

Selectmen's Meeting

April 25, 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 Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the advertised hearing for Black Sheep Charcuterie to obtain a seasonal beer and wine license. Present from Black Sheep Charcuterie was Mr. Mark Venette, manager and owner. He stated that he would like to have evening tastings called flights with samples of cheese and meats paired with malts and wines. From June to October from 6-10pm.

There being no public comment, Mr. Smadbeck closed the public hearing and asked Ms. Serpa if she had any input.

Ms. Serpa stated that all alcohol has to be served with food and that it would be stipulated on the license along with the hours of business. She then moved to approve the license w/ the stated stipulations and on the basis of approval of the Zoning Board of Appeals at the hearing on May 4th. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Greg Blaine of Blaine's Welding. Mr. Blaine was asking permission to close Main St. from Pease Point Way to Church St. to reinstall the Town Bell in the Whaling Church. The closing would be on Friday, May 6th from 8am – 12 noon. He also invited the Board and any members of the public who would like to view the bell to come to his shop in the interim. He gave out his phone number if anyone would like to make an appointment.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the road closing and thanked Mr. Blaine for his work. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Joe Sutton. Mr. Sutton was automatically denied a taxi license from the Police Chief for a previous offense and was appealing to the Board. The Police Chief, Tony Bettencourt was also present.

Chief Bettencourt stated that he had no problem issuing Mr. Sutton the license. He would like to have the wording changed in the rules so he had more discretion in approval and denial.

Mr. Smadbeck told Chief Bettencourt to bring the changes in he would like and they would consider them.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the license based on Chief Bettencourt's advice. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the annual taxi license hearing. Present were John Klingensmith of Jon's Taxi, Melany West of Stagecoach Taxi, and Colin Butler of Adam Cab.

Chief Bettencourt stated that last year was a great season and everything went smoothly. He had some reports of taxi's delivering liquor to residences and would just like to put a reminder on the license notices that this is not permissible.

Mr. Klingensmith requested use of the optional surcharge again this year. The original surcharge was \$3 and is optional for trips out of Edgartown at the discretion of the taxi owners. It was meant to make up for some of the additional gas costs. Mr. Klingensmith would like to make it variable and include trips out of downtown to include anything beyond Mercier Way. He would also like the maximum surcharge to be \$5 and would also like traffic to be a variable.

Mr. Butler stated that it would be a complete change of policy to add inside the town line. One of the purposes for it being the way it is was to keep Edgartown itself affordable.

Chief Bettencourt suggested drawing a map.

Ms. Serpa stated that regulating what constituted an additional fee for traffic would be problematic.

Chief Bettencourt suggested sitting down with the three companies and coming up with something concrete in writing. The Board agreed and told them to come back with a plan.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Brion McGroarty, owner of Town Provisions. Mr. McGroarty just wanted to give the Board a “head’s up” that he was starting the process to move his liquor store out to the airport. He would build an addition onto the Nectar’s building and it would be there. It was going to be a long process and he wanted to let the Board know about it first.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it was something that had been talked about before.

Mr. McGroarty stated that there were lots of hurdles to overcome to get to this point. The Nectar’s people now own the building outright and can form a partnership. He is now in the process of permitting the addition and financing it.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the building was pre-existing on a nonconforming lot. He would be seeing a lot of committees and boards and the public would get their chance for input.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes from April 11th and April 12th.

The list which is attached of reappointments and appointments to Boards and Committees.

To sign the letter to the MVC in reference to the Boards opinion on regulation of large houses.

To send a letter from Jay Guest to the Wastewater Commission.

A Yard Sale permit for Sandra McCormick at 23 Major’s Cove on May 7th.

Travel Vouchers for the Police Department and The Highway Department.

A Lodging House License for the Katama Guest House.

The Board then accepted a letter from the Wastewater Commission stating that they were going to forgo purchasing the new truck that was voted at annual town meeting and use the surplus truck from the Water Department.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they were supposed to withdraw the article at annual town meeting before it was even voted. He asked what would happen to the money that was voted.

Ms. Dolby replied that it would sit until a special town meeting where it could be changed. It would still, however, be included in the taxes and the town budget.

The Board received a letter from Fire Chief Peter Shemeth recommending the hiring of Mr. Michael Klimek for the 30 hour a week paramedic position. The Board voted to accept the recommendation.

The Board received a letter from the Wastewater Commission requesting permission to seek Town Counsel’s advice.

Ms. Dolby stated that there was already a town policy in place for the issue and she had forwarded that information to the Wastewater Commission. There was no need to involve Town Counsel.

At 4:35 pm Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

not present

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant