

Selectmen's Meeting
November 28, 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 Donaroma, and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and recognized Mr. James Cisek, Chairman of the Historic District Commission.

Mr. Cisek presented an award from the Historic District Commission to John and Judith Tankard of 16 School Street for their efforts to historically restore their house.

Mr. Tankard accepted the award and credited the attention to detail to his contractors Mr. Ivory Littlefield and Mr. Adam Hayes. He invited everyone to come by the house after the meeting for a tour.

Mr. Cisek then moved on to the next item which was expanding the Historic District. He would like an endorsement from the Board. This was the first step of a multiple step process which would include many public hearings and a town meeting.

Ms. Serpa asked if there was a map.

Mr. Cisek replied that he needed the support of the Board before they could form a map. They would like to base it on Edie Blake's map when the district was originally formed.

Mr. Donaroma asked if Mr. Cisek was asking the Board to endorse the Commission to come up with a plan that included a map. He understood it would be an 18 month process.

Mr. Cisek replied that Mr. Donaroma was correct.

Mr. Donaroma moved to endorse the Historic District Commission to put together a plan to possibly expand the Historic District. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was the annual review for Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

Ms. Serpa pointed out that she noticed he had the guys out there cleaning the leaves from around Town Hall that morning and it looked very nice when they were done. She stated that he has a good crew.

Mr. Donaroma stated that there were a lot of people that were happy that Robinson Rd. was paved. He felt that over the last year Mr. Fuller had made more effort to communicate with the public.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed with Ms. Serpa and Mr. Donaroma.

Ms. Dolby stated that they had a good working relationship.

Ms. Serpa moved to give Mr. Fuller a favorable review. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Fuller thanked the Board and asked if they could approve the salt bid which is down this year from \$70/ton to \$55/ton.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the salt bid for \$55/ton. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby stated that she would write the letter the next day.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was the annual review for Ms. Kim Kane, Town Accountant. He started by stating that the town is very thankful for all Ms. Kane does to keep track of the money. It's a lot of work and she does it very well.

Ms. Serpa stated that she understood it was not an easy job and Ms. Kane does very well at it.

Ms. Kane stated that she enjoyed her job and that the people were easy to work with.

Ms. Dolby stated that she did a good job as town accountant and financial director. A prime example of her skill was the Water Department issue. She is very good at what she does.

Ms. Serpa moved to give Ms. Kane a favorable review. Mr. Donaroma seconded.
Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

An \$11,000 transfer for the Beautification Committee.

A One Day Liquor license for the Firemen's Association.

A Yard Sale permit for Rush and Fisher for 142 Upper Main St.

A Travel Voucher for the Police Department and the IT Department.

Authorized Ms. Dolby and Ms. Serpa to sign the CDBG Grant application.

To accept the resignation of Bill Erickson as Water Commissioner.

For the Wharf to close for repair and maintenance from 2/19/12 - 3/16/12.

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Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Chris Murphy, Chairman of the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Mr. Murphy stated that he was visiting to start an annual visit to touch base with the town. He wanted to set a precedent so the chair would visit every year and he welcomed any questions the Board may have.

Mr. Donaroma asked about the progress on the DRI checklist. He would like to cut down on the redundancies as some towns already have zoning that covers items on the list. He had heard that day about adding large houses to the list and had thought that issue was dead already. The Board had already discussed that it was not in favor of adding large houses to the checklist. He had seen a draft checklist that day that was all about large houses and included aesthetics of the neighborhood and such.

Mr. Murphy replied that they are looking at changing the thresholds. Edgartown does a good job on regulating its own issues. Some of the other towns asked the MVC to look into regulating big houses and felt it needed a discussion. It is not likely that large homes will make it onto the DRI checklist.

Ms. Christina Brown, representative for Edgartown to the MVC, stated that it was just a discussion.

Mr. Murphy stated that Chilmark wanted some help handling the situation.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that just because one town was having issues, the MVC shouldn't hoist new regulations on all the other towns.

Ms. Brown replied that it will most likely come down to the Commission staff assisting the other towns into creating proper zoning to help them with regulation.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked the Commission members for coming. He then recognized Mr. Matt Brackman. Mr. Brackman was in to discuss the triathlon.

Mr. Brackman stated that the 2011 triathlon was a great success. There were 234 athletes that participated and 30-40 of those were islanders. There were no injuries and there were happy competitors and viewers. He believes 2012 will be bigger as word spreads. He was not planning on changing the course but would like to add a "sprint" course which would just include an addition of Barnes Rd from West Tisbury Rd. to Oak Bluffs.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he knew someone that had competed and they had a great time.

Mr. Brackman stated that he was planning the 2012 event for the weekend after Labor Day. He has an application to Mass DOT that he needs signed by the Fire and Police Chiefs as well as the State Police and the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the 2012 triathlon and authorize Ms. Dolby to sign the form.
Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

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

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant