

Selectmen's Meeting
July 1, 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 Chairman Serpa opened the meeting. She then stated that due to the fact that the Treasurer had retired, the Board needed to appoint an Interim Treasurer in order to continue to process checks and pay bills, etc.

Ms. Dolby explained that there are certain things that the Town Collector and the Town Accountant could not do resulting in the need for an Interim Treasurer until a new Treasurer was appointed. Ms. Gail Avakian had been the previous Treasurer for 15 years before Ms. Willoughby. She has agreed to be the Interim Treasurer and work a number of hours per week in the mornings. There are new systems that have been recently installed in the office and it is not certain if the Treasurer position will require the same amount of work. Ms. Avakian will help determine what will be required of the new Treasurer and make a recommendation at the end of July. The Board will then advertise the position in the beginning of August and hopefully have a new Treasurer installed by the end of September.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to appoint Gail Avakian as Interim Treasurer until a successor is qualified. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to authorize changing the authorized person for account agreements on every account the Town has with the following banks to Gail Avakian from Sharon Willoughby: Unibank, Citizens Bank, Edgartown National Bank, TD Bank, and Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to authorize Kristy Rose to sign all of the required letters to the banks as the witness and author of the minutes of record. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to change the authorized signer of Munis Payroll checks to Gail Avakian. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to obtain bonding for Gail Avakian. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

For Jack Wills to have a DJ the afternoon of July 5th.

One Day Liquor Licenses for: North Water Gallery for 3 Artist Receptions 7/11, 7/25, & 8/8; The Edgartown Firemen's Association 4th of July Barbecue.

Commercial Marine License Renewals for: Charles Ashmun, Robert Morrison,, Louis Paciello, Russ Lawrence, Ed Jerome, Edgartown Marine, and Doug Heil.

The Board granted a request from the Main Street Diner to change their closing time to 1am until Labor Day.

An end of year budget transfer under Chapter 77 of the Acts of 2006 in the amount of \$3,525.06 from the Planting Shade Trees account to the Care of Shade Trees account. This transfer was needed due to all the damage to existing shade trees caused by fall and winter storms.

A request for the Procurement Officer to go to a course off island at the cost of approximately \$1500 for the course, transportation, and accommodations.

A request from Camp Jabberwocky to hang a banner on Main St. from August 10th – 17th.

A request from The Board of Trade to hang a banner on Main St. from July 31st to August 8th. There was some discussion about previous requests and a conflict of dates. It was decided that the office would work out the details.

A Transient Vendor License for Penumbra Photographs.

A Common Victualler License for Tocco Puro.

A One Day Liquor License and Entertainment License for Meals in the Meadow at the FARM Institute on July 20, 2013.

A Pledge of License for Alchemy.

A Concurrence of 2 bills and the annual budget for the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust.

A Subordination of Mortgage in agreement with the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee.

The Board received a letter from the town of Wareham asking for support for House Bill 115 which would expand what can be counted as affordable housing to help towns meet the percentage required. After some discussion about whether this would behoove Edgartown. The Board voted to send a letter of support for the bill.

The Board received a letter from Hope Whipple in concern for the state of the path to the lighthouse. She stated that there were large potholes. Ms. Dolby stated that she had forwarded the letter on to the Highway Superintendent earlier in the week and she believed the problem was already taken care of.

Ms. Dolby stated that the office had received some complaints about styrofoam insulation trucks traveling on the Chappy Ferry for the Schifter project. They had been told they could only go very early in the morning and could not disrupt everyday traffic. She had a talk with Mr. Wells and believes the issue has been taken care of.

Ms. Dolby then stated that she had news that the Old Port Launch had increased some of their fares. They've been told that they could not do that and are coming to next week's meeting.

She then went on to talk about the new NStar poles going in on Vineyard Haven Road and West Tisbury Road. Nstar did not need to come to the town to ask permission to do the project. They did ask if there was any zoning issues and Mr. Jason had replied that there were none.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he would like to send a letter of support to the MVC for Tisbury's referral. He felt that the new poles were out of character and that Nstar had shown no consideration for the Island's aesthetics.

Mr. Smadbeck responded that he was not sure he wanted to jump on that so quickly. He wanted to know what the reasons for the poles are and the ramifications of not having them would be. He suggested inviting Nstar in for some explanation and then deciding on a letter.

It was decided to contact Nstar and invite them to the following week's meeting.

At 4:30pm 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