

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**July 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 Chairman Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was an update from the Board of Trade on the Food and Wine Festival in October. Present for the Board of Trade was Christina Cook. Also present were Matt Poole for the Board of Health and Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

Ms. Dolby stated that the new issues were the location of the porta potty trailer and drilling holes in the asphalt of the Mayhew Lane lot.

Ms. Cook stated that they were working with the Board of Health on the trailer. The bus stop on Mayhew Lane was an option because the Park and Ride bus stops running the week before. The contractor for the tents has extensive experience with drilling the holes for the tents and then filling them back in.

Mr. Poole stated that Mayhew Lane seemed like a better location than they had started with. He had a question in timing. When would they show up and when would they be gone.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had no issue with the holes. Digsafe did need to be called before any digging.

Mr. Donaroma recognized Mr. Mike McCourt, owner of Murdick's Fudge and Café.

Mr. McCourt stated that the planned tent blocks off supplies to his driveway. He also has concerns about shutting down the lot for three days at the end of the Fishing Derby because it is a busy time.

Ms. Carol Fligor was also concerned about taking away that amount of parking downtown for three days. She thought it was only one day.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board of Selectmen was under the impression that the Board of Trade was having this event downtown to increase pedestrian traffic to all businesses.

Mr. Bob Sparks who's business abuts the lot stated that the Board of Trade had not contacted the abutters with the full plan. They were not aware that the tent would cover the whole lot until recently.

Mr. Eli Bonnell spoke for Mr. Kevin Butler stating that he was on board originally until he realized his business would be blocked off.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it was the Board of Selectmen's understanding that the Board of Trade had all downtown businesses on board. It is important that they work with the abutting businesses to come to a solution.

It was agreed that the Board of Trade would have a meeting with the abutters and work out their differences. They would present a new plan at the following week's meeting of the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Trade would also work with Mr. Poole on the hours of the porta potties.

Ms. Fligor asked about parking.

Ms. Cook responded that they were working with the VTA.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the signing of the Dangerous Dog order from the previous week's hearing. Mr. Donaroma moved to sign the order. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Smadbeck abstained because he did not sit on the hearing.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Christine Flynn and Nancy Gardella from Art's MV.

Ms. Gardella then gave an update on Art's MV and their Fall for the Arts program in October. She noted that members of the creative economy make up more than 10% of the island. She also mentioned there was now an app for phones available.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked her for coming and asked if there was a website.

She responded there was and it was [www.artsmv.org](http://www.artsmv.org).

Ms. Serpa then opened the subject of a request from the Library Building Committee to close Robert's Way for the demolition of the Old Edgartown School.

Mr. Donaroma stated that they would like to close it for the month of August.

Ms. Dolby stated that it should just be closed for however long it takes to take it down and then reopened.

Mr. Larry Mercier, Committee Member, stated that they had no objection to closing it but, don't want it closed permanently.

Mr. Donaroma stated that it would be open from Pease Point Way to the back of the new school.

Mr. Fuller stated that the contractor wanted to start the next day which was July 30th. He would has some signs and would order more.

It was noted that this was very short notice to contact the public.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to allow the closing of Robert's Way for the duration of the demolition. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa asked that they notify the Board when they would be able to reopen the road. She then recognized Mr. Peter Wells, owner of the Chappy Ferry.

Mr. Wells stated that he wanted to notify the Board that maintenance for the larger of the two ferries would start on September 3rd and it would be out of commission for 10-20 days. It would hopefully be back in for the beginning of the Derby.

Ms. Dolby asked if Mr. Wells had discussed this with the Police Chief.

Mr. Wells replied that he had not.

Ms. Dolby asked that he talk to the Chief about it and that they put it on a future meeting agenda so that the Chief can attend.

Mr. Wells replied that he would do so.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Georgiana Greenough, Planning Board Assistant.

Ms. Greenough wanted to update the Board on the cell phone tower in the Katama FARM Silo. Some abutters want a DAS system. The special permit for the silo has already been issued. What's holding it up is a lawsuit against the Planning Board and AT&T from a neighbor. The Planning Board has been dropped from the lawsuit. She would like to talk to Town Counsel over whether the permit can be issued now that the town is no longer involved in the lawsuit.

Ms. Dolby added that the special permit was issued and a private party is suing AT&T. The appeal is not to the special permit.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the people of Katama and Chappy are looking for service and frustrated by the lack of it.

It was decided that Ms. Greenough did not have to ask the Board for permission to go to Town Counsel on this item because he was already involved in the issue.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of July 22, 2013.

An expenditure of the Procurement Officer to join the POA for \$50.

A One Day Liquor License for Claudia's for a Trunk Show.

A Travel Voucher for the Highway Department.

A Yard Sale for Steven Dourian at 7 Katama Dr.

Abatements and Commitments for the Harbormaster

Abatements	#2 FY13 = \$525.00
	#3 FY 13 = \$175.00
Commitments	#3 FY13 = \$1750.00
	#4 FY13 = \$1235.00
	#5 FY13 = \$350.00

At 4:48pm 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,

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Assistant