

Selectmen's Meeting
October 3, 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 the posted public hearing for Atria to change their liquor license from seasonal to annual. Present was Christian Thornton, owner and manager. He stated that they would like to keep the downstairs open for the winter. He and his wife had been considering it since they had moved to the island full time a couple of years ago, but there were no annual licenses available. Now there is.

Ms. Claudia Cannerdy, owner of Claudia jewelry store, thought it was a great idea.

Mrs. Fran Clay, resident, also supported the idea.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the change from seasonal to annual and wished Mr. Thornton good luck. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Barbara Prada, Animal Control Officer, for her quarterly report.

Ms. Prada stated that there was nothing exciting to report. She did point out the 3 calls she had about a coyote in September and wanted the Board and everyone to know that it was not a real coyote, but a blow up decoy to deter geese. She stated that the geese did not seem fooled and just grazed around it.

Ms. Serpa moved to accept Ms. Prada's quarterly report. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Boys and Girls Club "20 Miler" on February 18, 2012 with approval of the Police Department.

The Chowder Contest for December 10, 2011 with approval of the Conservation Commission.

Three Yard Sales: Kathleen Buongurio on October 8th, Mary Ellen Kressel on October 15th, and Rush & Fisher on October 9th.

A One Day Liquor License for the Edgartown Firemen's Association monthly meeting and dinner on October 6th.

A travel voucher for the Wastewater Department.

The Minutes from 9/26 and the Executive Minutes from 9/26.

The Board agreed to participate in the GASB study.

The Board accepted the resignation of Shellfish Warden, John Black.

The Board signed a response to the Black Dog to their letter regarding Johnny Cupcakes.

The Board appointed Mr. Alan Wilson as the representative to the Community Preservation Committee for the Planning Board upon the recommendation of the Planning Board.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the discussion on cell towers on Chappaquiddick and recognized Georgiana Greenough, Cell Tower Committee Member.

Ms. Greenough stated that the committee of herself and Ms. Jane Varkonda were really in the beginning stages. She handed out a summary and engineering report created by a potential carrier. It explains the process cell phone companies go through to pick a site, come up with the size of the towers, what kind of tower, and what kind of signal to use.

She explained that a carrier can come in and put a cell tower on private land without much input from the town. It would behoove the town to lease town land to the carriers to have more control over what is going up and where. It would also benefit the town financially.

She stated that the committee would love to have more members and include the people of Chappaquiddick. Anyone interested should contact the Selectmen's Office or herself in the Planning Board Office. The Committee will have more meetings and will have to issue a Request for Proposals or RFP. After that there will be a selection process.

Mr. Roger Becker asked about the setup of the committee.

Mr. Smadbeck told Mr. Becker to contact Ms. Greenough if he would like to volunteer for the committee.

Mr. John Dropick stated that he hopes that there will be an upgrade of service with the new towers.

Ms. Greenough stated that the Planning Board was going to look at the monopole tower in West Tisbury on Old Courthouse Rd at 9:30am on Tuesday, October 4th anyone who was interested was welcome to come.

Dr. Dennis Goldin stated that his AT&T reception dropped completely in June. He bought a microcell system for his home that cost \$50 and it works through the internet.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that maybe the committee could call AT&T.

Mr. Bob Gurnitz replied that he had called AT&T and was told that if he didn't like it, he could go somewhere else.

Ms. Serpa stated that the conversation would be continued to October 17th at 4pm so it could be announced in the newspaper.

Mr. Donaroma stated that it was important that people who want to be on the committee then take what they have and spread the word to their neighbors.

Ms. Dolby stated that the letters and emails the Board received asked for Chappaquiddick to have a say in the decision making process.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Claire Hall of 38 Morse St. He asked if she had anything to say about the cell towers. Ms. Hall replied that she had come in about a different matter. Mr. Smadbeck asked if it was an item on the agenda to which Ms. Hall replied it was not. Mr. Smadbeck let Ms. Hall know that the item needed to be on the agenda due to new laws and welcomed her to return to the next meeting where she could be put on the agenda.

Mr. Smadbeck recognized Mr. Peter Wells, owner of the Chappaquiddick Ferry.

Mr. Wells explained that the larger ferry was going to Vineyard Haven for repairs. This will make the waiting line a little longer. He would like to draw some temporary lines on the right side of North Water St. to extend the line up around the corner. Simpson's Lane is hard to manage in the winter without any extra help and this is the solution he has come up with. He spoke with Sgt. Edwards and Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent. They both thought it was a feasible temporary option. Four parking spaces would have to be removed on the left hand side of North Water St. to accommodate the line. This would include the handicapped spot in front of the Library.

Mr. Donaroma asked if all four spaces were necessary.

Ms. Serpa stated that the 4th space could be the handicapped space.

Mr. Donaroma asked when this would happen.

Mr. Wells a replied he was hoping for the second week in October.

Sgt. Edwards stated that the handicapped spot could go in the first spot after Daggett St. and that he thought it was a good time of year to try something new and it was worth trying.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had some temporary markings he could put down, instead of painting the lines and suggested putting the sawhorse sign back at the monument so people knew to go down Simpson's Lane this time of year.

Mr. Alan Wilson, resident of Chappaquiddick, asked how people would know that Daggett St. was full.

Mr. Wells replied that you would be able to see the last car. The line would just go around the corner.

Mr. Donaroma asked if anyone had talked to the Library.

Mr. Wells replied that he hadn't.

Ms. Dolby stated that someone should talk to them first.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he was sure it could be worked out.

Ms. Serpa stated that they would continue the issue to the 11th of October after the Library and the Inn next door had been spoken to.

Mr. Wells then moved on and asked about burying large blocks of cement to tie the ferry to in a storm. He would like to bury them under the sand.

Ms. Serpa asked Mr. Fuller for his opinion.

Mr. Fuller replied that he was agreeable to the project.

Mr. Dropick asked if there would still be room for the boat launch that was supposed to go in there.

Mr. Wells explained that the parts that attached to the blocks would be buried under the sand and only be dug up when needed so nobody will know they were there.

Ms. Serpa stated that she wanted to wait until the Conservation Commission approved the project first.

Mr. Dropick stated that after hearing the plan he believed there was room for both the ramp and the blocks.

The Board then signed the Special Town Meeting Warrant for October 25th. It would then be reviewed by the Finance Committee and released to the public.

At 4:50pm Ms. Serpa moved to go into executive session for pending litigation reasons. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Followed by a unanimous roll call vote.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant