

Selectmen's Meeting
March 8, 2010
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 Michael Donaroma, Chairman; Margaret Serpa; & Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator, Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Donaroma opened the hearing for Mr. Stephen Kuehne. Mr. Kuehne had not paid his rent for his fishermen's depot lot and was in violation of his lease. Mr. Donaroma asked Mr. Kuehne if he had anything to say.

Mr. Kuehne replied that he had gotten behind and would like to keep his lot. He stated that he could have the money by the end of the month.

Ms. Serpa moved that Mr. Kuehne pay his amount due of \$583.34 in form of a bank check or money order, that would pay his lease through December 31, 2010, by March 31, 2010 or lose his lot lease. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:05 p.m. Mr. Donaroma opened the NStar hearing on 26 Simpson's Lane for a 25' underground conduit and cable.

Ms. Dolby stated that the owners of this development have dug up and destroyed Simpson's Lane without permit from the Town.

Ms. Serpa stated that no further work should be done before written assurance that after installation the road would be returned to a proper surface.

Mr. Fred Domont, Water Superintendent, would like to be assured that the electrical line is the required footage away from the water and wastewater pipes.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent, suggested doing the project on private land instead of in the road.

There being no further input, Mr. Donaroma closed the hearing at 4:10 pm.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve on condition that the road surface issue get settled and the Water and Highway departments' approval of placement. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Ms. Diane Bongiorno, Assistant Chairman of the Library Board of Trustees, to submit the Board's suggestions for the Library Building Committee. The Board was requested by the Selectmen to suggest five people. They submitted three. The nominees were: Ms. Ann Tyra, Mr. Bob Andrews, and Mr. Richard Knight.

Ms. Serpa moved to appoint the following persons to the "Edgartown Library Building Committee" for a term of one year: Ms. Ann Tyra, Mr. Bob Andrews, Mr. Richard Knight, Mr. Mort Fearey, Mr. Chris Scott, Mr. Laurence Mercier, and Mr. Michael Donaroma. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby stated that the first meeting would probably be at the beginning of April.

Mr. Richard (Dick) Knight then presented a letter to the Board as a response to Mr. Becker's letter of the previous week regarding the Chappaquiddick Bike Path. He dispensed with reading aloud but requested it to be in the record. A copy is attached.

Mr. Donaroma then moved to approve the finalized warrant for Annual Town Meeting on April 13th and the ballot questions for April 15th. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

A transfer for the Dredge department of \$16,500.

A Yard Sale permit for the Federated Church for April 15th from 9am-12am.

A Common Victualler's License for L'etoile.

3 travel vouchers for the Police Department.

The Katama Airfield Burn sometime between 3/12/10 and 5/28/10.

The minutes of 11/16/09, 11/23/09, & 2/8/10.

The Affordable Housing Trust requested to use an additional \$439 toward the DCRH rental conversion program over and above the \$10,000 that was previously approved. Ms. Janet Hathaway was present.

Ms. Hathaway stated that the EAHC had formed a "Task Force" to look at affordable housing options. They had also hired an administrative assistant who will be attending meetings and helping applicants.

Ms. Dolby had heard that the DCRH wanted the Towns to pick up the tab for the full rental subsidy needs and had talked to Ms. Hathaway about it. After their talk she felt that Ms. Hathaway was on top of the issue and that the "Task Force" will solve some of the issues that have arisen.

Ms. Serpa stated that the trust is intended for permanent housing not rentals. This was a one time rescue.

Ms. Hathaway answered that she understood and that this was a one time emergency situation with another affordable housing entity not living up to their responsibilities and the Town stepping up. She agreed that the goal was home ownership.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the additional \$439. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then addressed a letter from the Wastewater Commission. They wanted permission to speak with Town Council on a proposal from Associated Wind Developers to provide wind power at the Wastewater Department.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he had been involved with a lot of alternative energy projects. He didn't want to recommend this project. He felt there would be too many issues and the money would be better spent looking into solar energy. He moved to not recommend the Committee refer to Town Council for the above cited reasons and send a letter recommending they seek alternatives such as solar. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then regretfully accepted the resignation of Ms. Dolby from the Conservation Commission.

Mr. Roger Becker then thanked the Town for their quick response to the pothole he pointed out on Chappaquiddick. He appreciated the concern for safety issues.

Ms. Dolby then announced that the subcommittee proposed bylaws for construction noise and curb cuts needed more work so the articles will not be on the warrant this year. The Planning Board decided not to put any paths on the Warrant this year either. The Byways Committee had asked Town Council for assistance on certain paths and he had helped them all he could. They are now at an impasse.

Ms. Serpa moved to send a letter to the Byways Committee telling them not to seek further advice from Town Council. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:30pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen