

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**September 9, 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 addressed the first item on the agenda which was to open the bids for administration of the CDBG grant. The only bidder was Bailey, Boyd, and Associates who had done it for the past several years. Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept the bid from Bailey, Boyd, and Associates. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the hearing for an additional curb cut for Mr. Harry Garvey who wanted to add a second curb cut to his property on Fuller St.

Mr. Garvey stated that the new garage had been approved by the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Mr. Donaroma asked about parking on that street.

Mr. Fuller responded that there was no parking on either side of Fuller St. He thought it would be a good idea to shorten the existing curb cut by the amount Mr. Garvey wanted to add on the other side of the property.

Mr. Garvey did not like the idea. He did not want to reduce his existing curb cut and wanted to add the new one. He claimed that the Zoning Board of Appeals had approved the plan without any reference to needing approval for a new curb cut.

Ms. Serpa liked Mr. Fuller's idea.

Mr. Fuller wanted to stay consistent with previous curb cuts.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the neighbor that was denied was now driving over the curb anyway.

Mr. Fuller suggested postponing the decision and having a site visit.

Ms. Dolby suggested that the Board contact the ZBA to see their decision.

It was decided to postpone the hearing for two weeks.

Ms. Serpa then opened the second curb cut application of the day. Mr. Norman Rankow wanted to move an approved curb cut 3' south from where it was approved on North Summer St. He was also requesting to brick the sidewalk from the property line on North Summer St. around the corner and down Morse St. to the other side of the Hall's property next door.

Mr. Rankow explained that the garage ended up being 3' south from where originally planned thus they needed to move the curb cut to match. He also explained that the owner would like to brick the sidewalk and install granite curbing. The highway department would supply the granite curbing from their supply for the year and the homeowner would supply the rest of the supplies and labor. There would also be handicapped access at the corner.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there would be any change in the width of the curb cut.

Mr. Rankow replied that there would not be any change in width. The three feet added at one end would be taken off the other.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve moving the curb cut 3' south at the same width. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then questioned where else in that neighborhood there were brick sidewalks.

Mr. Rankow stated that there was a small section across the street.

Ms. Parthenia "Tuna" Kiersted, neighbor, responded that it was going to make the rest of the neighborhood look weird.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if there were future plans to brick the sidewalk in that neighborhood.

Mr. Fuller stated that they were working on bricking sidewalks as the budget allowed. That area was on the list, but a couple of years out.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if the town could fill in the rest of Morse St.

Mr. Fuller responded that it was down the road but depended on funds.

Ms. Serpa asked about width.

Mr. Fuller responded that they would be 52" which meets ADA specs.

The Board decided to continue the sidewalk section of the application for a week.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Fuller on a parking change request.

Mr. Fuller stated that there had been a request to him from concerned citizens for more handicapped parking in certain sections of town. He was requesting 2 additional handicapped spots. The first was near the Congregational Church near the corner of Cooke St. and S. Summer Street. The second was near the MV Museum near the corner of Cooke St. and School Street.

Ms. Susan Shea spoke in support of adding the spots and stated that Mr. Fuller had been very helpful and agreeable in working to add them.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the two new handicapped spots. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Paddy Moore from the Dukes County Health Council (DCHC).

Ms. Moore gave an update on the DHCH. She stated that elderly expansion of over 65 year olds was putting an enormous pressure on towns. Every year the DCHC works with a group of 5-7 med students who do research on the elderly on the Island. This year the focus was on expansion. They were planning on meeting and discussing the results on 11/8 and she invited the Board and Emergency Services to attend.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. David Thompson, Chief Operator at the Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Mr. Thompson was present to inform the Board that the Wastewater Department had received a grant from FEMA for the Dock St. pump station in the amount of \$393,000 which is 75% of what is needed. The Town's portion would be \$131,190. He has talked to the Capital Programs Committee, but also wanted to keep the Board informed. He then explained the need to move the operations of the pump station due to storm surge and the risks involved.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if this was a request for Annual Town Meeting April 2014 or was this going to spur the need for a Special Town Meeting?

Mr. Thompson stated that Annual Town Meeting was fine and that the project would not start until Spring 2015.

Ms. Serpa asked what the plan was.

Mr. Thompson explained that the pumps would be dry run submersibles and the operations would be moved up near Town Hall and run off the Town Hall generator if necessary.

The Board thanked Mr. Thompson for coming in.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Madeline Fisher, representative to the MVC.

Ms. Fisher asked if the Board had received any information from NStar about burying the wires instead of the big poles.

Ms. Dolby responded that they had received an email around 3pm and had not had a chance to read it yet. She did notice that they wanted a plan of the whole area. She assumes that's only for the area they would want the wires buried.

Mr. Fuller assumed they would just need those areas such as Edgartown/West Tisbury Rd. and Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Rd.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the estimated amount they were given was \$1.5 million per mile. There had been discussion of taking an Island wide consensus possibly by an unbinding ballot question.

Ms. Fisher wanted to ask them to stop at the Oak Bluffs line.

Mr. Smadbeck responded that the project was already in motion and he did not think they could be stopped.

Ms. Margot Datz, concerned citizen, stated that she did not understand. Why would they put up the wires to take them down and bury them.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Island needed the infrastructure. The population needs the power. At this point the poles are inevitable and what we need to talk about is getting rid of them.

Ms. Datz stated that it seemed redundant.

Mr. Donaroma stated in a frustrated tone that NStar will do whatever they want. It would have been nice if they had let the Town have a little input.

Mr. Rankow stated that it was a shame that NStar didn't keep the town in the loop during the planning process.

Mr. Thompson suggested looking into hazard mitigation money to bury the wires.

Mr. Smadbeck would like the MVC to look into the grant funding that may be available.

Ms. Dolby stated that it needed to be an Island wide project.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the first step was to make noise that the Town needs a say in the planning process.

The Board then approved the following items:

Travel Vouchers for the Water Department and Police Department.

They set a hearing for Espresso Love for 9/23 at 4pm.

The Town Alcohol Policy.

To participate in the MV Fire Training Council.

To accept a gift of 2 outboard motors for the Police Boat from the Patrolman's Association.

For Vintage MV to close on October 20, 2013.

A One Day Liquor License for The Christina Gallery on 9/14.

To refer a letter from Ralph Wenner to the Police Department.

Ms. Dolby then gave an update. The Katama Airport Commission was working on an RFP for the airport with Karen Fuller. The Harbormaster is working on an RFP with the Marine Advisory Committee for Launch Service. Mr. Wells changed his mind about taking the big ferry out of service for the beginning of September. He would try again in October.

Mr. Fuller reported that the Highway Department would be paving on Chappaquiddick the next week. Residents on Cooke St. and S. Water St. have requested a stop sign. He is going to set up a public hearing.

At 5:09pm 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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Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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