

Selectmen's Meeting
November 18, 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, and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Chairman Serpa opened the meeting. The Board started by approving a request from the Boy Scouts to sell popcorn in front of Port Hunter during Christmas in Edgartown.

Ms. Serpa then opened the public shade tree hearing for the Ettingers on the corner of Pease Point Way and Upper Main Street. Present for the Ettingers was Ms. Robbie Hutchinson.

Ms. Hutchinson showed a diagram of where the 30' Beech Tree was now and where they wanted to move it to. She explained that the new spot would give it more room to grow and make room in the current area for the surrounding trees to fill in.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Tree Warden, stated that he appreciates the effort to move and preserve a public shade tree.

Ms. Serpa stated that the only thing she was concerned about on the plan was the new curbcut shown. It had not been applied for and she did not approve of the location.

Ms. Hutchinson stated that the curb cut was not being applied for and that the plan was very preliminary and they had gone back to the drawing board. She would take Ms. Serpa's note back to the owner.

Ms. Kimberly Kane asked the survival rate of transplanted trees.

Ms. Hutchinson stated that it had a good chance.

Mr. Smadbeck asked that if it died could there be a stipulation for a replacement with a beech of 5" or 6" caliper.

Ms. Hutchinson did not see this as a problem. The applicant loves trees and would replace it if the transplanted tree died.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the transplant of the shade tree with replacement if it died due to the move. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized the Water Commissioners. Present were Mr. Jim Kelleher and Mr. John Lovewell. Mr. Kelleher called their meeting to order. The Water Commission was present to elect a new member with the Board to fill in the empty spot left by the resignation of Mr. Robert Burnham. The appointment will last until elections in April. They had receive two letters of interest from Mr. Scott Ellis and Mr. David Burke.

Mr. Kelleher stated that they liked Mr. Ellis but thought that Mr. Burke would be a good fit for the Commission. The Water Commission nominated and seconded Mr. Burke for the position. The Commission and Board all voted 4-0 for Mr. Burke.

The Water Commission then closed their meeting.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Stuart Fuller for his annual review.

Ms. Serpa stated that she has seen results. Meetinghouse has been paved at the entrance. He has a good crew.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the town was lucky to have him.

Ms. Dolby stated that he was receptive to problems and they had a good working relationship.

Mr. Smadbeck moved for a favorable review. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Kimberly Kane for her annual review.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that Ms. Kane always manages to keep everyone straight and get things done.

Ms. Dolby stated that the audits always go well and they have a good working relationship.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to give Ms. Kane a favorable review. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Warden. Also present was Mr. Les Baynes and Mr. Jack Blake.

Mr. Bagnall had two personnel requests. He wanted to increase Rob Morisson's hours from 30 to 40 hours at a cost of \$10,380 and add another shellfish warden at the cost of \$36,020 plus indirect costs.

Ms. Serpa wanted to address one at a time. She asked him to start with the increase in hours.

Mr. Bagnall stated that there was a need for more hours for Mr. Morrison's position. He talked about the demands of growing seed and patrolling.

Ms. Serpa asked if the Shellfish Committee had approved the requests.

Mr. Baynes replied that they had approved both requests.

Ms. Serpa asked if the Personnel had approved.

Ms. Marilyn Wortman replied that they had not.

Ms. Serpa stated that she didn't have an issue with the first request but had one with the second. New employees are expensive.

Mr. Smadbeck asked for an outline and description describing what was new and presented the need for all this new extra time.

Mr. Baynes stated that they would go to Personnel and return to the Board.

The Board then approved the following items:

The bid for road salt from Eastern Minerals at a cost of \$75 per ton.

A One Day Liquor license for the MV Preservation Trust and for the Federated Church.

Harbormaster Abatements and new warrants.

For the Square Rigger to close from January 1, 2014-February 6, 2014.

Ms. Dolby stated that they had received a letter stating that the town had been awarded the lighthouse. She stated that the tax rate hearing would be December 2nd and that budget hearings would start December 9th.

At 4:30pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant