

Selectmen's Meeting
June 3, 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 addressed the first item on the agenda which was the opening of bids for the Warren House. There was only one bid submitted which they opened. It was from Maggie White at Hob Knob Realty with a couple of different options. The Board voted to take the offer under consideration. There was a separate envelope from Ms. White that came in after the deadline. The Board opted not to open it until seeking further advice on the legal ramifications.

Ms. Serpa then opened the tree hearing for the Hvides at 40 Morse St. that had been continued from May 20, 2013. Present for the applicant was Ms. Peggy Schweer.

Ms. Schweer presented a new site plan that included 2 Maples, 1 Korean Mountain Ash, and 1 Plane Tree for street side shade trees.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Tree Warden, stated that the Summer St. trees would be on Town Property and that it was a great site for large shade trees because the wires were on the other side of the street.

Mr. Donaroma liked this new plan much better and moved to allow for removal of the Blue Spruce with replacements for it and the earlier approved oak tree as indicated on the plan presented and that the applicant work with the Tree Warden for exact placement of the trees. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was an update on 11 North and their need for handicapped access. Representing 11 North was Chip Williams.

Mr. Williams presented the Board with a thick packet of information and back story, none of which presented a new solution to the issue that he wanted the lift to land on town property. He also referred to an agreement that Ipswich made with a restaurateur for their access. He would like the lift reconsidered.

Ms. Serpa asked for input from the Building and Zoning Inspector Lenny Jason and the Highway Superintendent Stuart Fuller.

Mr. Fuller asked about moving the stairs back and having it come straight out.

Mr. Williams stated that the door would have to then be moved which can't happen because of the stairs to the second floor.

Mr. Jason stated that he had seen all the items in the packet before and asked what was new in it to have this meeting.

Mr. Williams wanted the Board to approve his original request and asked what the difference was with the VTA buses landing on the road.

Ms. Serpa stated that she was not prepared to change her mind about refusing the request.

Mr. Smadbeck wanted Mr. Williams to go back and think of a new solution. He also wanted Mr. Williams to work with Mr. Jason and Mr. Fuller to get their approval before coming back to the Board.

Mr. Donaroma stated that Ms. Serpa was ready to say no. He wants Mr. Williams to come up with a better solution.

Mr. Williams responded that the lead time was 14 weeks and they would need to do the structural work.

Ms. Serpa responded firmly that was not the Board's problem, it was his problem. The Building Inspector informed him of this issue at the beginning of the project before he changed the entrance.

Mr. Jason suggested Mr. Williams look at Atlantic's lift.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he hoped discussion with Mr. Jason and Mr. Fuller would result in a better solution.

Ms. Serpa then opened an application from the Lobiancos on Fuller St. to have fireworks from a barge off of Fuller St. Beach for a rehearsal dinner at their home on the evening of June 14th. The application had all the required department approvals and restrictions. *A copy of the permit is available in the Board of Selectmen's office.*

Mr. Donaroma asked if there would be any public access restrictions.

Ms. Dolby replied that there would not be any restrictions.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the fireworks application with all the restrictions from the departments and for Ms. Serpa to sign the permit for the Board. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

There was also a request from a company called Cape Destinations to use the Park & Ride Lot to park 7 small buses, 4 limos, and a service truck for the same occasion as the fireworks from June 13th to the 16th. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then appointed Thomas Soldini as the Member at Large for the Affordable Housing Trust.

The Board signed a subordination at the request of the Affordable Housing Committee.

The Board received a letter from Bill Bishop thanking the police department for finding the person who broke into a home he caretakes for in a quick and courteous manner. He especially appreciated Officers Dolby, DeRoche and Bettencourt. The Board voted to write letters of acknowledgement for each officer.

The Board received a letter from Jane Chittick offering her professional services if needed. The Board thanked her for her offer.

At 4:29pm Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant