

Selectmen's Meeting
June 17, 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 recognized Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Constable.

Mr. Bagnall started by requesting changing the Commercial and Family Shellfish License year from starting June 1st to starting on April 1st. This would begin on April 1, 2014. Ms. Kristy Rose had come to the Shellfish Committee and made the request to change based on the facts that she had a lot of requests in the office before June 1st for new licenses and this will make it easier for license holders to obtain their licenses before the summer rush of traffic and people. It was also awkward having the year start so close after Memorial Day. The Shellfish Committee voted unanimously to support this change.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to change the appropriate sections of the Shellfish Regulations to reflect changing the license year from beginning June 1st to beginning April 1st each year. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Bagnall requested that the Board appoint the Summer Shellfish Deputies.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to appoint: Peter Jackson, Jr.; Ralph Savery; Paul Shultz; and Abigail Larsen as Summer Shellfish Deputies. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Bagnall then gave an update on the oyster project in Sengekontacket that the upweller had been built and the baby oysters had been installed. He also gave an update on recent shellfishing that it had mostly been a weekend family crowd and slow during the week. He also stated that the Shellfish Committee would like Mr. Bagnall to do the testing for the Leland project.

The Board thanked Mr. Bagnall for coming in. They then approved the following items:

The minutes of June 3, 2013.

For the Yacht Club to store some trailers behind the fire station for a regatta from July 21 – 27 as long as the Fire and Police Departments approved.

A pledge of liquor license for Alchemy.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was an update on the Katama Airport. Present for the discussion were Town Counsel Ron Rappaport, Jane Varkonda, Christina Brown, Mike Creato, and the Airport Commission.

Atty. Rappaport stated that the paperwork should be finalized in two weeks to thirty days. He thought it would be helpful to see what the town will be signing at the end. The end product is much more complicated than anybody ever thought it would be. The original goal was to double the size of the hangar. The expansion required a modification to the Conservation Restriction. The state was willing to cut out a two acres section, but Nature Conservancy was not. In the end the Town is giving up twenty-one acres and getting a much more complicated and restrictive conservation restriction all to double the size of the hangar. He thinks this is a lot to give up and just wanted to pause and review so everyone was on the same page.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he was interested in hearing from the Airport Commission if it was worthwhile.

Mr. Creato responded that he thought the general assumption was that the old CR was outdated. All the terms seem like livable things.

Mr. Smadbeck asked Mr. Bob Stone his thoughts.

Mr. Stone responded that the town has given up a lot to get what it wants.

Christina Brown stated that she gets lost in the wording of the CR when trying to read it.

Mr. Rappaport suggested that he make a bullet point version of the CR so everyone could understand the details hidden in all the wording.

Mr. Donaroma stated that his concern was that the town was giving up a lot for the hangar to double in size. He didn't feel that everyone is aware of just what the town is sacrificing.

Mr. Creato expressed that there was a need for a bigger hangar.

Ms. Serpa stated that she likes the idea of Atty. Rappaport making a bullet point version of the CR.

Mr. Jaime Craig stated that it was pertinent to expand. He presented photos of his grandfather in front of the old hangar. He stated that they need the storage space and that the old hangar had more room than the present hangar.

Mr. Stone exclaimed that the sand in the gears was the Nature Conservancy. He has no affection for them. They put up road block after road block. He thinks the CR is worth it as written. He pointed out that the town voted in support of the project.

Ms. Serpa stated that they would all circle back to the issue after Atty. Rappaport presented his bullet points.

The Board then approved the following items:

Travel Vouchers for the Fire Department and the Board of Assessors.

To take under advisement the recommended new hire for a Paramedic Position.

To allow the Library to hang a banner on Main St. from 7/29-8/3.

To allow the Possible Dreams Banner to hang on Main St. from 7/21-7/28.

For Vineyard Valet to work in the same location as the previous year with the approval of the Police Chief.

The Board regretfully accepted the retirement of Sharon Willoughby, Town Treasurer effective June 30, 2013 and voted to send a letter of appreciation. Ms. Serpa abstained.

For Jack Wills to have a DJ on June 22nd from 2-5pm.

To approve the Town Collector request for \$141.52 for training from FINCOM.

The Board then voted the following summer liquor hours rules for serving alcohol and last call:

July 3rd to Saturday, July 6th – last call at 1:30am. Everyone out by 2:00am.

July 7th to September 2nd – last call at 12:30am. Everyone out by 1:30am.

At 4:43pm Mr. Donaroma moved to go into executive session to discuss the sale of property. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. The Board voted by roll call vote by each voting aye.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant