

Selectmen's Meeting
August 19, 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 recognized Peter Wells, owner of the Chappy Ferry.

Mr. Wells stated that he planned on taking the bigger of the two ferries out of service for maintenance and inspection on September 3rd. Last year this was a slow time for business and he wanted to try and get it back in time for the Bass and Bluefish Derby which starts on the 15th. The maintenance would take 10-20 days. He hoped it would be less time rather than more. He was requesting to arrange the waiting line to go up Daggett Ave., along the right side of North Water St. to Simpson's Lane, and up Simpson's Lane. The parking spots on the left of North Water St. in that area would be blacked out to allow traffic through. He has talked to the Chief of Police, Fire Chief, Highway Superintendent, and owner of the Edgartown Inn.

Ms. Dolby suggested putting the misplaced handicapped spot in the Warren House lot.

The Board approved the reconfiguration of the waiting line for the duration of the maintenance work and directed Mr. Wells to work with the Highway Department and Police.

Ms. Serpa stated that the item on the agenda for the Katama Airport would be addressed at another meeting. She then recognized Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Constable.

Mr. Bagnall presented some changes to the Aquaculture section of the Shellfish Regulations. There was a clarification in residency requirements and changes in penalties if the regulations weren't followed. These changes included a violation fee schedule where the first offense was \$100, the second \$500, and the third a hearing with the Board of Selectmen for possible revocation of lease.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there was any appeal process in place.

Mr. Bagnall responded that the appeal period was 21 days and would be in the court system.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the changes. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Bagnall then gave some updates. Eel Pond would be open on September 1st which was earlier than the expected October 1st date that the state used last year. The oyster project in Sengekontacket Pond was going well. They had good growth and were already working on thinning them out into bags. The MV Shellfish group is also having luck this year growing scallops and quahogs.

Ms. Serpa thanked Mr. Bagnall for his update and then noticed that there were a few people in the audience today and asked if there was anything any of them would like to address. She then recognized Mr. Peter Rosbeck.

Mr. Rosbeck had issue with the ongoing project of the installation of new NStar poles on Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Rd. and Edgartown/West Tisbury Road. He had been to the recent MVC hearing. He questioned the height, cutting of trees and that no alternatives were sought. He stated that the poles were an abuse to the visual quality of the island.

Mr. Donaroma responded that he agrees and that the Island is a very special place. He also thinks this is a regional issue that the MVC should be addressing. He doesn't think that the Board or the MVC have any powers over NStar and what they are doing. Zoning only covers private development.

Ms. Sylvia Thomas stated that she was appalled by the cutting of the trees and doesn't enjoy driving to Vineyard Haven anymore. She feels Nstar doesn't care and stated that they were very rude at the MVC meeting.

It was decided to invite NStar to another meeting.

The Board then approved the following items:

Two Travel Vouchers: one for the Dredge and one for the Fire Department.

A Commercial Marine License for the Hob Knob.

Ms. Dolby then gave an update. There has been a lot of interest in the Warren House. Bids are due on September 13th. The Town Solar Project at the FARM is coming along. They should start construction soon. There was a pile of cleaned bricks from the old school left out for the public and they were gone in no time. She would like to request another pile for those that did not get any.

Mr. Donaroma replied that the Library Committee would see no problem in the request.

Ms. Thomas then asked for a brick. She then stated that she felt that the bi-plane was always buzzing around her house.

The Board referred her to the Airfield Commission.

At 4:36pm 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