

Selectmen's Meeting
January 31, 2011
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 Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman, and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the Nstar hearing for 68 Davis Lane. Present was Ms. Karen Corriveau, Nstar's Right of Way Agent. She stated that it was pretty straight forward. They wanted to bury 46' of conduit and cable.

Ms. Serpa asked if there were any questions or comments. There being none, she then asked Mr. Stuart Fuller, Street Superintendent, if he had anything to add.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had no issues. He would just like the standard stipulation that they maintain and restore any destruction of the payment.

Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck made a motion to approve w/ Mr. Fuller's stipulation. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:05 Ms. Serpa opened the Nstar hearing for 34 Morse St. to install 25' of conduit and cable. Ms. Corriveau stated the client, Mr. Coffey, wanted to remove a private pole and bury the wires.

Mr. Fletcher Hodges of 28 Morse St., Mr. Coffey's next door neighbor, was present along with his attorney Ms. Rosemarie Haigazian. Mr. Hodges stated that he did have issue with the pole and that his wires are also held on it. He wanted assurance in writing from Mr. Coffey that a) Mr. Hodges would not be charged for any of the work; b) that his shrubbery would not be disturbed; c) that all the wires will run on Mr. Coffey's land not his own.

Ms. Corriveau saw no issues with Mr. Hodges demands. She did state that the pole was a private pole and it had not been established that Mr. Hodges' property had a "letter of permission" or right to use the pole. If there was going to be a conflict, she would have to look in the archives.

Mr. Bob Burnham, Contractor for the Coffeys, stated that as far as he knew the Coffeys were going to pay for the whole project and had no issue with any of Mr. Hodges' demands.

The Electrician for the Coffeys, Mr. Rob Young, was also present and stated that the conduit would be bored under the ground in the fence area and would not disturb the shrubs.

Mr. Hodges still wanted a letter.

Mr. Fuller stated that his only issue was the standard maintenance and restoration of the road where it is cut.

Ms. Serpa closed the hearing.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to grant the application with a stipulation that the Board must receive a letter of concurrence from the Coffeys that is approved by Ms. Haigazian in reference to Mr. Hodges concerns. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Julie Turner of MVTV. Ms. Turner was present to update the Board on MVTV. She explained that this year the Towns are in negotiations with Comcast for a new 10 year contract. As part of this, MVTV went out and asked the community what they wanted and needed that wasn't already a part of programming and they plan on updating the information on a regular basis.

She stated that MVTV's future goals are to increase the size of the facility to include restrooms and a classroom space. They are saving up for the addition and almost have enough funds. They receive 5% of Comcast's profits for the year which this year was \$415,000. In the far future they plan to add robotic equipment to the Town Halls so they can have on the spot cameras when needed and it will also be a live feed so people can watch the meetings as they happen on television and their computers. MVTV would also like to expand their training, marketing for non-profits, and youth programming.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it was easy to find the program schedule on the website and he likes the "On Demand" option. He wanted to know if the robotic camera could be moved from room to room because sometimes the place of the meeting is changed.

Ms. Turner stated that they would take that into consideration when the preliminary studies were done.

Mr. Smadbeck just wanted to point out that there would be more of an advantage to have a mobile unit.

Ms. Serpa then thanked Ms. Turner for coming. She then recognized Fire Chief, Peter Shemeth. Also present were Deputy Fire Chief, Alex Schaeffer and Robert Young, Volunteer EMT Representative on the Ambulance Advisory Board.

Chief Shemeth stated first a short history of the Ambulance Personnel in town. They started as a full volunteer program and now they have several full time employees. They would like to progress now on quality. He would like all full time personnel to be certified as Paramedics. There would be a grace period for those that are not now Paramedics to get certified. It has been discussed with Town Counsel and the Ambulance Advisory Board and they are on board.

Ms. Serpa told them they would have to go to FINCOM if the pay was going to change.

Ms. Dolby answered that their step would be the closest to where they are now.

The Board then approved the following items:

To appoint Ms. Rita Brown as the Assistant Emergency Management Director for Edgartown.

To hire Jake Sylvia as a Paramedic for a 24 hour per week position.

The Minutes for 12/21/10 and 1/3/11.

A Used Auto Dealer License for Airport Fuel Service Inc.

A Lodging House License for Rozetta Hughes d/b/a The Sundial.

A One Day Liquor License for the Edgartown Firemen's Association for their monthly meeting and dinner.

Two travel vouchers for the Highway Department and one for the Police.

A commitment of \$1400 for the Harbormaster and \$700 in abatements.

The change of Manager for the News Pub and the Harborview.

The Board received a letter from a Mr. Muckerheide and forwarded it the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee.

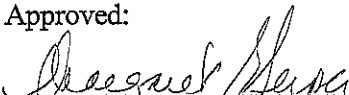
The Board received a letter of resignation from Ms. Joyce Hall from the Beautification Committee. They accepted the resignation and voted to send her a letter of appreciation for serving the town.


Ms. Dolby stated that the FINCOM would meet on Wednesday and would most likely finalize the warrant for Town Meeting.

She also stated that the Town is looking for pictures for the Annual Report and if anyone would like to submit any there was a link on the website.

At 4:45pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:


Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman


Arthur Smadbeck

Not Present
Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant