

Selectmen's Meeting

June 4, 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: Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman; Margaret Serpa; and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and recognized Ms. Susan Goldsmith from Jawsfest. Police Chief Tony Bettencourt and Sergeant Craig Edwards were also present.

Ms. Goldsmith stated that she was in to update the Board on the plans for Jawsfest. She reviewed that the dates were August 9-12, 2012. She started by letting them know about the Shark in the Park event. It was planned to be held at the Edgartown School and she was working with the Boys and Girls Club. The centerpiece would be a 3 story blow up shark slide. There would also be shark preservation information and merchandise. The children from the Boys and Girls Club Day Camp and the YMCA Day Camp will be able to come use the slide and learn about sharks.

Ms. Goldsmith then mentioned the opening ceremony which will be held on the steps of the Whaling Church at 9am on August 9th. The VIPs will arrive by Antique Fire Engine and there will be a ceremony opening Jawsfest.

The Board asked if she had spoken with the Police Chief about any traffic concerns.

Ms. Goldsmith responded that she had called the Police Chief but had not spoken with him yet.

Mr. Donaroma pointed out Chief Bettencourt in the audience and urged Ms. Goldsmith to have a meeting and iron out the details.

Ms. Goldsmith replied that she would get together with the Chief. She added that most businesses would be asking to use their Amity Signs for the duration of Jawsfest and that there would probably be a request for hanging a banner. She also mentioned that one of the national morning shows may cover the event and that she didn't have any details on that as of yet. She asked if the Board needed any more information or if she needed to come back before the event.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it all sounded nice. He suggested that any requests for banners and such be submitted in writing to the Board and they will make a decision. It was not necessary for Ms. Goldsmith to come back in before the Board. The other Board members agreed.

At 4:10pm Mr. Donaroma recognized Ms. Julie Lively, Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees. Also present were: Herb Foster, Bob Avakian, Jill Hues, and Susan Cahoon.

Ms. Lively started by introducing Ms. Jill Hues as the new Library Director and stated that the Trustees were happy to have her and that there would be an open house to introduce her to the town.

Ms. Lively then moved on to the donation policy and wanted to specifically discuss naming opportunities for donors to the library. She gave a brief history of how the Foundation had raised money for the first attempt at a new library and how some of those donations had naming opportunities attached to them. The Foundation wanted to know what to tell the donors now that the new library was a whole different project than the first one. The Foundation had \$275,000 donated for specific named items. They had \$500,000 in unspecified donations and had already committed \$175,000 to the new library project. She stated that a named opportunities policy needed to be established before they could go back to the donors and give them their options. She suggested a policy of a plaque for amounts of and above \$25,000 and a donor book for amounts \$250 to \$25,000. Ms. Lively stated that they are eager to start the Foundation of Learning fundraising and would like to have the policy approved.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he was confused by the request. He didn't understand what the naming policy was for. The taxpayers had approved town tax money be spent to build a new library. He didn't see the need to put plaques all over the place when the taxpayers had already committed to building a new library.

Ms. Lively replied that the extra donations would enable them to buy upgraded items and perhaps start earlier. To go beyond the original budget.

Mr. Smadbeck stated he was not sure and having a hard time with the naming of everything. The Board had also told the taxpayers that they would not start the project before the grant was secured, so starting early was not an option.

Mr. Avakian stated that they were just trying to get the policy in writing to establish some rules. The money could be used now for the current library.

Ms. Serpa stated that building change orders would have to go through certain channels. The Board would have the final approval on “upgrades”. She wanted more time for the policy to go to Town Counsel and the Auditor.

Ms. Lively replied that she understands and appreciated the opportunity for discussion.

Ms. Serpa stated that it was up to the town to support the ongoing project.

Mr. Donaroma agreed that the policy draft should be reviewed by the Auditor and Town Counsel.

Ms. Cahoon stated that the Foundation has donors that need answers.

Mr. Donaroma replied that that was up to the foundation.

Ms. Serpa stated that the naming policy bothers her. Taxpayers paid for the library and she doesn't want that forgotten.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he had to think about it.

Mr. Avakian stated that the Trustees had done research on other towns when writing the draft. He did agree that it should be reviewed by Town Counsel and the Auditor.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board will consult with the Auditor and Town Counsel and that they would go from there.

The Board then appointed Mr. David Thompson to the Joint Committee on Sengekontacket for a period of 3 years.

The Board then approved the following items:

A change of name from Nectar's to Flatbread on the Weekly Entertainment License, Sunday Entertainment License, and Common Victualler's License.

A Yard Sale License for the Perry's on Pilgrim Rd.

An Emergency Excavation Permit for Farrissey to repair the gas tank at the Yacht Club.

For the Conservation Commission to go to Town Counsel with a question regarding Aero Ave.

A Travel Voucher for the Wastewater Department.

To appoint Edie Blake to the Community Preservation Committee as Representative from the Historic District Commission.

To sign a Chapter 90 request for the Highway Department.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:30 PM. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant