

Selectmen's Meeting
December 5, 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. Sean Murphy. Mr. Murphy was present to represent the Harbor view Hotel and their request to have fireworks at midnight on December 31, 2011.

Mr. Murphy stated that they would like to shoot them off from a barge in the outer harbor at midnight on New Year's Eve. He asked if the \$1500 permit fee could go toward some of the town expenses for the event.

Police Chief Tony Bettencourt stated that he had no issue with the event. Because it was New Year's Eve, he would be fully staffed anyway. If it was any other day in the middle of winter, he may have had an issue.

Fire Chief Peter Shemeth stated that it depended on what the Coast Guard required for coverage. If they required only beacon lights around the perimeter of the barge, they would need two trucks on the shore. If they required a patrol, there would be much more manpower needed and he would have to have people on duty from 7:30 am until after the fireworks. He also pointed out that the fire boat is open and not enclosed. They would have to work with the Harbormaster to find an enclosed boat to accommodate the staff on duty.

Ms. Serpa thought that midnight was awfully late.

Chief Shemeth stated that earlier would be nice, if they were at midnight his guys wouldn't be done until at least 1am.

Ms. Serpa stated that it sounded like the whole fee would be used up with additional costs.

Mr. Donaroma stated that it was a good idea to bring business to town. It may go over in costs though, and the applicants would have to cover that.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had spoken with the Harbormaster and that he had been planning to be off island that night, but that he had decided to stay to help.

Chief Shemeth stated that the Oak Bluffs fire boat had been taken out of the water. He thought the situation could be handled with what Edgartown had though.

Mr. Smadbeck asked how important it was that the event be at midnight.

Mr. Murphy replied that they would like to have it at midnight due to the nature of the holiday.

Chief Bettencourt stated that the time did not bother him.

Ms. Serpa stated that the cost to the Fire Department was a concern.

Mr. Donaroma saw it as a good idea and recommended they speak with the Board of Trade.

Mr. Murphy stated that they were trying to work with the budget given to them.

Mr. Smadbeck saw it as a good idea and did not have a problem with the time.

Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster, stated that he would only have one boat available and it would still depend on what the USGS said. He asked if there would be a rain date.

Mr. Murphy stated that there would be no rain date and that the fireworks company would make the call by 8am on December 30th.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the application for a fireworks display with the permit money going toward the cost of the extra coverage. The Harbor View would have to pay the difference. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve a request from the Board of Trade to close Main St. from Summer St. to Water St. from after the parade until 2pm on Saturday, December 10th for the Chowder Contest. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The question was then raised if the Board of Trade could have amplified music during the parade and into the afternoon. The Board stated that it was allowed and they did not need to have a vote.

The Board then approved the following items:

Travel Vouchers for the Highway Department and Wastewater Department.

Liquor Licenses for: The Wharf Pub, The Harbor View, The Kelley House, Al's Package Store, Atria, Alchemy, Edgartown Meat & Fish, Edgartown Pizza, The Edgartown Reading Room, The Edgartown Yacht Club, The Grill on Main, Il Tesoro at the Terrace, Lattanzi's, Sharky's, Soigne, Sophia's One Stop Mart, The Square Rigger, Town Provisions, David Ryan's, and Your Market.

Sunday Entertainment Licenses for: The Wharf Pub, The Harbor View, The Kelley House, The Yacht Club, and Sharky's.

Weekday Entertainment Licenses for: The Wharf Pub, The Harbor View, The Kelley House, The Yacht Club, The Junior Yacht Club, and Sharky's.

Common Victualler Licenses for: The Wharf Pub, Atria, Alchemy, Edgartown Pizza, The Grill on Main, Il Tesoro at the Terrace, Lattanzi's, Sharky's, and the Square Rigger.

An Automatic Amusement License for The Wharf Pub for the Golden Tee Machine.

Innholders Licenses for: The Harbor View and the Kelley House.

Granted a request from Il Tesoro at the Terrace to close from January 6, 2012 to February 5, 2012 for annual maintenance and cleaning.

To renew a Fishermen's Depot Lease for Thomas Eldridge.

For the Firemen to sell T-shirts at the Minipark during Christmas in Edgartown as long as there was space for them.

Chief Bettencourt invited the Board to come to a simulator demonstration at the police station on Friday the 9th from 10-2.

The Board voted to accept a gift for the dredge in the amount of \$100,000 from the Cow Bay Association.

There being no further business, Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting at 4:26 pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant