Selectmen's Meeting September 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 and Karen Fuller.

At 4:00 pm Chairman Serpa opened the meeting and before starting the first agenda item, recognized Mr. Tom Smith.

Mr. Smith was asking for permission to park the truck and boat prizes for the Bass and Bluefish Derby in the parking spaces next to the Weigh in Station in the lot at the bottom of Main Street. They would be there from September 15th to October 20th which is the duration of the Derby.

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

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Fuller.

Ms. Fuller stated that she was looking for guidance in the next steps for possibly disposing of some town owned lots.

Ms. Dolby stated that the last time they stuck with lots under 5,000 square feet.

Mr. Smadbeck suggested to auction non-buildable lots first and have a meeting with the Affordable Housing Committee.

Ms. Serpa stated that some lots may be affordable on their own.

Ms. Dolby stated that some large lots on Chappaquiddick may be wanted by the Conservation Commission (CONCOM).

Ms. Serpa suggested taking out any lots that abut town departments and taking out any CONCOM flagged properties out.

After some discussion it was decided to give the list to the departments for review and then make a final list and discuss the next step at that point.

Ms. Fuller then presented the Board with a draft of the new Town Alcohol Policies. It outlines the regulations for having a liquor license in Edgartown. She explained that there had been no town wide policies written down. She gathered all the unwritten policies and some she found from other towns that would also apply to Edgartown and put them all together written in this draft.

Mr. Smadbeck asked about the processing fee.

Ms. Fuller explained that the town has a license fee but no processing fee.

Ms. Serpa did not see it as unreasonable.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if there were any other licenses with a processing fee.

The response was no there was not but that the liquor licenses involved a lot more paperwork than any other licenses the Selectmen's Office offer.

Ms. Fuller stated she was also trying to regulate the fees for changing a license to \$150.

Mr. Smadbeck then brought up the violations section. He felt that it restricted the Boards ability to punish violators.

Ms. Fuller explained that the violations sections allows deviation if necessary.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he would like to make revocation available from the 3rd offense.

Ms. Fuller stated that there's an opportunity to make decisions on a case by case basis.

There was also discussion on the noise section that it was now straight across the board that all windows and doors need to be closed during entertainment.

Ms. Fuller asked about the processing fee.

Mr. Smadbeck replied to leave it in.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Woody Filley who was present with a Chappy Comcast update.

Mr. Filley stated that things were moving along. He thanked Ms. Dolby and Mary O'Keefe from Comcast for all their help. He stated that they needed to get the commitment letters in to the bank. They needed 270 letters which is about 60% of Chappy. The explanation letter that Ms. Dolby sent out was very helpful in answering a lot of people's questions. There has been a fund established for those that can't handle the cost of installation.

Ms. Dolby stated that residents should be receiving postcards from Comcast by the end of the week. They've said they will accept any letter, some people have been writing their own.

The Board thanked Mr. Filley for the update.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Howell Kelley, Chairman of the Dredge Committee.

Mr. Kelley stated that the Army Corps of Engineers has taken the next step toward issuing the Town's 10 year comprehensive permit and advertised for comment. Comments are due September 19, 2013. He stated that the Dredge has 3 projects for this winter.

1. Great Pond Delta -22,000 cy which will be put on South Beach. There are less restrictions for this project and a longer window.

2. Lighthouse beach – Small project. Taking 1800cy to Fuller St. Beach for renourishment.

3. Dredge the entrance to the harbor. The depth is now 19' and it used to be 35'. The Dredge Committee is hoping that the Army Corps will do this project themselves. They have a larger dredge.

Mr. Kelley then reported that they have 3 operators back and a 4th for maintenance.

Ms. Serpa asked about the Dredge money from dredging Sengekontacket.

Mr. Kelley replied that they have money, but that the dredge is getting old and when was it time to replace instead of repair.

Ms. Dolby thought there had been a warrant article at town meeting to go toward an account for a new dredge.

Mr. Kelley did not remember that article. He stated that there was \$170,000 in the gift account and there was a lot of revenue opportunity in property owners looking for sand.

Mr. Donaroma asked if the Great Pond Association had asked for this dredging project of the delta.

Mr. Kelley responded that they had in conjunction with the Shellfish Committee.

Mr. Donaroma then asked about Cape Pogue.

Mr. Kelley responded that the Dike Bridge area was done but not the Gut.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the three projects planned for this winter by the Dredge Committee. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 8/12/13.

A Yard Sale for Rush and Fisher at 50 Gaines Way.

A Chapter 90 request for \$128,746.06.

To appoint Eddie Blake to the Historic District Committee as a full member.

At 4:42pm Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose Assistant

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma Board of Selectmen