

## Selectmen's Meeting

April 12, 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 J. Donaroma, Chairman; Margaret Serpa and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m. Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and announced the first item was a tree hearing for a Mr. Giordano on Pease Point Way. He then abstained from the hearing due to being a neighbor. Representing Mr. Giordano was Mr. Mark Crossland. Mr. Stuart Fuller, Tree Warden, was also present.

Mr. Crossland explained that the trees were two Black Locust trees and that they were in declining condition. He had a letter from Mr. Hagerty stating their ill health and that they are leaning toward the street. Mr. Crossland would like to replace the Black Locusts with Princeton Elms of 3" caliper or larger. He presented pictures of the declining trees and the proposed new trees as well as a location map.

Mr. Fuller stated that he supports replacement of the trees. They looked fine from the street, but from the back were obviously in bad shape. The trunks are open and loose with decay. He also approves of the Princeton Elm as replacements.

Ms. Serpa closed the public hearing at 4:03pm. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the removal and replacement of the trees. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma returned and recognized Ms. Marilyn Wortman, Personnel Assistant. Ms. Wortman wanted the Board's assistance in urging the Town Treasurer, Ms. Sharon Willoughby, to accept Aflac Short and Long Term Disability as a paycheck withdrawal. She had set a minimum at 9 people. Ms. Wortman has four that are interested and have been for over a year. There is no other way they can get this particular insurance than to have it taken out of their paychecks. Ms. Willoughby would have to issue a check each month to Aflac.

Ms. Serpa stated that if they bend the rules for these people to add this insurance it would open up the flood gates to have other insurance with 2 or 3 people and that would make a lot more work for the Treasurer's office.

Ms. Willoughby replied that the matter was processing. The town already has companies to choose from.

Ms. Wortman replied that the companies the town already had don't provide this particular insurance. Other towns provide it and that is how the Edgartown employees heard about it.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that if this was the only company, perhaps the Board should look into allowing it. Wouldn't it benefit the employees?

Ms. Serpa asked how many insurance companies with deductions the town already had.

Ms. Willoughby replied 5. She doesn't want to deny it. She would just like to keep the number of companies limited.

Ms. Serpa asked if Ms. Wortman had asked the outside departments if they would like to participate.

Ms. Wortman replied that she had not. This was just the core group that had originally asked.

Ms. Serpa suggested seeing if anyone else was interested. Maybe she could come up with the 9 she needed.

Mr. Smadbeck thought that this was something the town should do for its employees. Ms. Wortman should go and see if anyone else was interested and Ms. Willoughby should go see how much extra work it would really be. Maybe something could be worked out.

Mr. Donaroma then noticed Mr. Peter Vincent Jr. Mr. Vincent was present to represent Vineyard Golf Club in a request to plant trees and extend a buffer burm between the Golf Course and the Morgan Woods Development.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the burm made sense and asked if Mr. Vincent had talked with Jessica Burgoyne, Manager of Morgan Woods, about planting the trees on Morgan Woods property.

Mr. Vincent replied that he had not.

Ms. Dolby stated that she would speak with Ms. Burgoyne about the trees.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the burm extension. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Ms. Janet Hathaway, Chairman of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee. Ms. Hathaway was present to request that the Board approve and sign the contract for the new assistant. She stated that the contract would be similar to the one the Committee had with Marilyn Wortman with some small changes in wording. The new assistant would start at \$18/hr.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the contract. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Hathaway also included for the Board some literature on the Buy Down project and a new lottery format that the Committee is looking at.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Eugene "Gino" Courtney. Mr. Courtney was having some issues with runoff coming into his store at the bottom of Main St. because the thresholds were lower than the sidewalk by the street and the sidewalk sloped toward the thresholds. He was fixing the building so that the threshold was no longer lower than the street side of the sidewalk by raising it 4" and wanted the Town to fix the sidewalk.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendant, wanted Mr. Courtney to pay for half of the cost. Traditionally if property owners wanted something done on the sidewalk in front of their property they would pay 50%. He stated that Mr. Courtney is assuming the Town built the sidewalk wrong, when it could have been done to accommodate the lower sill height of the building on purpose.

Mr. Serpa asked what the cost would be.

Mr. Fuller replied about \$5000.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the floor was too low to begin with. It was unclear why the sidewalk was built that way and if it was on purpose or not.

Mr. Smadbeck called it a repair and stated that it really had nothing to do with the 50/50 split. The Town needed to repair the sidewalk so the runoff would go into the street. He made a motion to approve the repair and for the Town to pay for it. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes from 3/29/10.

A Yard Sale Permit for Rolfe Wenner at 35 Mercier Way on 5/29/2010.

A Common Victualler's License for Mad Martha's.

A "Block a Sidewalk" Permit for Michael Creech in front of the Black Dog and Sovereign Bank on Main St. and the bank on North Water St. also in front of the Great Put On on the corner of Mayhew Lane and Dock St. with the stipulation that nothing be dumped or rinsed down the street drains.

To accept the resignation of Jean Andrews from the Council on Aging and to send a letter of appreciation for all her service.

The Camp Jabberwocky 5K race on August 21, 2010.

The Martha's Vineyard Goes Pink Breast Cancer Walk for May 8, 2010.

A Common Victualer Alcohol License for L'etoile. Ms. Dolby requested on behalf of the applicant to remove the drinks with meal rule on the license. Ms. Serpa moved to approve request. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

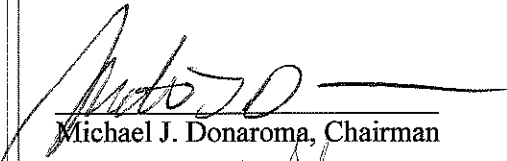
A Sunday Entertainment License for Vineyard Golf.

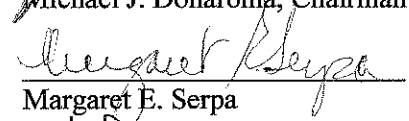
Steamship vouchers for the Police Department and Assessor's Office.

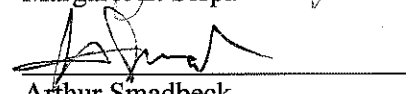
To award the Main Street Planter bid to Donaroma's with the recommendation from the Beautification Committee. Mr. Donaroma abstained.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:35 pm. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

  
Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

  
Margaret E. Serpa

  
Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant

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