

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**October 17, 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.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and stated that the first item on the agenda was the public discussion on possible wireless facilities at Katama Farm and on Chappaquiddick. He recognized Georgiana Greenough and Jane Varkonda members of the cell tower committee.

Ms. Greenough stated that she is handling the Chappaquiddick portion and that there had been a lot of interest from Chappaquiddick residents to join the committee. She had submitted a list to the Board of Selectmen of the interested parties. She then stated that the committee is looking for locations. None of the possible locations have been vetted yet and once the list was vetted it would be available to the public. She stated that a comment made by Mr. Bill Brine the previous week concerning one of the possible sites was correct, that it did have a restriction on it, but that they were not at that point yet. She was looking forward to some help from the working group and some positive input. The consultant would be available within a few weeks and she suggested the public email questions. She stated that everyone was welcome to the meetings of the committee and that they would be posted. The town wants the group to be public and open and to keep things moving along. She then turned the floor over to Ms. Varkonda.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if Ms. Greenough wanted the Board to appoint the new committee members.

Ms. Greenough replied that it was up to the Board and that she would like to add William Geresy to the list.

Mr. Smadbeck read the list of new members to the committee: Bob Gurnitz, Fran Clay, Dennis Goldin, Roger Becker, Claire Thacher, Margaret Knight, and added William Geresy. Mr. Donaroma moved to appoint the whole list. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Varkonda then took the floor. She stated that she was handling the Katama Farm portion of the committee. The proposal is that the cell facilities would all be contained inside the now empty silos. The FARM institute was concerned with any equipment outside the silos and if possible would like to use the first level of the silos for storage. The RFP is ready to go out. There is an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant on October 25<sup>th</sup>. The antennae would be hidden behind the wall of the silo or on top of the silo, it would provide service to Katama as well as some of Chappaquiddick that now has no coverage.

Ms. Nancy Jarvais stated that she was an abutter and concerned about the radiation and the effects on the farm animals and her own welfare.

Ms. Varkonda replied that she had read a lot of information about the radiation and whether or not it would harm or effect the surrounding population.

Ms. Jarvais stated that she had studies from Europe stating that it does affect the animals. She was concerned for the cows and the meat they produced.

Ms. Varkonda replied that she did have the information and if Ms. Jarvais would like to discuss it further she was welcome to come to her office or call any time to discuss it.

Mr. Tom Burke then asked about the structural integrity of the silos and if they could handle the equipment.

Ms. Christina Brown, member of the Conservation Commission, stated that the town has been caretaker of the farm for a long time. The consultant did a preliminary look at the silos. Anyone who were to answer the RFP would have to look at it more closely and come up with a plan for structure inside.

Mr. Burke asked if there was a real need for coverage in town or was this something the companies wanted.

Ms. Varkonda replied that the answer was both. AT&T has been asking for at least three years about that particular site.

Ms. Brown stated that any reply to the RFP would include a map of current coverage to express the need.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Ms. Greenough and Ms. Varkonda for their hard work and asked that they keep the Board updated. He then recognized Police Chief Tony Bettencourt and IT Manager, Adam Darack who were present to discuss a new idea for parking tickets.

Mr. Darack stated that he and the chief had been discussing parking tickets and the process associated with them in detail. They had found a company that was used by many other off island towns that would involve a handheld unit that would scan the inspections sticker of the car, fill out the information, and print out the ticket for the officer. The ticket receiver would then have the option of paying the ticket online. It would be cheaper for the town to process and easier for the violator to pay the ticket. He estimated that it would save the town approximately \$8500 per year which is about 50% less than with the county and it would be much more efficient than the current system.

Chief Bettencourt stated that there are sometimes inconsistencies in the writing and collecting of the handwritten tickets. He would like to shrink down the number of tickets written and collect more of a percentage. He also posed the idea to the Board that he would like to shrink the ticketing area in town to the four parking lots at a two hour limit and eliminate ticketing on Main St. and the side streets. He felt it would make the town more welcoming and would make ticketing in a smaller area more consistent. It would be up to the business owners in town to keep their employees parking out of town and encourage them to leave the spots for customers.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed with Mr. Bettencourt that the idea did sound more welcoming. He asked Ms. Serpa her opinion.

Ms. Serpa stated that first they should look into the new ticket writing system. The parking was something to consider.

Mr. Darack stated that they were just informing the Board at this point what they were looking into. They would have to make a decision by December to be ready by summer.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that a 50% savings was hard to turn down.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the 50% savings will have the equipment paid off in no time.

Chief Bettencourt stated that they would still see some paper tickets. They would start with two handheld units and go from there.

Ms. Serpa asked if the same amount of summer help would be hired.

Chief Bettencourt replied yes they would just be able to help in other areas.

Mr. Roger Becker asked if it would be possible to print reports of who was getting the tickets to determine if they were summer employees or visitors.

Mr. Darack responded that on the current system that was not possible. On the new system that would be possible.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Darack and Chief Bettencourt for keeping the Board informed. He then recognized Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

Mr. Fuller stated that he had a Chapter 90 request to the state to do some paving projects.

Ms. Serpa moved to sign and approve the Chapter 90 request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item, which was a request from Andrew Farrissey to move a small house from North Summer St. to Oak Bluffs. He stated that the Board had received a letter from the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee stating that they were unable to use the house and supported Mr. Farrissey's request. He then recognized Mr. Farrissey.

Mr. Farrissey explained that his son and his fiancé had a lot in Oak Bluffs and this was a way for them to get a house affordably. He had spoken with all the appropriate utilities and made all the arrangements. He just needed the approval of the Board.

Mr. Fuller stated that it was a small house and shouldn't be a problem to move.  
Ms. Serpa moved to approve the move a building permit application. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board had a letter from the Conservation Commission that they recommend not to use the right of first refusal option on a piece of land for sale at Herring Creek Farm.

Ms. Brown stated that the property is on the waterfront with a very small access and not accessible to the public. It is also very highly assessed. The Commission did not see it as a wise purchase. She did state that they are always looking, this was just not a good fit.

Ms. Serpa moved to pass on the right of first refusal on the recommendation of the Conservation Commission. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

An Auctioneer's license for Concierge Auctions of West Palm Beach, FL to auction off a home on South Water St.

A travel voucher for the Highway Department.

For Alchemy to close from January 3, 2012 – February 3, 2012 for annual maintenance.

At 4:35pm Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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