

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**December 12, 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. Bob Burnham, Chairman of the Water Commissioners. Mr. Burnham was present with Mr. John Lovewell, Water Commissioner to elect a new temporary Water Commissioner to fill a vacancy until the next polls in April. Also present was Ms. Pia Webster, Assistant at the Water Department and Mr. Fred Domont, Water Superintendent.

Mr. Burnham started by officially opening the meeting of the water commissioners. He nominated Mr. William Waterway for the position. He cited his knowledge of water quality experience. Mr. Lovewell seconded the nomination.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he thought that the Commission needed someone with business sense.

Ms. Serpa agreed and nominated Mr. Jim Kelleher to the position. She cited his occupation as plumber and owning his own business. Mr. Donaroma seconded the nomination.

Mr. Burnham had a concern with having a plumber on the Commission as being sympathetic to leaky pipes. He didn't think the business aspect was as important. That's what he thought Mr. Domont was for.

They then had a vote. The vote was 2 for Mr. Waterways and 3 for Mr. Kelleher. Mr. Kelleher was appointed as the new Commissioner until the next poll in April.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was the annual review for Ms. Barbara Prada, Animal Control Officer. He recognized Ms. Prada and asked her how long she had been with the town now.

Ms. Prada replied that this year marked her 30<sup>th</sup> year with the town.

Ms. Serpa stated that she rarely saw any loose animal and that attested to what a good job she was doing. She asked if she still enjoyed it.

Ms. Prada replied that she had a good time most of the time.

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

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was to appoint a Town Poet Laureate. Present was Mr. Steve Ewing.

Mr. Donaroma moved to appoint Mr. Ewing to the position of Town Poet Laureate for an unspecified term. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Ewing replied that he was really honored and that it seemed like such a fancy term. He modestly called himself a local guy who just likes to write.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that at this point his only duty would be to read a poem at Annual Town Meeting.

Mr. Ewing replied that it sounded fun and that this was really great. He then stated that he had brought a poem that he had previously written to read for another occasion and read it aloud:

“For All”  
For all we have  
Not all we think we need  
For all the mountains  
Broad valleys, deepest seas  
For all our dreams  
Our hopes  
The friendships that we gain  
For all our loss

Our heartache  
All our pain  
For all the love  
That blesses us with peace  
We pray for strength  
Sustain us fore we feast  
We praise this force  
That graces us in need  
And pray for peace  
In every word and deed

The Board thanked him for coming.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Constable, who was in about the Mass Estuaries program.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the Mass Estuaries Program now includes Katama Bay, Cape Pogue, Pocha Pond, and Oyster Pond. They had wanted to ask for funding at the April 2012 town meeting but had not gotten the amounts in on time. He wanted to report to the Board that he had the figures now and they were: \$104,000 for Katama Bay and Cape Pogue, \$98,000 for Pocha Pond, and \$70,500 for Oyster Pond for a grand total of \$272,500.

Mr. Smadbeck asked what this would do to benefit the town.

Mr. Bagnall replied that it would give an idea of the scope of the health of the ponds.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Mr. Bagnall for coming in and stated that the board would look into it and get back to him.

The Board then approved the following items:

A letter to CDBG closing the FY09 grant.

To renew a Fishermen's Depot Lot lease for Steve Ewing.

To renew Commercial Marine Licenses for: Aquamarine Dredge and Aquamarine Dockbuilders.

For the Harbor View to close from 12/18/11 – 12/29/11 for annual maintenance.

For the Harbor View to extend their hours on New Year's Eve to close at 2am on 1/1/12 and stop serving at 1:30am.

For Alchemy to extend their hours on New Year's Eve to close at 2am on 1/1/12 and stop serving at 1:30am.

To agree to a change order for the auditor to add the Water Department, The Wastewater Department, and the CDBG Grant.

To sign the failure to renew form for the ABCC to include The Main Street Diner and Détente.

Ms. Dolby reminded the Board that the Town Hall Christmas Party is on December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4. She also reminded them that budgets were due December 15<sup>th</sup>.

Ms. Serpa moved to go into executive session not to return to regular session until December 13<sup>th</sup> at 4pm at the Water Department to discuss pending litigation at 4:29pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous by a roll call vote with all voting aye.

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,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant