

Selectmen's Meeting

April 2, 2012

4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the 2nd Floor Meeting Room, Town Hall. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck recognized Ms. Marilyn Wortman, assistant to the Personnel Board.

Ms. Wortman stated that she was present to ask the Board to sign the "Memorandum of agreement for the Town of Edgartown and the Edgartown Public Employee Committee (EPEC) for the FY13 health insurance plan for all union and by-law municipal employees". She explained that it was part of the Health Care Reform Act. She also explained that as a part of the Health Care Reform Act the town needed to pass 25% of the annual savings on to the employees that were with the town as of 7/1/2012. This would be given back as a month off from paying insurance premiums for all of January 2013 and the first week in February 2013 which would equal a total of \$77,000.

Ms. Serpa moved to sign the agreement. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they had received an application from Patrick Courtney to excavate on N. Summer St. to install sewer to 55 Main Street. The application had been signed by the Police Chief, the Wastewater Department, the Water Department, and the Highway Superintendent. Ms. Serpa moved to approve the application. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of March 26, 2012.

An Affordable Housing Deed Rider for Jen Morgan.

To concur with several bills for the Affordable Housing Trust.

The Rainbow Run to be held on the morning of May 19, 2012.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they had received a letter from Tri-Town Emergency Services thanking Edgartown EMS and especially Alex Scheffer for their assistance.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board had received a letter from the Town of Hadley expressing their happiness in working with AT&T. The Board referred the letter to the Wireless Committee.

The Board received a request from a film group from Ireland wanting to film at various locations around Edgartown for a Jaws Special on April 7th and 8th. They have already received the approval of the Police Chief. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board approved the 5K Jabberwocky Run at the FARM Institute on August 18, 2012 as long as they received approval from the Chief of Police.

The Board received a request concerning sale of the Warren House.

The Board approved 1 commitment and 1 abatement for the Harbormaster for FY12.

At 4:15 pm Mr. Smadbeck recognized Mr. Roger Becker, spokesman for an independent group called the Chappy Transportation Committee. Also present for the conversation were: Robert and Fran Clay, Peter Wells, Chrissie Hazelet, and Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Becker stated that their group had formed to try and come up with some solutions to some of the problems that were raised and debated when discussing a possible bike path for Chappaquiddick. He handed out a list of requests for changes at Chappy Point to make traffic and people movement easier. He stated that they had spoken with Mr. Fuller, the MV Land Bank, the Trustees of Reservations, and the Chappy Beach Club about the changes and they were all open to trying the requests. All of the requests are reversible and can be put back the way they were before the changes if desired. Attached is the list, Mr. Becker asked for the Board's approval to try the requested changes.

Mr. Fuller had some comments. He stated that the 2 cedar trees were 12' tall and would have to be transplanted to another spot. There was also a buried phone line in the area and would have to be marked off. Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent, would also need to be consulted about drainage. He did not however, see any issues with moving the handicapped spot.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve requests #s 1-4 and write a letter of support to the MV Land Bank about #5. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board set a vicious dog hearing concerning a complaint by Helene F. Owens for April 23, 2012 at 4:00pm.

The Board reviewed a letter from Mr. Fuller to NStar encouraging them to be selective when pruning the shade trees around the power lines downtown.

Mr. Fuller stated that he was just trying to ask them to preserve the aesthetics of the shade trees and not "hack" the trees.

The Board then approved the following items:

A transfer of \$5,000 for the legal account.

A Change of Manager for Lure from Troy Price to Brooke Webster.

A Pledge of License for Lure to Salem 5 bank.

A Lodging House License for Edgartown Commons.

Common Victualler Licenses for Shiretown Meats and Among the Flowers.

A Travel Voucher for the Police Department.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. She stated that the Town would be receiving \$14,842 from the State for expenses incurred by Hurricane Irene. Mr. Dave Thompson from the Wastewater Department was also working on getting a grant to move the electrical panel that controls a bulk of the grinders downtown from the lot at the bottom of Main St. to somewhere near the Town Hall to protect it from storm damage and avoid a sewer outage downtown.

The Board voted to put Il Tesoro on the agenda for April 9th at 4pm to cancel their liquor license. Mr. AJ Black had not opened by the deadline of Saturday, March 31st and had made no effort to contact the town and respond to the fact that he has not opened for his required 3 days a week.

Ms. Dolby then asked the Board if they would be open to looking into leasing the patio area next to Among the Flowers to them for more outdoor dining space. She would like to call Town Counsel and see what would be involved. Ms. Serpa moved to approve Ms. Dolby researching further and consulting Town Counsel. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if there was anything else.

Mr. Roger Becker stated that he was impressed with the progress made by the Cable Advisory Committee and the full support that Chappaquiddick felt by the Board and the Committee. He stated that Ms. Dolby had been working very hard and that they were all very optimistic.

Mr. Gowell asked about the request from the Affordable Housing Trust for a concurrence of \$3,000 for rental assistance for Morgan Woods that had been continued from the week before.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had a conversation with Town Counsel and that the amount at Town Meeting could not be raised on the floor.

Ms. Serpa was concerned about setting a precedent. She had heard the need for these funds as an emergency request. The funds were not going to be around forever.

Ms. Serpa moved to concur with the expenditure. She expressed that this was a one time payment and that it did not set a precedent or indicate in any way that similar requests would be approved in the future. They would be considered on a case by case basis. Mr. Smadbeck agreed and seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa adjourn at 4:36. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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