

## Selectmen's Meeting

August 8, 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: Michael J. Donaroma, and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting. The first item on the agenda was the awarding of bid for a new backhoe for the Highway Department. Present was Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Fuller stated that at the April 2011 Annual Town Meeting the town had voted a sum of \$98,000 to purchase a new backhoe for the Highway Department. He put the item out to bid and the bids were opened as advertised on July 25, 2011. There were 2 valid bids and a third that was submitted late resulting in disqualification. It was returned to the applicant unopened. He recommended purchasing the John Deere 410J TMC backhoe from Schmidt Equipment. It met all the qualifications required in the RFP while the other proposal, though less in price, did not. He explained his decision in detail in a letter to the Board which is attached.

Ms. Serpa moved to accept the bid from Schmidt Equipment for the John Deere 410J TMC backhoe for \$97,860.00 per recommendation of Mr. Fuller. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Fuller stated he would draft a letter to award the bid.

Ms. Dolby asked that he provide the address of other bidder so they can also be sent a letter letting them know that they were not chosen.

At 4:05pm Mr. Donaroma moved on the next item which was Mr. Dudley Cannada, resident of Simpson's Lane and his issue with the Chappaquiddick Ferry Line. Present were: Mr. Cannada; Mr. Fuller; Chief of Police, Tony Bettencourt; and Planning Board Assistant, Georgiana Greenough.

Mr. Cannada began by stating that he only represented himself on Simpson's Lane. He was upset with how the Chappy Ferry line on Simpson's Lane was being run. To summarize, he wanted more police presence, more signs, cars to stay within the lines, large vehicles to be kept out of the line, people to stop enjoying themselves while waiting, and cars to stop blocking his driveway.

Mr. Fuller replied that Simpson's Lane was a narrow street and that when they had repaved he had moved the line to the right more to accommodate the traffic. He also stated that some property owners let their shrubs grow into the street causing people to park further in the middle.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there could be a line put at each driveway as a sign not to park there.

Mr. Fuller replied that there were a lot more driveways there than there used to be, some being very wide, and he didn't remember anyone coming in for a curb cut permit for them.

Mr. Donaroma asked Chief Bettencourt if he had any input. He also remarked that if they blocked out the driveways then half the street would be not be available.

Ms. Serpa stated that all those driveways are not single cars widths. They are quite wide.

Mr. Cannada responded that his drive was only 10 feet wide.

Mr. Donaroma asked if the line had made it to Pease Point Way this summer yet.

Chief Bettencourt responded that it had not.

Ms. Serpa remarked that she sees the police around all the time.

Chief Bettencourt stated that the town had set up a sign system to alleviate some of the demands on the police. People do not read signs or follow them. To properly police the line it really needs 3 people and he does not have the people on hand all the time. The line is sporadic and they do the best they can with the nature of the line. They can't take every truck out of the line. All the big delivery trucks already go to the Town Wharf.

Mr. Cannada stated that it was hard for everyone on the street and that he did not see a police presence.

Chief Bettencourt stated that this was the first he was hearing that there was an issue.

Mr. Fuller asked if there were any suggestions for signs. There were already a plethora of them.

Chief Bettencourt stated that if all the driveways were left open that the line would go all the way back to Pease Point Way easily.

Ms. Serpa stated that the line has been there for a long time and that this problem was not created by the town. It was created by the people building all the driveways.

Mr. Donaroma suggested that Mr. Cannada accept it as "part of the charm of living in the village."

Mr. Fuller suggested moving 3 cars at a time instead of 6.

Ms. Claire Thacher, Chappaquiddick resident, suggested that they move 3 cars at a time.

Mr. Cannada stated that they were taking 6 at a time from Simpson's Lane.

Chief Bettencourt stated that he was unaware of that practice.

Ms. Thacher volunteered to ask the Chappaquiddick Island Association send out a letter to the membership asking them to be more courteous on Simpson's Lane

Mr. Cannada asked that a sign be put at the beginning of Simpson's Lane stating the average wait time and that it was the ferry line. He said a lot of people get in line without knowing how long the wait would be or that it was a line to begin with.

Mr. Fuller and Chief Bettencourt will work on new signage.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Yard Sale permit for Betty Immelt at 176 Katama Rd. on August 12th from 9am – 2pm

A renewal of Commercial Marine License for Mark DeFeo Marine Services.

A One Day Liquor License for the Edgartown Firemen's Association for a fundraiser at the Fire Museum, August 11th from 5pm – 7:30pm.

They signed a group of reprimand letters to liquor license holders that served minors in a police check on July 15th. The letters were sent to: Al's Package Store, Sophia's One Stop Mart, The Kelley House, The Wharf Pub, Sharky's Cantina, and the Harbor View Hotel.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board had received a letter from Mr. Benjamin Hall, Jr. regarding his seasonal liquor license at the Great Harbour Gourmet. He would like to open 12:30pm – 2pm Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays until August 28th when he would close, to keep his liquor license. The Board having already set a hearing to revoke his license on August 22nd at 4pm, chose not to accept his proposal at this time.

The Board gave permission for the NDR German Broadcasting Company to film a travel piece in Edgartown from September 27th – October 11th with the stipulation that any filming that will disrupt traffic or the public be approved by the Highway and Police Departments.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there was any more business.

Mr. Jonathan Cobb, Chappaquiddick resident, asked if the Board was willing to sign a Comcast contract that excluded Chappaquiddick.

Ms. Serpa replied that it was still being worked on.

Mr. Donaroma replied that the Board had already stated that it was their #1 priority.

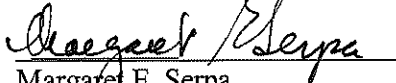
Ms. Dolby stated that it has been made clear in the negotiation process that Chappaquiddick is of the highest importance. Nstar sent a proposal last Thursday to Comcast. She had not heard anything since, but saw it as a good step in the right direction.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:30 pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Not present  
Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

  
Michael J. Donaroma

  
Margaret E. Serpa  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant

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