

Selectmen's Meeting
April 29, 2013
4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan Jr. Meeting Room, Town Hall. Members present were: Margaret Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck; and Michael Donaroma. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting. The first item on the agenda was the Library Foundation. Present from the Foundation was Ms. Susan Cahoon, chairman. There were also several members of the Library Board of Trustees, The Library Building Committee, and the Friends of the Library present. As well as the Library Director, Jill Hughes.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Library Building Committee and the Board of Selectmen would like to nail down a number from the Library Foundation to figure into the budget.

Ms. Cahoon responded that they had pledged an amount of \$175,000 but had not committed to a date for turnover to the Town.

Mr. Donaroma replied that the Board of Selectmen would like a date that the Foundation intends to turn the funds over to the town.

Ms. Cahoon changed her answer to state that the Foundation had committed up to \$175,000.

Mr. Donaroma compared getting information from Ms. Cahoon and the Foundation to pulling teeth. He stated that the Foundation was very vague about what they had in donations. One day it was one amount the next a completely different amount. He again asked when the town could expect to see the \$175,000.

Mr. Smadbeck asked how much the Foundation had.

Ms. Cahoon circled the question and replied that the issue of naming opportunities was not settled.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that this extra layer of the Foundation was awkward and suggested people should just donate to the Library directly.

Ms. Serpa pointed out that the Library Board of Trustees could also accept donations.

Ms. Courtney Brady stated that she would like to make a donation and name something in the children's room after her daughter.

Mr. Donaroma circled back to the \$175,000. The Board would like to know when the Foundation is going to turn it over to the town.

Ms. Cahoon replied that there were conditions that have not been met. She stated that the money was safe and wanted to know what the hurry was.

Mr. Donaroma was angry and annoyed and voiced his opinion on the matter. He questioned why anyone would donate anything to the foundation and called it a game of smoke and mirrors.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Board would like to see the \$175,000 turned over to the town.

Ms. Cahoon stated that the Foundation gave \$273,000 to the town before 2004 for an architect and never saw anything from it.

Ms. Dolby questioned the truth of that statement. She stated that it never went through the town.

Mr. Smadbeck asked what exactly the "conditions" were they were now wanting met.

Ms. Cahoon stated that the conditions had to do with funding and bonding.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that those conditions have been met and asked for the \$175,000.

Ms. Ann Tyra stated that there were some concerns with the bids coming in too high and the project being over budget.

Ms. Cahoon asked if the Board was trying to use the \$175,000 as a symbol.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it more than a symbol. This was a kind of partnership. The Foundation used the name of the Edgartown Library to raise money for the Library and the Town is now asking for it.

Ms. Brady stated it was about trust and commitment. She wanted to know about naming opportunities.

Ms. Serpa replied that this was a Town Project not a Library Foundation Project.

Mr. Donaroma stated that every taxpayer in Edgartown is building this new library. Taxpayers are building the majority of this building through their taxes. This is not built by private donors.

Ms. Cahoon spoke of attaching a dollar amount to specific things.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he would like to see the \$175,000 and the Foundation keeps adding strings. This amount was supposed to have nothing to do with naming rights. He felt the Board was getting the runaround.

Ms. Dolby stated that the Foundation had tried before to get the naming opportunities. The Board had decided then that it was premature and had sent the issue to Town Counsel. There was also talk of putting the issue to a Town Meeting.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to other matters. The Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank would like to put a dumpster on School St. for 5/10-5/13 and 5/17-5/20 to do some remodeling.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent and Tree Warden, stated that he would like to see the dumpster in the farthest spot closest to Pent Lane but avoiding being too close to the telephone pole.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve with Mr. Fuller's restrictions. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to a shade tree hearing for Murell at 16 Simpson's Lane. Present was Kevin Cusack, agent for the Murells.

Mr. Cusack stated that the tree was in bad shape. The roots had been cut when they built the house and the branches had been cut by NStar. He offered to plant two trees of 4" caliper to replace.

Mr. Fuller concurred. He stated that there had been heavy wire pruning and root pruning. He would accept the offer of two 4" caliper trees.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the removal of the tree and the replacement of two 4" caliper trees of a species agreed upon between the applicant and the tree warden.

The Board then moved on to a discussion of the Dark Woods Park and Ride Lot.

Mr. Fuller showed a map and pictures of current signage.

Police Chief Tony Bettencourt stated that it was hard to enforce because of confusing or lack of signage.

There was a discussion and it was decided that Chief Bettencourt and Mr. Fuller would work together to create a plan and then present it to the Board.

The Board then approved the following items:

A One Day Liquor License for the Federated Church on May 5th from 6-8pm

A Lodging House License for the Katama Guest House.

Yard Sale Permit for Doreen Fiedler at 86 Martha's Rd. on May 5th from 10-2

A Change of Manager for the Vineyard Gold Club.

Chapter 90 money in the amount of \$150,000 for the Highway Department.

It was decided that Mr. Donaroma would attend the court hearing for the Bennett's dog issues.

The Board reappointed several people to Boards and Committees. The list is attached.

After an election held by the town employees, Janet Hathaway was appointed Employee Representative to the Personnel Board for 3 years.

At 5:06pm Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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