

Selectmen's Meeting

August 15, 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. The Board approved the following items:

The minutes of 8/8/11

A Travel Voucher for The Fire Department.

A Yard Sale permit for Suzanne Rollins 111 Edgartown/ West Tisbury Rd.

A One Day Liquor License for Homes on Martha's Vineyard on 8/18 from 6-8pm for an Artist Reception.

A subordination of mortgage for Nicole Gazaille.

The Board signed the fireworks agreement with the Nature Conservancy.

Ms. Dolby stated that the townspeople have not used all of their energy audit money from the Cape Light Compact and they could get energy assistance with light bulbs, new appliances, and other energy saving devices.

She reminded the Board that they had to be at the Police Station on Tuesday at 3:50pm to meet their ride to the Agricultural Society parade in West Tisbury.

Ms. Dolby then stated that there had been complaints about the Ierie Bites Truck at the Nectar's parking lot. They have been staying open until the early hours of the morning and the police department has had to go up there to break up fights and disperse the people. The truck was parked in Section A in the plan associated with Nectar's liquor license and should be shut down within the hours of the license. Mr. Lenny Jason and Town Counsel were looking into it and were going to talk to the owners of Nectar's about the issue.

Ms. Dolby then moved on to some complaints about a kayak tour launching from the Edgartown side of the Big Bridge. The operator states he has a right to launch quoting MGL Chapter 90 because the boats are on state property. Town Counsel is looking into that as well.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Bert Jamgochian of 4 Hye Way. Also present were Mr. Matt Poole, Health Agent; and Wastewater Commission members Mr. Jim Carter and Mr. Tim Connelly.

Mr. Jamgochian stated that he had been to the Wastewater Commissioners' meeting previously on the same day. He felt he had said his piece there. He summarized for the Board of Selectmen that the aroma from the Wastewater plant was prevalent in his neighborhood on some days in the summer. He felt it has been worse than it ever was before. He stated that his neighbor had called to complain to the Wastewater Department and the person that answered the phone had referred the neighbor to Mr. Jamgochian because he has a portable restroom business. It was not his and he was insulted by the suggestion. He also stated that his grandson would not visit and play outside because of the aroma.

Mr. Jamgochian stated that on the previous Monday, August 8th, that the aroma was the worse it had ever been and he reported it to anyone in town that would listen. He questioned Mr. Alosso having two full time jobs in two towns. He stated that since he complained to the whole town, the odor had quickly gone away, he questioned this since the reason he was given was that it was August and there were a lot of people.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he would refer to the Wastewater Commissioners.

Mr. Connelly stated that the odor issue was two issues: one was the new silo cleaner put the fan on low and the other was a new operator issue. Between 2007 and 2011 there had been 15 complaints. Many things can cause the aroma to spread. Humidity and wind changes can all affect the way the aroma hangs around and moves. The commissioners had listened to Mr. Jamgochian for 1½ hrs. today and have taken his issues very seriously. The Commissioners would like to document all the issues. Anyone with an aroma should contact the Wastewater offices or the Board of Health office so they can be addressed.

Mr. Donaroma then asked Mr. Poole for his insight on the issue.

Mr. Poole stated that his responsibility is to respond to aroma calls and determine if there actually is an aroma that needs to be responded to.

Mr. Carter handed Mr. Donaroma a handful of letters that were from Mr. Jamgochian's neighborhood. The letters were from: Mr. Scott Ellis, Mr. Peter McGuire, and Mr. Kenneth Johnson. He stated that they did call around that neighborhood today and he thinks it is something that should be monitored.

Mr. Jamgochian stated that the letters were from town employees and thus skewed. He thinks the problem is Mr. Alosso. He stated that his wife did not want to get involved.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Commissioners have said it's something to monitor and have fixed the issue.

Mr. Connelly stated that there were 17 other families on the street. They would like to hear from the rest of the neighbors as well if they have any complaints.

Mr. Donaroma told Mr. Jamgochian that this is the first time he has complained. He had a direct line now and may get more of a response.

Mr. Jamgochian stated that it was amazing how quickly it was fixed when he made some noise. He questioned what the odor will be at full capacity.

Mr. Poole stated that the people at the Wastewater Treatment plant get immune to the aroma. He would like people with aroma issues to contact the Board of Health office so he could go check it out for the person with the issue as someone not used to the aroma. He would like to set up a system with the Wastewater Department.

Ms. Serpa asked Mr. Poole to work with the Wastewater Commissioners to set up a notification system and notify the neighborhood.

Mr. Poole said he would. He asked Mr. Jamgochian for assistance figuring out a way to contact the neighborhood.

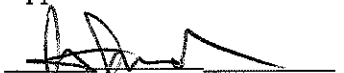
Mr. Donaroma stated that this was a start and hopefully the issue will be remedied.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:36 pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.


Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

Kristy Rose
Assistant


Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman


Michael J. Donaroma


Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

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