

Selectmen's Meeting
January 10, 2011
3:30 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 Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck; and Michael J. Donaroma. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 3:30 p.m Ms. Serpa opened the meeting then recognized Town Council, Ron Rappaport. Mr. Rappaport was present to ask the Board to send the legislation for the Katama Airport Hangar to the legislature. The deadline is January 21, 2011.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to authorize Ms. Dolby to transmit the Special Town Meeting Vote to the legislature. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Next up was the Library Building Committee. Present were Carl Watt, Chris Scott, Mort Fearey, Ann Tyra, Richard Knight, Larry Mercier, and Rick Pomroy, OPM.

Mr. Donaroma asked for an update on the progress of the grant writing.

Mr. Watt stated that the committee was meeting frequently and the grant should be delivered on January 25th.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the draft he saw seemed weak.

Mr. Watt stated that it would get punched up quite a bit before it was handed in.

Mr. Donaroma stated that Mr. Pomroy made some good points at the last meeting and he would like them in the final draft.

Ms. Serpa asked if the Board had to sign the grant application.

Ms. Tyra responded that the Library Trustees were the only ones to sign last time.

Ms. Serpa responded that these were different circumstances.

Mr. Watt stated that it would be signed by both the Trustees and the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Town needed to know if the Trustees were behind the project at the Old School site.

Ms. Tyra stated that she felt confident that the Trustees were behind the project.

The Board then approved the following items:

To transfer from the reserve fund \$5000 for the Katama Airfield.

To reappoint James Joyce to the Martha's Vineyard Commission as their representative to December 31, 2011.

A Common Victualler's License for Black Sheep Charcuterie.

An Innholder's License for the Clarion and the Charlotte Inn.

The Board then held the annual review for Gail Avakian. Mr. Smadbeck stated that Ms. Avakian's ability to work in any department and be a "jack of all trades" helped the town immensely. Mr. Donaroma stated that she is a big help to the Library Building Committee. Ms. Serpa stated that she was very accommodating and Ms. Dolby remarked that she can do anything.

Mr Smadbeck moved to give Ms. Avakian a positive review. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Barbara Prada, Animal Control Officer, who was present to give her quarterly report. She supplied the Board with the written report and asked if there were any questions. She stated that her busiest time this quarter was when the cows escaped from Katama Farm and were loose for 15 days. She wanted to thank her assistants and Mike Creato for their help with the situation.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept the report. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to recess until 4:15pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:15 pm Ms. Serpa reopened the Selectmen's meeting and welcomed the FINCOM for budget hearings.

The budget hearings went as follows:

1. Martha's Vineyard Refuse District – Present was Mr. Don Hatch. The assessment went down. Mr. Fearey asked about the purchase of the parcel next door. He thinks MVRRD runs well and would hate to see it go down hill if it got too big. Mr. Hatch responded that it was still in the study phase. Mr. Mercier stated that he is happy with their budget.
2. Dukes County Regional Housing Authority – Present Mr. David Vigneault. Budget has 1.6% increase. Mr. Smadbeck stated that he would like a proforma with all the information on it. Mr. Vigneault stated that this budget was only for the staff, but that he would be happy to discuss the rest another time.
3. Martha's Vineyard Regional High School – No Assessment. Ms. Serpa questioned this. Mr. Weiss responded that they were waiting for numbers from the state. Mr. Mercier asked about the Wastewater assessment for \$350,000 and if that would be a capital cost. He did not remember approving that as a capital cost. It was decided that needed to be looked into. Ms. Serpa brought up the line item "Facilities Co-ordinator" for \$72,000. That item had been removed before and it looks like the bus drivers are getting raises. Mr. Nixon responded that they got rid of the assistant athletic director position to make up the money. Mr. Mercier was unhappy with them sneaking the Facilities Co-ordinator into the budget.
4. Superintendent of Schools – Budget rose. He was asked to explain. Mr. Weiss explained that there were several factors, including the "Bridge 2" program, an additional cost of summer school, and the shifting of Physical Therapist from contract to salary. Mr. Durawa asked why the per student cost differed so much from town to town.
5. Edgartown School – Ms. Serpa appreciated all the extra information provided. Mr. Mercier stated that the budget was only up 1.8% if you don't bring into consideration the shared cost increase.

Mr. Donaroma excused himself to attend a Martha's Vineyard Commission meeting.

6. Library – Ms. Serpa stated that the budget was basically salary steps and computers. No questions.
7. Council on Aging – Ms. Serpa stated that the budget was down. Articles for air conditioning and a fire exit. No questions.
8. Town Administrator – The only items up were the auditor's expense and insurance was up 3.7%. Ms. Dolby stated that they did increase coverage for injured firemen this year.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn at 5:26pm. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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