

Selectmen's Meeting
February 11, 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. Before commencing with the alcohol hearings, she recognized Police Officer James Craig.

Officer Craig stated that the MV Tactical Response Team have a training exercise planned for the following Wednesday. He requested the use of the Warren House for the training exercise. He stated that it would be a slow creeping searching practice and there would be no crashing or breaking of anything. The team was familiar with all of the properties they had used in the past and Officer Craig thought this would be an opportunity to use a new venue.

Ms. Serpa saw no issue with the request. She asked him to notify the Library before they commence.

Officer Craig stated that they put a big sign out front so everyone will know it is not an actual emergency.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the advertised public hearing for a seasonal all alcohol package store license for Vintage MV LLC. She read the public notice aloud. Present for the hearing were: Eve Vincent, Legal Representation; Sara Elizabeth Webber, Manager; and John Clift, business partner.

Ms. Vincent gave a brief description of Ms. Webber and Mr. Clifts background in various alcohol businesses. She stated that they would like to have a boutique wine and liquor store in Nevin Square. She presented letters of approval from the potential neighboring businesses.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the store would be a great addition to Nevin Square and perhaps bring in more customer traffic.

Ms. Debra Westervelt, owner of a unit in Nevin Square, asked about deliveries and where the trucks would park.

Ms. Vincent stated that the delivery trucks would most likely use the loading zone on Winter Street but that Ms. Webber also had a parking spot in the back lot, if it needed to be used.

Mr. Gary Look, manager of Al's Package Store, asked how many seasonal package store licenses were available.

Ms. Dolby stated that there was not a limit of seasonal package store licenses according to the allocation sheet the town receives from the ABCC.

Mr. Look stated that he thought that the only licenses available should be Sophia's and Great Harbor.

Ms. Dolby replied that Sophia's was an annual beer and wine package store, Great Harbor was a seasonal all alcohol package store. This application and the one after were for seasonal package store licenses. There are licenses available for them.

Mr. Look stated that he thought the approval of these licenses would make it harder for the annual license holders to make money. He asked about the proximity to a church.

Ms. Dolby replied that the Church had been notified. There had been no response.

Ms. Vincent added that there was special wording for notifying a church within 500'. There was a copy of the certified letter in the application file.

Ms Serpa closed the public hearing at 4:09pm.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the year round licenses were adequate to supply the winter population, but in the summer there is a great influx of people to town. He felt that the addition of seasonal licenses helped supply and provide diverse options for the larger summer population.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the license for Vintage MV LLC. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:15pm Ms. Serpa opened the advertised public hearing for a seasonal all alcohol package store for 65 Main LLC. Present was Ted Courtney, representing Barbara Courtney, manager. Ms. Serpa read the notice aloud and recognized that there was a letter from Barbara Courtney authorizing Ted Courtney to represent her.

Mr. Courtney read aloud a public statement from Ms. Courtney. It summarized the layout of the store and the products she would carry. In addition to alcohol she intends to carry picnic essentials.

Mr. Gino Courtney added that there was once a liquor store in the same spot.

Ms. Serpa pointed out that the picnic and kitchen utensils are needed downtown. She gets a lot of requests when working at her retail job in the summer.

Ms. Serpa closed hearing at 4:20pm.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the application. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was a new agreement with the Falmouth Edgartown Ferry which ran the Pied Piper. This agreement was the same as the previous agreement with an annual payment to the town of \$12,000.

Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster, stated that he had nothing but nice things to say about dealing with the company and encouraged the Board to sign the agreement.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to sign the agreement. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Warden.

Mr. Bagnall stated that he would like to recommend that the daily commercial scallop limit be raised from 3 to 5 - 10 gallon washbaskets. The Shellfish Committee did not have a quorum at their most recent meeting, but the members that he did talk to supported the change which would be effective the next day. He anticipated having a vote at the next meeting, but would like the Board to act on his recommendation before that time.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to raise the commercial daily limit of scallops from 3 to 5 - 10 gallon washbaskets per day with the shells on. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Kim Kane, Town Accountant.

Ms. Kane stated that there was an issue with the defuncted Island Affordable Housing Trust Fund and their second mortgage program. The Town Accountant in West Tisbury, Bruce Stone, had looked into how the Community Preservation Funds that the towns had contributed to the program were spent. She would like to consult town counsel in conjunction with the other towns.

Mr. Smadbeck didn't want the town to spend too much money on the issue. He asked if the town would receive any money in return.

Ms. Kane stated that this would determine whether it should be pursued further and the towns would share the cost on one opinion.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Yard Sale for Rush and Fisher on Plantingfield Way.

For the Conservation Commission to have a prescribed Burn at the Katama Airport at some point between 2/8/13 and 5/24/13.

To appoint the following people to the following committees with the corresponding term: Martin V. Tomassian, Jr as Alternate member to the Historic District Committee for a term of 3 years; Elizabeth Villard as a member of the Cemetery Commission for a term of 2 years; Renee Clermont as a member of the Beautification Committee for a term of 1 year; and Glenn Carpenter as a member of the Council on Aging for a term of 3 years.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. She stated that the Medical Marijuana recommendations would be presented the following week.

Mr. Smadbeck asked about allowing dispensaries in the B4 district at the airport.

Ms. Dolby stated that the moratorium would be on the Special Town Meeting Warrant.

She asked that the Board vote to allow the Highway Department to overdraw the Snow Account.

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

Ms. Dolby stated that Town Counsel would be in about the Warren House RFP on February 19th.

Ms. Louisa Hufstader introduced herself as the new editor at the Island's Patch.com website.

The Board welcomed her.

At 4:46pm 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

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