

Selectmen's Meeting
January 22, 2013
4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Second Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall. Members present were: Margaret Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and recognized Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster.

Mr. Blair stated that he has had a request by American Cruise Line to anchor in the outer harbor 20 times between May and December. They would arrive on a Tuesday at 8pm and leave at 2am on the following Thursday. They would use their own tender boats and there would be no strain on the Harbormaster's Department.

Ms. Serpa asked where they would dock to load and unload passengers.

Mr. Blair replied that it would most likely be the finger piers. If there was no opening at the time they needed, the Harbormaster would find an alternative.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that this would be great for Edgartown businesses. He moved to support the Harbormaster in welcoming the American Cruise Line. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Blair then informed the Board that that the NE Catboat Association would be visiting the harbor from June 7th to 9th. There would be up to 50 catboats probably at moorings. He was looking forward to it. He would know more after a meeting in early February.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Barbara Prada, Animal Control Officer who was in for her quarterly report. She had one correction to the written report that the cat number was 1 and not 0.

She stated that there had been an increase in feral cats because the groups that had helped them in the past no longer existed and the shelter was a no kill shelter. She foresaw that there may be a future need for the town to pay to euthanize problem feral cats.

Ms. Dolby asked if they carried any disease.

Ms. Prada replied that they carried no more than any other wild animals.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept the quarterly report and the annual farm census. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Warden. Jack Blake, Chairman of the Shellfish Committee was also present.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the Shellfish Committee would like to put an article on the town meeting warrant for 250,000 seed oysters for grow out in Major's Cove. The oysters would clean some of the nitrogen out of the water while they grow and when they are of size, would be scattered in Sengekontacket for family shellfishing. The "upweller" would be built by volunteers to grow the seed out in and would hold 500,000 seed.

Ms. Dolby asked about accounts and when they would like to start. She suggested that he come in and see her so they could discuss the detail.

The Board stated that they support the project and putting the article on the warrant after the details are worked out.

Mr. Bagnall then stated that he has had a lot of interest in aquaculture lots in Katama Bay. There being no lots available, the Shellfish Committee would like to start a waiting list much like the waiting list for moorings that the Harbormaster has.

Ms. Serpa encouraged the Shellfish Committee to approve the applications before they were put on the list.

Ms. Dolby encouraged them to come up with a list of criteria and details of how the list should be kept.

Mr. Blake stated that it would be the same application. They had not gone any further than that.

Mr. Blair suggested that it clearly be stated that the address is the applicant's responsibility and an application and yearly fee for being on the list.

Ms. Serpa stated that these were all good suggestions and asked the Shellfish Committee to come up with some procedures and then come back to the Board.

Mr. Blake thanked everyone and stated that he would work with the Committee and come back.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Howell Kelly, Chairman of the Dredge Committee. Also present was Dudley Levick, Charlie Blair, Paul Bagnall, and Donald Benefit.

Mr. Kelly stated that the Dredge Committee would like to have some maintenance done and hire the current staff.

Ms. Serpa asked how many people.

Mr. Kelly responded that there would be 1 or 2 people and the total cost would be \$25,000, which is the amount of funds remaining in their annual budget.

Mr. Blair pointed out that there would be huge savings to having the staff do the work instead of outsourcing.

Ms. Serpa asked how long.

Mr. Kelly responded that the work would be done within 2 months time on nice days.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked the Dredge Committee for coming in and encouraged them to move forward with the maintenance.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of January 14, 2013.

An Excavation permit for Fenner Construction on Mill Street to connect sewer.

The Boys & Girls Club Island Wide Tour on May 4, 2013.

Permission to film at Lighthouse Beach for Mr. Guy Perrota on February 1, 2013.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. She was expecting the new information on putting the Warren House out on an RFP again from Town Council this week. The warrant and budget are being worked on and are on schedule as well as the Town Report.

At 4:25pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

not present
Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant