

Selectmen's Meeting
May 23, 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; Michael J. Donaroma, and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the hearing for Greenhouse, LLC for a seasonal liquor license for a restaurant beer and wine license. Present were Patrick and Ted Courtney owners of the establishment.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board would like to continue the hearing to June 6, 2011 at 4:05 p.m. due to some issues that are up in the air with the Zoning Board of Appeals. He asked the Courtneys if they were agreeable to that. They agreed.

Mr. Donaroma moved to continue the hearing to June 6, 2011 at 4:05 p.m. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then brought up a letter received concerning flooding on Massasoit Rd. and Dunes Rd. Ms. Dolby stated that she would discuss it with Stuart Fuller. There were also issues with delivery trucks that they were working on.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes from May 16, 2011.

A transfer for the Veteran's benefit account of \$2918.57.

A Subordination of Mortgage and a Certificate of Deed Change for Rebecca Beeson with previous approval of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee.

A Common Victualler's License for the Quarterdeck.

A One Day Beer and Wine License for Susan Cahoon, Homes on Martha's Vineyard on May 29, 2011 from 3pm-8pm for a grand opening open house.

A Travel Voucher for the Assessor's Office.

Yard Sales for Stewart Robinson on 5/28 & 5/29; Joan DaSilva on 5/28; Rush and Fisher for Helene Owens on 6/5; Rush and Fisher for Susan Henley on 6/4; Bea Lawry on 5/28; Heidi Boyd on 5/28.

The Board appointed William St. Pierre and Joshua Baker as Seasonal Traffic Officers at the request of the Police Chief and Alan Gowell as the Representative of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee (EAHC) to the Community Preservation Committee at the request of the EAHC.

The Board referred a memorandum on the Vietor Property to the Conservation Commission.

The Board decided to not act on a letter from the Island Grown Schools requesting surplus kitchen equipment from the Old School. There has been no definitive decisions made on the Old School Building at this time and the kitchen equipment is valuable to the town and would have to be advertised.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the discussion on the Fishermen's Depot Lots. Present for the discussion were: Charlie Blair, Roy Scheffer, Bill Bishop, Stuart Fuller, Paul Bagnall, Chief Bettencourt, Donny Benefit, Ed Handy, Ed Gentle Jr., Ed Gentle III, Steve Ewing, and Jack Blake.

Mr. Blair spoke first. He read a letter out loud that is attached. His main issue was the need for a locked steel gate and for someone to be deemed in charge. A copy is attached. He also wanted permission to go to FINCOM if he ran out of money. He thought he had enough in his budget to do the cleanup of the lots but wasn't sure.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Blair in jest for volunteering to be in charge.

Mr. Blair responded that he thought Steve Ewing would be a good candidate.

Mr. Donald Benefit, member of the Shellfish Committee and Commercial Fisherman, remarked that he thought someone from the Shellfish Committee should be in charge. He suggested taking what seemed to be an extra gate at the Old Town Dump and using that. It was readily available and the Town would just have to install it.

Mr. Fuller added that the gate was lying on the ground and it would be a good use for it.

Mr. Scheffer remarked that he would like to see a card system and a self closing gate. He was concerned that people would leave the gate open and not lock it when they leave.

Mr. Handy suggested a keyless lock.

Mr. Scheffer stated that that wouldn't solve the part about leaving the gate open.

Ms. Dolby stated that a gate with cards would be expensive and she was concerned people would bash into it.

Mr. Scheffer responded that if they got the right kind of gate, he didn't think it would be bashed through.

Chief Bettencourt suggested a fingerprint scanner lock. The Police Department has a couple and they work well and are inexpensive. If the gate was left open, they would then be able to tell who was the last one to open the gate.

Ms. Serpa recommended that the Board support the cleanup. She suggested that Mr. Blair work with Ms. Dolby and the Shellfish Committee to come up with a person in charge.

It was agreed that Mr. Handy, Mr. Benefit, and Mr. Blair would work together on cleaning up the existing trash and that they would use Bruno's for disposal because they had the best price.

Ms. Dolby stated that there were a few places the town could find the funds.

Ms. Serpa stated that everyone should get started on the recommendations and for Chief Bettencourt to get pricing on the fingerprint scanner for the gate.

The Board then thanked Mr. Ewing and the Dredge department for all their assistance in the matter.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the annual review for Ms. Kristy Rose, Assistant to the Selectmen's Office. He stated that Ms. Rose was a big help to the office and was well organized. Mr. Donaroma and Ms. Serpa agreed. Ms. Dolby stated that Ms. Rose was still learning all the many things involved with her position and was very good with the public. Ms. Serpa moved to give a favorable review. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then asked Mr. Fuller about the project at Dudley Cannada's house going on Simpson's Lane.

Mr. Fuller replied that in his talks with the contractor he had learned that because of the rainy situation the last couple of weeks the new concrete wall had an issue. There was a collapse and it may have compromised under the street. The contractor was trying to rectify the matter today. He also has issues in front of the building on North Water St.

Ms. Dolby stated that she would talk to Lenny about the project also.

Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn at 4:40 pm. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant