

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**May 20, 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 and informed everyone that Mugsy, the dog the Board had declared dangerous the previous week, had been euthanized that morning. She then moved on to the first item on the agenda which was a shade tree hearing to remove a blue spruce at 40 Morse Street. Present for the applicant was Ms. Peggy Schweer.

Ms. Schweer stated that they would like to remove the tree and replace it with some screening trees. She threw out many options such as clump birch, Korean Mt. Ash, and Hornbeam. She presented some pictures of sample trees.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Board had a letter from Mr. Hagerty that the spruce was dead, ill and leaning.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Tree Warden, stated that he didn't like this piecemeal approach to the property. The applicant had already come in over a year ago and requested removal of a maple tree. The town is already owed 2 shade trees. He would prefer to see a whole site plan.

Ms. Schweer stated that it was still a construction site.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he had problems with the proposal. The screening proposed could be done without removal of the spruce. Also the proposed screening trees are not shade trees. Shade trees go out over the street and create a canopy. The plan should also show the two maples the town was already promised in place of the maple that was removed.

Mr. Fuller pointed out that there were no street wires on that corner so there wouldn't be issue with tall shade trees.

Ms. Schweer shared her vision of a light and airy forested corner.

Mr. Donaroma stated that her vision was all well and good, but that the town wanted shade trees. The Board is looking for a canopy. He moved to continue the hearing to June 3, 2013 where the applicant would supply a plan with shade trees including the two maples already owed and suitable replacements for the spruce if they still wanted to remove it. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on the next item on the agenda which was the annual review of Ms. Sharon Willoughby, Town Treasurer. She then abstained.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that Ms. Willoughby is a competent treasurer and helps to keep town borrowing costs low.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board was happy to have her around.

Ms. Dolby stated that they work well together.

Mr. Donaroma moved to give Ms. Willoughby a favorable review. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous. Ms. Serpa then returned.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda. Present for the update on the Katama Airport were: Jane Varkonda, Matt Pelikan, Atty. Ron Rappaport, Atty. Cynthia Wansiewicz, Mike Creato, Bob Stone, James Craig, and James Harrison.

Atty. Rappaport stated that the Conservation Restriction should be signed in somewhere between 2 weeks and 30 days. He was optimistic and hopeful that the "torturous process" was almost over. There was some wording that Mass Historical had given to the state on the 5 acre property that the state did not relay to the town. He has reviewed it and it's not a problem.

Ms. Dolby stated that the airport commissioners were very frustrated because they would think it was almost done and they would add another layer.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there would be any more layers.

Atty. Rappaport replied that there were none foreseen, just a few state language tweaks.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Board expects an update in two weeks.

Mr. Stone stated that the process has been ridiculous and thanked Jane Varkonda for all her help.

Ms. Varkonda stated that the state doesn't typically amend Conservation Restrictions. It was incredibly complicated.

Atty. Rappaport noted that there was a lesson to be learned from their experience and it was that the area around the airport shouldn't have been in a CR.

Mr. Creato saw the good side that the Town and Nature Conservancy now had what they wanted.

Mr. Stone reminded the Board that they would need more money for the hangar.

Ms. Serpa replied that the Board was aware, it was still a little early to discuss that part. She then recognized Mr. Ralph Packer who was next on the agenda.

Ms. Dolby stated that Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster, notified her that day that there would be not fuel for Memorial Day weekend.

Mr. Packer blamed the state fire marshal Mr. Boden. According to Mr. Packer, Mr. Boden wouldn't let them use the old equipment. He showed the Board an example of the pipe he would like to install and told them that he would also like to install mechanical pumps and 2 sets of shut off valves. The EPA also wants a monitoring system that can be monitored from Vineyard Haven. The whole issue is a safety issue and will cost his company \$30,000. He showed plans to the Board.

Ms. Dolby asked how long it would take to install.

Mr. Packer responded that it would take four weeks and could be staggered so they don't have to be closed.

Mr. Blair questioned why the facility had gone untouched for 7.5 months. The harbor needed fuel for the summer. All the work the town had done to promote the harbor would be out the window without fuel.

Ms. Serpa replied that she was hearing that there would be service.

Mr. Packer stated that he thought he could operate now with the agreement of the state fire marshal.

Mr. Blair stated that the pumps have been full of water since Hurricane Sandy. He was worried there would be no service at all.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if he could get it up and running for the weekend if he could get permission from the state fire marshal.

Mr. Packer responded that he could open this weekend with permission from the state fire marshal. He has ordered the new pipe, but has not ordered the pumps yet. He stated he would need about 60 days to get supplies and finish the project.

Mr. Blair stated that Peter Shemeth, Fire Chief, wants fuel as much as he does in the harbor.

Ms. Serpa asked Mr. Packer to keep Ms. Dolby updated on the situation.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 4/29/13 and 5/6/13.

A transfer for Kim Kane, Town Accountant, of \$3,000 from her Expense Account to Salaries Account.

To appoint the following officers as Assistant Harbormasters: Sgt. Thomas Smith, Ofc. Michael Gazaille, Ofc. David Rossi, Ofc. Stephanie Immelt, Ofc. Dayce Moore, and Ofc. Ryan Ruley.

To appoint the following Summer Traffic Officers: Joshua Baker, Kyle Altieri, and Nathan Stein.

To appoint the following as Summer Desk Clerks for the Police Department: Lisa Lawson and Chelsea Brennan.

To allow Jack Wills to have a Dj for a couple of hours on the following Saturday and Sunday.

To file the report on Mugsy's attack.

To sign a Depot Lot Lease for Thomas Rogers.

Common Victualler Licenses for: Espresso Love, McPhail's Corner Café, Slice of Edgartown, and the Scoop Shack.

Requests for transfer for the FINCOM: \$1,400 for Animal Control and \$13,000 for the Harbormaster.

Yard Sales Permits for: Georgiana Greenough, 6/1 10-3 and Leo & Janice Frame, 6/1 10-4.

A Lodging House License for the Chadwick Inn.

Ms. Serpa reported that she went to the Police Senior Luncheon and that it was very nice and well attended.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had sent everything that was requested for the lighthouse out. Hopefully, that would be it. She had also had reports of the Chappy Ferry line being extremely long this weekend. She had talked to Mr. Wells and he had painted one of the ferries and underestimated the drying time.

At 4:49pm Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

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Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

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Arthur Smadbeck

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Michael J. Donaroma  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant

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