

Selectmen's Meeting
April 17, 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, Michael J. Donaroma and Margaret E. Serpa.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and stated that it was that time of year to change chairman. He nominated Mr. Donaroma. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous. Mr. Donaroma abstained and accepted.

Mr. Donaroma moved on to the next item and recognized Police Chief Tony Bettencourt. Ms. Serpa abstained.

Chief Bettencourt stated that after an extensive interview process he would like to hire two new officers. 1) Jeffrey Trudel, Canine Officer, as a new full time officer and 2) Ryan Ruley as a full time officer.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to appoint Officer Trudel as a new full time officer with a start date of May 14, 2012. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to appoint Ryan Ruley as a new full time officer with a start date of June 18, 2012. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

Common Victualler Licenses for: Mad Martha's, Murdick's Café and Murdick's Fudge.

Lodging House Licenses for The Jonathan Munroe House and The Lightkeeper's Inn.

The Board accepted letters of appreciation for the use of the meeting room by the court.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Fuller introduced Dr. Glaskee and his students from Northeastern University. They gave a presentation on a comprehensive traffic study of downtown Edgartown they did as a project. They presented various ideas of traffic flow remedies for cars and bikes as well as ideas for pedestrian areas and parking. They spoke for about half an hour and presented the board with their study which is available in the Selectmen's Office for viewing.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked them for all their hard work and creativity. They had come up with many good ideas. He works slightly out of town and understands the problem of the biker coming into town and thought they had come up with some good solutions.

Ms. Serpa was concerned with the parking idea on the state highway near the Cannonball Park.

Mr. Fuller responded that they would have to apply to the state.

Some Planning Board members were also present and had some questions.

Mr. Bob Sparks asked about parking out of town and whether people would do that.

The students explained that the parking out of town around Cannonball Park and on Upper Main St. would be more long term, while the ones in town that would remain would be short term to allow people to pop into stores if they needed to.

Ms. Serpa stated that she liked the idea of making Mayhew Lane a pedestrian area.

Mr. Mike McCourt stated that he was worried about delivery trucks and access to loading zones.

The students explained that they had added a loading zone to the top of Mayhew Lane and to Kelley St. to make up for the loss of the one on Mayhew Lane that exists now.

Mr. Allan Wilson expressed concern about the handicapped spots and the bus access.

The students replied that they had taken those issues into consideration and that they were covered in the report.

Ms. Georgiana Greenough, Assistant to the Planning Board, asked about staging for the Chappy Ferry at the School.

The students replied that they had asked about that and it had been brought to their attention that it was used for other things.

Mr. Adam Darack, Information Technology Manager, asked about the “ITS” system idea for the Chappy Ferry where the people in line would get a text when it was their turn to board.

The students replied that they did not have any examples of other towns that use them.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:45 PM. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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