

Selectmen's Meeting

March 5, 2012

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: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; Michael J. Donaroma, and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the public hearing for Détente for a seasonal all alcohol restaurant license. Present were owners and managers, Kevin and Suzanna Crowell who stated that they thought a seasonal license was a better fit for them than an annual.

There being no public comment, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing.

Ms. Serpa stated that she understood why they were switching to a seasonal license and moved to approve the application. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous. The Board wished them good luck.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item, which was the request from the Harbor View to have a St. Patrick's Day Parade. Present were: Mr. Bob Forbes and Ms. Elizabeth Rothwell from the Harbor View. Also present was Police Chief Tony Bettencourt.

Mr. Forbes explained that they were requesting to have a short parade at noon time on March 17th from the parking lot at the bottom of Main St. down Dock St. and then up Kelley St. to finish at the Kelley House. It should be fairly quick.

Chief Bettencourt stated that he had no issue with the parade and would be happy to provide coverage.

Ms. Dolby stated that she felt that the Harbor View was doing a great job trying to provide entertainment and events. The fireworks on New Year's Eve were great and they had recently had a comedy show that was a great success and there was a concert last week that sold out.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the parade. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 2/6/2012 and 2/13/12. (Mr. Donaroma abstained because he did not attend)

The following bills were concurred with for the Affordable Housing Trust: \$4,000.00 for Sibel Suman for work on the Teaberry Lane sale; a Reynolds, Rappaport, and Kaplan bill for \$1891.50; and a bill for Doug Best Construction for \$7,780.00.

A pledge of license for the Harbor View.

Three yard sales on Mercier Way on June 30, 2012.

An extension to April 8th for the Block a Portion of Road Permit held by Mark Pogerzelski on Mayhew Lane.

The Board appointed Paul Moreau to the Island Affordable Housing Trust as representative for Edgartown at the request of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee.

The Board set an alcohol hearing for Il Tesoro on March 26, 2012 at 4:10 pm.

Ms. Dolby then brought up the issue of remote participation in meetings. It was required as part of the open meeting law that the Board take a position and make a set of criteria for when it is allowed and not allowed for meetings. She suggested it being on an emergency basis only and not because the person moves south for the winter or is absent for several months.

Ms. Serpa asked if the Board would make the decision for all the committees and boards.

Ms. Dolby replied yes that it would be an overall coverage.

Ms. Serpa wanted to wait and come up with some criteria. She moved to not allow remote participation for now until the Board came up with a plan for acceptable reasons it would be allowed. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma did state that he saw it as adding more flexibility to meetings.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:19 pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant