

Selectmen's Meeting
July 16, 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; and Margaret Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting. He recognized Skip Tommassian before opening the first item on the agenda.

Mr. Tommassian stated that he would like to ask the Board to consider a "no left turn" sign at the Main Street end of Tilton Way.

The Board responded that there would have to be a discussion with Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent who was on vacation. They decided to schedule the request for a future meeting and invite Mr. Fuller and the Police Chief to attend.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Ms. Pat Tyra. She had various issues with right of ways, the Starbuck's Way path and the walkway in front of Atlantic and the Harborside and the fact that they are overgrown.

The Board stated that they would look into the issues Ms. Tyra had brought to their attention.

Mr. Donaroma then welcomed Ms. Maggie Downey from the Cape Light Compact (CLC) and Cape and Vineyard Electric Co-operative (CVEC) to the meeting. She and Mr. Mark Zalinski were present to update the board on the CLC and the CVEC.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had invited all the other towns' Boards of Selectmen to the meeting and she did not see anyone here yet and asked the item to be delayed a bit.

Mr. Donaroma agreed and moved on to other business.

The Board then approved the following items:

A One Day Liquor License for Gil Walsh Interiors on July 26th from 6-8pm

To transfer \$851 from Selectmen's Expense Account to the Legal Expense Account.

A Yard Sale for Bea Lawry.

A Weekly Entertainment License for the FARM Institute for Meals in the Meadow.

The Board referred a vicious dog complaint by Jessica and Elizabeth Burnham to the Animal Control Officer for investigation.

The Board accepted the resignation of Christina Miller from the Beautification Committee.

The Board appointed John Laird to the All-Island School Committee's Negotiations Committee as a representative for Edgartown.

Mr. Donaroma then stated that they had no further business and asked Ms. Maggie Downey to proceed with her presentation. Mr. Tristan Israel was present for the Tisbury Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Downey then gave her presentation reviewing how the CLC and CVEC were established and why. She also covered why there was a need for the two separate entities and how they relate to the member towns. She then discussed specifics about the Edgartown solar project and passed out a projected net metering forecast. It was still unclear how Nstar was going to credit the towns for the excess energy produced and figure the amount of energy used by the town.

Mr. Zalinski stated that the FY11 Audit for CVEC would start soon and that both boards were very active with a large majority of members attending all meetings.

Ms. Dolby asked how hard it would be to take some land out of Chapter 97 for solar use.

Ms. Downey stated that it would be time consuming. The area would need to be surveyed and the legislation would have to be filed by the town's Representative. It's time consuming.

Ms. Dolby stated that she knew the land needed to be replaced by other land.

Mr. Zalinski stated that she was correct but that it didn't need to be in the same town.

Ms. Downey offered to email the DEP guidance for Chapter 97.

Mr. Israel stated that he appreciated the net metering forecasts. He asked about why he was getting repeated emails.

Mr. Zalinski replied that there was a group that was unhappy about the Brewster wind turbine project. He explained that Counsel had been at all the meetings and that they go by the open meeting law checklist.

Ms. Downey replied that the complaints are being investigated by the AG's office. There has been no feedback yet. They charged for copies of documents and have not been told that they have done anything wrong.

Mr. Israel asked for an update on the hold up with Nstar.

Ms. Downey stated that Nstar is about a year behind. The impact study was scheduled for this summer. There may need to be upgrades to the infrastructure which they would need estimates on. The money would come out of the "PPA" price. They would then compare costs to see if the project is worthwhile. Nstar is supposed to come back in September with the estimates.

Ms. Dolby asked if any of the cost was figured in already.

Ms. Downey replied that some was built in to the amounts they already have. There were still a lot of unknowns at this time.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 1:25 PM. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant