

Selectmen's Meeting
November 7, 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 and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smadbeck recognized Ms. Alice Boyd of Bailey, Boyd, and Associates. She read the public hearing notice aloud and stated that it had been run twice in a local newspaper on October 28, 2011 and November 4, 2011.

Ms. Boyd stated that this was the second of two required public hearings before submitting the application for the Community Development Grant for FY12. She stated that this year the application would include Aquinnah, West Tisbury, and Chilmark. West Tisbury is only eligible every three years. They are requesting \$835,000 for housing rehabilitation and \$160,000 for childcare subsidies. It will also include funds to cover for any cost incurred by the program in the town audit.

Ms. Boyd went on to thank Ms. Melissa Vincent, who was not present, for all her work on the grant application.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if there was any public comment or questions. There being none, he closed the public portion of the hearing.

Ms. Serpa moved to vote with the following wording: "To submit an FY12 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the grant application on the Board's behalf". Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Brendan Langley, resident of 19th Street. Mr. Lenny Jason, Building and Zoning Inspector, was also present for Mr. Langley's issue.

Mr. Langley started by thanking the town for all the improvements to 19th St. and that the neighbors were working on starting a neighborhood association to improve the area. He asked the Board if there was anything they could do about a neighbor with various construction equipment in his yard as well as a boat, boat trailer, and a dump truck. He stressed that he was speaking for the neighbors and not just himself.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board remembered him coming in before about the same neighbor's bobcat being on the road right of way. He believed that it had been moved off town property and asked Mr. Jason for guidance.

Mr. Jason stated that all the items were now on the person's property. There was no violation and he could not make him move the items.

Mr. Langley stated that he felt this person was thumbing his nose at the neighbors. He didn't think any of the items in question were registered.

Mr. Jason replied that a property owner was restricted to one unregistered "car or truck". The bylaws do not restrict any other vehicles, construction equipment, boats, or trailers.

Mr. Smadbeck told Mr. Langley that he was hearing that there were no violations from what Mr. Jason is telling him.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had spoken with Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent, and he had told her the bobcat was now completely off of Town Property.

Mr. Langley stated that he suspected that the neighbor was running a landscaping business, but conceded that all the items were on his property.

Ms. Serpa stated that if all the items were on his property, there is no violation she could see.

Mr. Smadbeck told Mr. Langley that Mr. Jason would go and have another look, but that it seemed that the items had a right to be there. He then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was the Council on Aging. He recognized Mr. Paul Mohair, Director.

Mr. Mohair stated that the Library Building Committee had come to the Council on Aging (COA) to see if they would be interested in using the Carnegie Building for the COA base

instead of the Anchors Building. The COA wanted to ask the town seniors for their opinion and had an advertised public hearing on November 2, 2011 in the town hall meeting room. It was attended by more than thirty seniors.

Ms. Nancy Shemeth, Chairman of the COA Board, stated that the attendees all acted in an orderly fashion. The deadline for correspondence is November 15, 2011. They had a vote of 29 opposed to moving and 0 for. The consensus being that they are strongly opposed to moving out of The Anchors. The audience had lots of ideas about the Library and uses for the old school. They were told to go to meetings of the Library Building Committee (LBC) to express their opinions. Two members of the LBC were present at the hearing: Mr. Larry Mercier and Mr. Chris Scott.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the LBC had to explore all possibilities as a process, but that there was never any plan to move the Senior Center at this time. He then recognized Mr. TJ Hagerty, County Pest Manager.

Mr. Hagerty presented a financial report for Pest Management for the first quarter of FY12 with comparisons to the same quarter in FY11.

Mr. Smadbeck asked what the cost differences were for towns not in the program compared to in the program.

Mr. Hagerty gave some examples. For an ant treatment a customer in a town in the program pays \$110 and a customer in a town not in the program pays \$250. For a rodent treatment a program customer pays \$25 and a non-program customer pays \$125.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if that increased revenues overall.

Mr. Hagerty responded that it did not increase the revenue overall due to the lack of accounts in the non-participating town. There were only three. Edgartown has well over 150 accounts. Tisbury had around 40. He felt that a lot of people didn't know what services were available. He would be writing reports for submittal for each town's annual report. He was proud of the numbers produced in the first quarter.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Hagerty for coming. He then moved on to the next item on the agenda, it being the annual review for Mr. Adam Darack, Information Technology Manager for the town. Mr. Darack was present.

Ms. Serpa started by stating that the town was very fortunate to have Mr. Darack. He has proven his worth with the messaging system and all the work he has done with the Fire and Police notifying the public quickly and efficiently by texting and updating the town website frequently in the case of an emergency. He also works well with others.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed with Ms. Serpa and added that he thought the town website was great. There is new stuff all the time.

Ms. Dolby added that he was a great help to the Police Department on important business. He also helped install all the new equipment at the Wastewater Department and the Water Department when they moved. He has also been helping the Fire Department update all their technology and assisting the Harbormaster in some technical issues. She agreed that the website is great and that the texting system is great in an emergency or storm.

Mr. Darack responded that it was easy to work with people who wanted to update and learn new technology. He thanked the Board for their kind words.

Ms. Serpa moved to give Mr. Darack a favorable review. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes from October 31, 2011.

A Yard Sale permit for Theresa Brown at 41 S. 18th St. on November 12, 2011 from 12noon – 5pm.

A Fisherman's Depot Lot Lease renewal for Bruce Farland d/b/a Great Harbor Boatyard.

Two Travel Vouchers for the Police Department and One for the Fire Department.

To accept a \$100,000 gift for the Dredge Department from Cow Bay.

To grant two requests from the Wharf Pub: to stay open on January 1, 2012 to 2am and for them to close for seasonal repairs and cleaning from February 16, 2012 – March 14, 2012.

Ms. Dolby then gave her update. She reported that they had received the copies from the Water Department of the bills for USDA. The Board had a budget meeting at the school on November 9th at 10am and that the solar hearing with the Planning Board would be on November 15th at 7:15pm.

There being no further business, Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:35pm. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Not Present

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant