

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**June 18, 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 Niko Ewing.

Mr. Ewing expressed that he would like to revive the weekly "Dock Dance" and hold them at the Town Wharf on either Tuesdays or Thursdays.

Mr. Herb Foster interjected that the Library has concerts on the lawn at the Library on Tuesdays in the summer and asked that the Dock Dances be on Thursdays.

Mr. Ewing replied that he wasn't aware of the Library events and didn't want to conflict. It was decided they would be held on Thursdays from 6:30 or 7pm to 10pm.

Ms. Serpa asked Police Chief Tony Bettencourt what he thought of the idea.

Chief Bettencourt replied that he had no issue with the event. The concerts had been held before and people had a lot of fun.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve Mr. Ewing's proposal to have Dock Dances every Thursday evening until 10pm at the Town Wharf for the summer. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the Library holding their weekly concerts on the lawn of the Library on Tuesday evenings until 8pm for the summer. It was established that the weekly event was sponsored by the Edgartown Library Foundation and the musicians were directly paid by the foundation and not paid through the Library.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Constable.

Mr. Bagnall explained that there had been some issues with the aquaculture lots and the leaseholders. The Shellfish Committee had come up with some additions to the bylaw regulating the aquaculture lots to combat these issues and what the penalties would be for not following the rules. He stated that all the lots had been various sizes and would now be 1 acre each. He then read aloud the new regulations which are attached to these minutes.

Ms. Dolby stated that the office would send a copy of the new regulations to each leaseholder.

The Board then voted to award the Chappaquiddick DAS system to "A Joint Venture With Broadband Service Group, Inc. and Grain Communications Group, Inc."

Mr. Smadbeck then recused himself from the meeting.

Mr. Donaroma recognized the Edgartown Teachers and asked them what they wanted to talk about. The following people were present for the discussion: Cynthia Smith, Jennifer Fournier, Deborah Orazem, Ellen Wannamaker, Melissa Pitt, Barbara Jones, Sandy Joyce, Michael Gazaille, Peter O. Bettencourt, and Marilyn Wortman.

Ms. Barbara Jones introduced herself as a representative of the Martha's Vineyard Educators Association. She stated that they had questions concerning the health care reform.

Ms. Dolby stated that the gap insurance would now be offered to town employees and that the Board would be voting to offer the flexible plan today. She knew that was one of the concerns.

Ms. Jones questioned the lack of creating a \$10,000 account, like some of the other towns, to help people in the first year that had large health care bills.

Ms. Serpa replied that there was a set amount that the towns had to work with and they thought it was more fair to everyone if they were given a health deduction free holiday. They would not have to be picking and choosing over who would benefit from the \$10,000.

Mr. Bettencourt replied that the Public Employee Committee had considered all options and decided this was the most fair and even approach. The teachers did have representation in the Committee, it was assumed that person was relaying information and had the teachers best interest at heart.

Ms. Orazem then had a question about the whole town going to bi-weekly payroll and mandatory direct deposit. She was concerned about the change.

Ms. Serpa replied that they were changing programs for payroll and the new program included direct deposit and bi-weekly payroll.

Ms. Dolby replied that it will save the town money. She stated that notices have been sent out starting a year ago notifying employees of the impending changes.

Ms. Jones questioned the legality of the payroll changes. The teachers didn't have a choice.

Ms. Serpa replied that the move was run by Town Counsel and the Auditor before hand.

The consensus from the teachers is that they felt that there was a lack of communication between Town Hall and the School. They felt out of the loop.

Ms. Dolby came up with a solution to bypass the middleman and make an email list of all the teachers and email all notices directly to them.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he felt they were heading in the right direction.

Ms. Serpa moved to offer the flexible plan to the employees and authorize Mr. Donaroma to sign the paperwork. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck returned.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of June 11, 2012.

Yard Sale Permits for: Rush and Fisher, 6/24 9-2; Kristin Warriner, 6/23 9-noon; Tim Connelly, 6/23 9-3; and Michele Whitney, 6/23 9-1.

Commercial Marine Licenses for: Louis Paciello, Robert Enos, The Harborside Inn, MV Shipyard, Edgartown Marine (Morse St.), Edgartown Marine (Herring Creek Rd.), & Edgartown Lighthouse LLC.

The Board read a letter from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts stating that Jen O'Hanlon had passed the necessary classes to be a Procurement Officer. The Board voted to send her a letter of commendation.

The Board voted to accept \$1975.00 from the Barnes for reseeding shellfish associated with the illegal dredging around their pier.

The Board voted the following end of year transfers: \$18,000 for the Police Department, \$5,000 for the Park Department, \$500 for the Animal Control Office, and \$2,740 for the Council on Aging.

The Board voted to send a letter to the Library Foundation stating that the Board approved of the donation policy but not including the naming rights section.

Ms. Susan Cahoon, Chairman of the Foundation was in the audience and objected to not hashing out the naming rights section.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board was tabling the naming rights for now.

Ms. Serpa stated that she was not in favor of naming items.

Ms. Cahoon stated that naming a room didn't preclude anyone from using it.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that none of the promised money that was donated to the Foundation has made it to the Town.

Mr. Donaroma replied that there was a large disconnect between donor and town.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Foundation had originally stated that they had \$1.5 million to build the new library at the Carnegie site that had been raised. The town has not seen any of this money now that the town taxpayer has taken on the project to build a new library. He thinks naming rights is "putting the cart before the horse". The best the Board can do right now is table the issue until a later date. He can't imagine that if someone wanted to donate that not being able to name a desk would keep them from donating.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Library was not built yet and that the grant had not been received. It was all a little premature.

The Board then voted to approve a travel voucher for the Police Department.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the last item on the agenda which was the annual review for Ms. Kristy Rose, Department Assistant. The Board said made some nice comments and agreed that she was an asset to the office. Ms. Serpa moved to give a favorable review. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:53 PM. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

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Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

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Margaret E. Serpa

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Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant