

Selectmen's Meeting
December 15, 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 shade tree hearing for 59 Cooke Street owned by Stuart Fuller. Mr. Fuller is the Tree Warden and abstained from proceedings. Representing Mr. Fuller was Owen White from Beetlebung Tree Care.

Mr. White stated that the health of the Norway Maple was not good. It was defective with rot and holes and in declining health. The replacement would be a 4.5"-6" caliper tree and planted closer to the street than the current tree.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he has seen the tree and understands the request to remove. It has a great deal of decay and scars.

Ms. Serpa stated that the letter received with the application described a better tree replacement and placement. This was a benefit to the town.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the removal of the Norway Maple and replacement with an appropriate tree. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent on the next item.

Mr. Fuller stated that the town had received an amount of money from the state to upgrade state roads. His plan was to upgrade Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road by starting at the town line with Oak Bluffs and upgrading the first mile or so with the amount received. The first year he planned to move the drainage basins to outside of the traveled way. The second year he planned to cut 2 feet from the traveled way. The third year he would expand the bike path and create a wider vegetative buffer. This 1 mile would be a test area to see how it works. If it works well, they could apply for further funds. He was asking for the Board's support.

Mr. Donaroma called this a move forward and moved to support the project. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then reopened the tax rate hearing with the Board of Assessors from the previous week.

Ms. Joanne Resendes stated that the tax rate has been certified by the state and she asked the Board to vote to approve a factor of 1 and a rate of \$3.47. She also stated that the Levy Capacity had been certified at \$1,047,315.58.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve a tax factor of 1. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved to approve the tax rate of \$3.47. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Minutes of 12/1/2014 and 12/8/2014.

To appoint Geri Smith to the Beautification Committee.

A Yard Sale for Rush and Fisher on Pierce Ln.

A Travel Voucher for the Wastewater Commission.

A 2014 Weekly Entertainment License for Rockfish.

2015 Weekly Entertainment Licenses for: The Harbor View, The Kelley House, and MV Cinema Corp.

2015 Sunday Entertainment Licenses for: Sharky's, Bad Martha's, The Kelley House, MV Cinema Corp. and the Harbor View.

Innholder's Licenses for: The Charlotte Inn, The Harbor View, and The Kelley House.

Class II Auto Dealer Licenses for Bertel Autobrokers and Russell Swartz.

A Change of Manager for Lucky Hank's.

Common Victualler Licenses for Edgartown Pizza and Atria.

The Board voted to recind the vote taken on October 14, 2014, accepting Chapter 467 of the Acts of 2008, MGL c. 32, s3(2)(g). The Board realized this would have a negative impact on the oldest employee. The Board will revisit this issue with a positive vote when this employee retires, approximately two years.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. She started by stating that the Governor would approve the Town Clerk to be appointed this week. The Police Honor Guard were at the most recent Bruins game and were very honored to be there. Also, the budget books were complete and the hearing schedule was made. She reminded the Board that the Christmas Party would be at the Firemen's Museum on December 17th from 4-6pm.

Mr. Donaroma moved to cancel the meeting of December 22, 2014. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:19 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,

Kristy Rose
Assistant