

Selectmen's Meeting

July 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; 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 first item which was a request from Mr. Schifter who owns 35 Pocha Rd. Ext., Assessor's Map 48 Lot 1.6, to have a fireworks display on his property at 10:30pm on August 20, 2011. Present for the discussion were: Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster; Ms. Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent; Fire Chief Peter Shemeth; and Police Chief Tony Bettencourt. There was no representation for the applicant.

Mr. Blair stated that it would be easy for him. The property is not on the harbor but on the ocean side of Chappaquiddick. The US Coast Guard would have to be notified. He did have a person on duty until 1am if needed.

Chief Shemeth stated that he believed from the email provided that the fireworks would be land based. Once it was approved by the Board there would have to be a site review and an assessment of how many fire personnel would be needed on site for the event. He thought it would be at least 2 trucks. He also wanted the host of the event to cover all costs associated with his event. He had storage questions and the application to the state fire marshal needed to be in 30 days before the event.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had only received a timeline and not a detailed plan.

Chief Shemeth stated that they were close to the Trustees of Reservations property and that they should be notified.

Ms. Varkonda stated that shore birds shouldn't be a problem that time of year. The beach however, does not belong to Mr. Schifter. It belongs to the state and is run by the Trustees of Reservations. He would have to get permission from them if that was his intention and that was an unlikely possibility.

Ms. Serpa suggested continuing the decision until some of the questions are answered.

Chief Shemeth brought up the 30 day application deadline.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if it should be approved conditionally.

Chief Shemeth replied that would start the ball rolling.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the request with the following conditions:

- Approval of the exact locations of storage and launch.
- That all costs incurred by the town for the event will be paid for by the event holder.
- That all plans be approved by the Harbormaster, Fire Chief, and Police Chief.

Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa stated that she would like more information in future requests and would like them at an earlier date so that there were no time constraints.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he was agreeing to the request so easily due to the remoteness of the location.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the weekly hearing for the one day liquor license applications. The only applicant was Ms. Marge Willoughby for artist receptions at the Willoughby Gallery on July 26th and August 11th. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

To accept the County Fuel Bid at 31.75 cents per gallon above Boston Rack Price from RM Packer and that all departments have to participate. It was pointed out that Island Fuel was able to bid this year which seems to have pushed the price down.

To sign the liquor license for Right Fork Diner.

To accept a letter of resignation from Mr. Mort Fearey as the representative to the Community Preservation Committee for the FINCOM and to appoint Mr. Thomas Durawa to take his place.

A Common Victualler License for Irie Bites Food Truck to park only in the lot at Nectar's at 17 Airport Rd.

An Auto Rental License for Vineyard Enterprises d/b/a Budget with a limit of 5 cars on the lot at a time.

A Yard Sale permit for Michelle Scarpone at 19 Whaler's Walk on July 30, 2011 from 9am-1pm.

A Travel Voucher for the Fire Department.

For the Rotary Club to hang their banner for the pancake breakfast from July 29 – August 7.

Mr. Smadbeck then asked if Ms. Dolby had anything to report.

Ms. Dolby stated that she wanted to give an update that the Nstar negotiations with Comcast regarding cable service to Chappy are still going on. They are taking a while because they are large companies and this will set a precedent because it has never happened before. There is a meeting Thursday and she will have to talk to the lawyer. She wanted direction from the Board as to what to do next. She thought Nstar and Comcast would come to an agreement eventually.

Mr. Smadbeck told Ms. Dolby to tell Comcast that this is of the highest priority to the Board. Mr. Donaroma and Ms. Serpa agreed.

Ms. Dolby stated that it could come down to not being willing to sign the contract.

Ms. Serpa praised Ms. Dolby and stated that she had done all that she can to keep the issue in the forefront.

Ms. Dolby stated that she expected a call from Mr. Mark Reed of Tuesday with an update.

Mr. Donaroma then gave an update from the Library Building Committee. Also present were Mr. Carl Watt, Ms. Ann Tyra, and Mr. Mort Fearey. Mr. Donaroma stated that the Library Building Committee (LBC) had a healthy discussion on the town's position on the list for grant monies. The LBC would like to put together an advisory committee to the Board on what options the town has with the Warren House and the Carnegie Building. The idea was for the Board to appoint and discussions be done in a LBC forum.

Ms. Serpa thought that it would make sense for the LBC to take on the task of working toward a solution for the Carnegie and the Warren House and not to appoint another committee.

Mr. Watt stated that he had been talking to Mr. Herb Foster about the Council on Aging possibly moving into the Carnegie building. He suggested adding Mr. Foster to any committee established.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Council on Aging could be notified of any meetings, but it wouldn't be necessary to add anyone to the committee.

Ms. Tyra stated that anyone could be called into a meeting for consultation.

Ms. Serpa moved to expand the duties of the LBC to include researching and finding solutions to the future of the Carnegie Building and the Warren House. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck asked about the timing of the library grant.

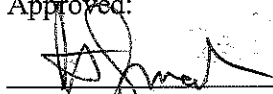
Mr. Watt replied that the grant money was not all given out at once. There was \$60 million total available and only \$27.5 million had been given out for FY12. The other \$32.5 million would be given out to the waitlist in FY14. Edgartown is #4 on the waitlist and even if all the people before us on the list get full funding, there will still be enough for Edgartown.

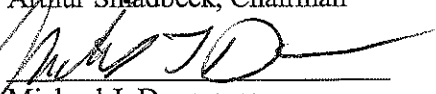
Mr. Smadbeck remarked that perhaps it is better that the money would not be available until FY14. There will be time for any housekeeping articles in the Annual Town Meeting for FY13.

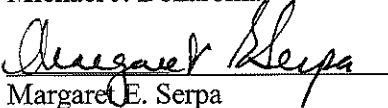
Mr. Watt replied that it did allow for adequate time to take care of whatever needs to be done beforehand. The next LBC meeting is August 15th.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:29 pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:


Arthur Sneedbeck, Chairman


Michael J. Donaroma


Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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