

## Selectmen's Meeting

March 29, 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 Margaret Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck.

At 4:00 p.m. Ms. Serpa opened the meeting. The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes from March 15<sup>th</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>.

A Sunday Entertainment license for Atlantic.

A renewal of Aquaculture lease for Raymond Gailey.

Travel vouchers: one for the Police Department and two for the Highway Department.

A one day liquor license for the Firemen's Association for their monthly meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

At 4:05 p.m. Ms. Serpa opened the floor to Mr. Ron Minkin of MV Transport LLC. Mr. Minkin would like to operate a tour service in Edgartown. He has changed his previous proposal from small buses to large vans that hold 15 people including the driver. He has obtained street permits from Oak Bluffs and Aquinnah. He needs street permits from all the towns he would like to service before he can obtain a tour permit from the state.

Ms. Serpa referred to Police Chief Paul Condlin.

Chief Condlin stated that he would need the following information before consideration: A list of all streets he would like to give the tour on, the number of trips per day with times, the number of vehicles, where he intended to drop off customers. Church Street is too busy already, cab stands were off limits as well as loading zones. He suggested the Trolley Lot. He also stated that if Mr. Minkin were allowed to give tours going beyond Church St., it may effect the agreement with the other tour companies from 1988 and there may need to be a public hearing.

Mr. Smadbeck told Mr. Minkin to provide the information that the Chief has requested and work with him on an agreeable solution before returning to see the Board for a street license.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the matter of The Main St. Diner. The Board has had several reports that they have not been open. She asked Chief Condlin if he had seen them open.

Chief Condlin replied that he had not seen them open but had not been checking regularly.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Board had received a letter stating that they have been open.

Ms. Karen Fuller replied that the letter was in response to a phone call. The minimum is three days a week. Breakfast and lunch would be acceptable.

Ms. Serpa asked Chief Condlin if he would mind his department taking note if they kept the hours they have posted.

Chief Condlin replied that he would keep an eye out and if they are not keeping the posted hours the Board would have to have a hearing.

Ms. Serpa then raised the issue of Sophia's One Stop Mart. They would like to be open and sell beer and wine from 8am-11pm.

Ms. Fuller stated that that would be weekdays. She was unsure about Sundays and had made a call to the ABCC to see what the limitations were. She didn't think those hours were acceptable on Sundays.

The Board then conducted the annual review for Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that Mr. Blair was a great Harbormaster and runs the harbor very well. The Town is lucky to have him.

Ms. Serpa concurred and stated that he was very good at quickly responding to issues and that his staff makes him look good.

Mr. Blair replied that his staff is great and that his job is no longer a one man job. They are very knowledgeable of the policies and are good at fending off issues.

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

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Steven Barret from Harris, Miller, Miller & Hanson Inc. Who is agent for the Town for the Muskeget Channel Tidal Energy Project. Mr. Barrett presented an update as to where the process was and the outlook for the future. He explained that there would be an environmental impact study, which would include a model to check impact on tidal action, a benthic environment survey, and tests to see how protected marine species may be impacted. In the summer, he anticipated an outreach to the community. He asked for advice on whom to contact in town.

Mr. Barrett also felt that they were in a good position to receive another grant this year focusing on protected marine species.

Mr. Smadbeck suggested Mr. Barrett start by contacting Stuart Fuller, Paul Bagnall, Joe Allosso, and Charlie Blair. He then asked about the FERC licensing and if they were happy.

Mr. Barrett responded that the FERC licensing was going well. In speaking with the project manager they had assigned, Mr. Barrett would like to request that the Board vote to take the Pilot Process, which would reverse their vote of the previous week to go with the Integrated Process. The project manager thought this was a better path.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to go back to the Pilot Process for the application. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Barrett then spoke about the Eastport project. They are slightly ahead of Edgartown and are progressing nicely. He showed a picture and sketch of how the turbine device works. He was planning on taking a trip out there to see it. The device is going to provide electricity to the local US Coast Guard Station.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that it sounded good and the Board thanked Mr. Barrett for his hard work and update and reiterated that if he needed any assistance Ms. Karen Fuller was at his disposal.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn at 4:49 P.M. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.


Respectfully submitted,

Approved:

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Assistant

  
Michael J. Doñaroma, Chairman

  
Margaret E. Serpa

  
Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen