

Selectmen's Meeting
September 12, 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.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and recognized Ms. Georgiana Greenough, Planning Board Assistant, who was present for the item on the agenda for the nomination of Special Ways to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. She requested that the item be postponed due to the fact that Town Counsel had not been able to thoroughly go over the rewritten application.

Mr. Smadbeck asked why the Planning Board wasn't voting on this item.

Ms. Greenough stated that she was following Town Counsel's instructions.

Ms. Dolby stated that Mr. Rappaport and Ms. Greenough were working hard on finishing the paperwork in a timely manner.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of August 29, 2011.

A Yard Sale for Lisa Brown on Old Purchase Rd.

The Board received a letter from Sheriff's Meadow Foundation stating that there would be a prescribed burn sometime between September 6, 2011 and May of 2012.

The Board announced that the Shellfish Committee would be having a public hearing on the upcoming bay scallop season on September 20, 2011 at 7pm in the meeting room of the Town Hall.

The Board signed a letter in support of the UMass Dartmouth New England Marine Renewable Energy Center to Mr. Richard Sullivan, Secretary, at the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs.

The Board received a letter from the Library Board of Trustees asking the Board of Selectmen to accept a list of gifts from the Library Foundation. Mr. Donaroma moved to accept the gifts. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby added that Ms. Kimberly Kane, Town Accountant, was working on establishing accounts for monetary gifts from the Foundation.

Mr. Smadbeck read the highlights of the monthly report from the Cape Light Compact.

The Board received a letter from Fire Chief Peter Shemeth asking the Board's permission to gift a 2005 Crown Victoria, that is surplus, to the Oak Bluffs Police Department for a canine unit that will be available for all the towns on the island to utilize. Ms. Serpa moved to approve the request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa asked about the liability for the dog.

Ms. Dolby stated that they were still working on the details.

The Board extended an open invitation from the Water Department to their open house on September 13th from 1-4pm at the new Water Building.

The Board signed a letter to Mr. Ron Minkin of MV Transport informing them of their decision of September 6, 2011.

At 4:10 pm Mr. Smadbeck recognized Mr. Tim Connelly, Chairman of the Wastewater Commission, for the item on the agenda. Also present were the two other members of the Wastewater Commission: Mr. Jim Carter and Mr. Cliff Karako; and Mr. Joe Alosso, Wastewater Facilities Manager.

Mr. Connelly read a public statement aloud of which a copy is attached.

Ms. Serpa questioned how the auditor would feel about Mr. Alosso signing the bills in the absence of the Commissioners. She believes it is the responsibility of the Commissioners.

Mr. Connelly responded that the Commissioners had given the issue a lot of thought. They felt that they needed to make an exception so payroll could be paid if none of them were on island for some reason. That would be with the understanding that one of them would sign it as soon as they return.

Ms. Serpa still respectfully disagreed and wanted an opinion from the auditor.

Mr. Connelly stated that the Commissioners were open to the auditor's input and looked forward to talking to him about it.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if it would be possible to sign the items before someone left the island. He agreed with Ms. Serpa of the need for the auditor's opinion.

Mr. Carter stated that it would be a very rare circumstance that one of them was not present to sign the bills or payroll. He was open to speaking with the auditor.

Ms. Serpa stated that it would just make her more comfortable.

There was a brief discussion of whether a meeting was required to sign the bills. It was decided that it was not necessary.

Mr. Donaroma remarked that the Wastewater Commission is making great steps in the right direction. He agreed with Ms. Serpa and Mr. Smadbeck that they should speak to the auditor about the signing of bills. He was sure they could work something out.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had sent out notice that the deadline for submitting articles for Special Town Meeting is October 5th. Ms. Wanda Williams, Town Clerk, will post the warrant before she leaves for vacation on October 8th.

At 4:25 pm the Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant