

Selectmen's Meeting

July 2, 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 immediately went into the first item which was the annual review for Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Constable. Mr. Bagnall was present.

Mr. Donaroma remarked that Eel Pond and Sengekontacket were doing much better.

Mr. Bagnall responded that they had put up the flagpole at Sengie and that they had purchased a red flag for closures. They were trying to get the area in Eel Pond that is closed in the summer smaller than the whole pond.

Ms. Serpa stated that Mr. Bagnall has the interest of the fishermen keeping their livelihood but also preserving the ponds for the future in mind and strikes a good balance.

Mr. Bagnall thanked the Shellfish Committee, his deputies: Rob Morrison and Warren Gaines, and the Selectmen's office for all their help.

Ms. Serpa moved to give Mr. Bagnall a favorable review. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby then brought up an issue that the town had been receiving a lot of phone calls about. There had been a seaplane landing at the Edgartown Great Pond the last few weekends and then parking at Wilson's Landing. She is waiting for Town Counsel to return from vacation for a legal opinion. Meanwhile, the Police Department are documenting each visit. She referred to Ms. Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent, for additional information.

Ms. Varkonda stated that she had been working with the police and had spoken with Mr. Bob Stone, Chairman of the Katama Airport Committee, and the Seaplane Association. As far as she can find, if the town doesn't have a specific seaplane regulation, he can use the pond. However, the pond does have rules about limiting horsepower to 10hp and there is a question about if it is a business.

Ms. Dolby stated that there was a question if once the plane hits the water if it is a boat. She understands it is a great concern in the neighborhood. For now, the town's hands are tied.

Ms. Dolby then stated that the Police Department had gone to all the liquor establishments in conjunction with the Youth Task Force to educate them about under age drinking. A couple of weeks after they had conducted a sting and all the establishments that had failed previously passed. Except for Sophia's One Stop Mart. The Board will have to set up a hearing to address the repeat offense.

It was decided that Ms. Dolby would talk to Ms. Karen Fuller about setting up a hearing and it would be set the following week.

Ms. Varkonda then gave a report about ongoing discussions with AT&T about putting wireless facilities at the Katama Farm. She stated that so far AT&T will put all antennas in the silo and they will not be visible. They will put the generators and batteries in a separate shed so that there is room for additional providers in the silo. They will also build a shed for the FARM institute with placement of their choice. There was a brief discussion of rent, but the person representing AT&T could not speak to that issue. She has spoken with the FARM and they seem to be agreeable with the decisions.

Ms. Serpa stated that it was good there would be room for an additional carrier.

Mr. Donaroma asked if the project needed to go to the Planning Board.

Ms. Varkonda responded that it did and that would be an opportunity for public input.

The Board then approved the following items:

The contract for the assistant to the Affordable Housing Trust with the addition of a limit of total funds used.

Brush cutting around the perimeter of a town owned piece of property at Meshacket by the Affordable Housing Committee.

Transient Vendor License for Penumbra Photographs.

Two One Day Liquor Licenses for Willoughby Fine Art Gallery on 7/12 and 8/9 from 6-8pm.

The contract for the assistant to the Dredge Committee also with the addition of a limit of total funds used and any action made by the Personnel Board.

Ms. Dolby stated that she would like to figure out how to make the Dredge Assistant a town employee.

Ms. Varkonda stated that the Dredge Committee has an appointment with the Personnel Board.

The Board approved the Board of Trade to sell T-Shirts on the 3rd and 4th of July at the minipark with approval of the Conservation Commission.

The Board concurred with a decision of the Board of Fire Engineers to have one member sign the bills for payment.

The Board approved a request by the Historic District to consult with Town Counsel on a fence matter.

Ms. Dolby stated that there would be a meeting on July 12th about the valet parking issues.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:26 PM. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant