting data this year on Edgartown.

Mr. Donaroma agreed with Mr. Smadbeck. But he felt that the list of duties was scattered.

Mr. Bagnall responded that the Oyster Project was requiring more attention than planned. His deputies' jobs are scattered with enforcement and propagation 7 days a week.

Mr. Smadbeck told Mr. Bagnall that he does not have the whole Board's support. He should go speak to Personnel and Ms. Dolby.

Ms. Dolby responded that a new position requires Personnel approval.

Ms. Serpa reiterated that she didn't see the need in creating a new position. The Oyster Program should be separate and the person should be focused on that. If he did, he would not need 30 hours the 19 allotted would be sufficient.

Mr. Bagnall stated that he would go to the Personnel Board.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a bill for the New Library.

Mr. Donaroma stated that they needed to remove underground asbestos lined water pipes. It would cost approximately \$2500. They wanted to send it out to bid and get it done.

Ms. Serpa responded that the price indicated that they needed three quotes.

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

The Board then approved the following items:

Weekday Entertainment Licenses for: Bad Martha's, Sharky's Cantina, Edg. Yacht Club, and Edg. Jr. Yacht Club.

Coomon Victualler Licenses for: Lucky Hank's, Sharky's Cantina, and The Grill on Main.

A Yard Sale for Rush and Fisher on Saturday, 11/29 at the VFW.

A Sunday Entertainment License for the Edgartown Yacht Club.

The Board voted to authorize Ms. Serpa to sign the renewals of Land Management Agreements with the MV Land Bank.

At 4:35 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to close the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant