

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**March 18, 2013**  
**4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the 3rd Floor Meeting Room, Police Station, Pease Point Way. Members present were: Michael Donaroma, Chairman; Margaret Serpa; and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator and Ms. Karen Fuller.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and the advertised public alcohol hearing for Sophia's One Stop Mart for an annual beer and wine Package Store License. Present were Atty. Mary Sullivan, Sergio Goncalves, and Anderson Gomes.

Atty. Sullivan stated that the new owners are applying for an annual liquor license to sell beer and wine. They were aware of the previous owners problems and have installed 9 cameras of which can be viewed from the upstairs office. Mr. Goncalves and Mr. Gomes are on site every day. They have taken measures to not allow underage sales to happen. They have posted signs dissuading underage drinking at the front door and on the beverage cases. They have also purchased a license scanner.

Mr. Donaroma asked if the scanner was the one they were asked to purchase in the past.

Ms. Dolby stated that these new owners and the previous owners have been less than truthful in the past year. According to the landlord of the property, the business was sold around June 1st and the new lease was signed June 25th. This meant that they operated without a liquor license from June through December when the Selectmen's Office found out it had been sold, not by them telling us, but by them trying to renew the license and the office figuring it out with the Board of Health. Two underage offenses occurred in the end of June.

Ms. Serpa noted that they had then told the Board they had ordered the id machine, but never showed any proof. This is not a good history with the town.

Ms. Fuller stated that after the issue was discovered, she told the owners to remove the liquor from the store. They covered it instead. She had to send someone to the store to tell them to remove it.

Police Chief Tony Bettencourt stated that the Police have a great working relationship with all the other establishments except this one. He stated that they were a nuisance and took up department's time with surveillance and court time.

Atty. Sullivan stated that the transfer of the property took time and that the purchase wasn't until October. She stated that the owner is an upstanding citizen.

Mr. Gomes stated that he was unaware of the liquor bylaws and thought he bought the license with the store.

Ms. Dolby stated that everyone has to follow the same laws. The licenses didn't have the new owner's name. The Lease was taken over 6/25/2012. They were fortunate no one got hurt.

Atty. Sullivan stated that the new owners were now equipped and had solid management.

Mr. Donaroma closed the public input part of the hearing at 4:14pm and asked the Board for input.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board has been shown pictures of id machines before. He doesn't want to support a liquor license that is not supported by the Chief of Police. It is incumbent upon the new owners to know their responsibilities and they need the chief's support.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he thought the Board had been more than reasonable. He asked the applicant if they would like to withdraw their application and resubmit it when they have the full support of the Police Chief.

Atty. Sullivan asked if she could have a few minutes with her clients.

The Board granted the request and continued on.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Nicholas Meyers. He was applying for a curbcut reduction on Pine St.

Mr. Meyers stated that the curbcut was next to Easy St. and that the property owners wanted to access their home by way of Easy St. instead of Pine St. thus getting rid of the curbcut on Pine St.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board had a letter of support from Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

Ms. Serpa was happy that it would move the curbcut away from the crazy corner on Pine St. She moved to approve the curbcut application. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Atty. Sullivan and her clients then returned to the room. She thanked the Board for letting them have a minute and stated that they would like to withdraw the application.

Ms. Serpa moved to accept the withdrawal of the alcohol application. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Ms. Christina Cook from the Edgartown Board of Trade (EBT).

Ms. Cook stated that she had some requests regarding the Pink and Green Weekend on Mother's Day Weekend and the Food and Wine Festival in the Fall. For the Pink and Green Weekend, the EBT would like to hang pink and green flags from the lanterns downtown from May 10th – 13th, install the mini-lighthouse at the minipark from May 10th to 12th, and hang a banner over Main St. for 10 days from May 3rd to 13th. For the Food and Wine Festival they are requesting to close off the lot between Mayhew Lane and Kelley St. for 3 days from October 17th to 20th and to restrict Kelley Street to pedestrian traffic on October 19th.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve all the requests with approval of the Police for the food and wine festival. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby then handed out a schedule of the cruise ships visiting Edgartown that the Harbormaster had provided. She thought the EBT would want a copy.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the shade tree application for the Colemans on Morse St. He then promptly abstained.

Ms. Cammie Naylor stated that they were removing the tree which was pretty much just a big stump and replacing it on the Fuller St. part of the property.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Board had letter from the Tree Warden and an arborist supporting removal of the tree and replacement. She moved to approve the application. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma returned. Then the Board approved the following items:

Common Victualler Licenses for: L'etoile, The Chappy Grille, Port Hunter, The Boathouse Club (Main St.), Lure, Détente, China House, The Seafood Shanty, Atlantic, The Quarterdeck, Chesca's, and Among the Flowers.

The Warrant for the Special State Primary on April 30, 2013.

The Board then recognized the lovely room they were holding the meeting in.

Chief Bettencourt stated that it wouldn't have been possible without Bill Bishop and all the officers that volunteered their time and skill. He offered a tour after the meeting.

The Board moved the meeting of the town officials on the Schifter project to Monday March 25th at 3pm.

Ms. Dolby stated that the town needs an energy committee. Kitt Johnson is missed. She stated that the town would put an ad in.

Ms. Serpa stated that she had gone on the student learning exhibition with the school and enjoyed it.

Mr. Smadbeck reported on the All Island Selectmen's Meeting. They had discussed medical marijuana and ticks. It was all very informative and productive.

At 4:39pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

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Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

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Margaret E. Serpa

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Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant

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