

Selectmen's Meeting
May 10, 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 E. Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck; and Michael J. Donaroma. Also present was Ms. Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m. Ms. Serpa opened the meeting. The first item on the agenda was the Annual Review of Town Treasurer, Ms. Sharon Willoughby. Ms. Serpa then recused herself and left the room.

Mr. Donaroma stated that it had been another year and the board was glad to have Ms. Willoughby. She was a lot of help to the town.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the he was happy that the Town interest rates stayed low and that was a testament to her good work.

Mr. Donaroma moved to give a favorable review. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa returned.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Janet Hathaway, Chairman of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee. She had a few things to talk to the Board about. First she brought up the two affordable housing units on High St. There had been some problems including drainage and an electrical box that was too close to the foundation. The sales were handled by the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority but there was no monitoring agent for issues that arise after the sale. The residents had asked the Town for help. Ms. Hathaway and the Zoning Inspector, Mr. Lenny Jason, had been in contact with Mr. Morton the developer and he was working on the issues.

Mr. Smadbeck commended the EAHC for taking on the roll of monitoring agent. No one had thought of the after process. Mr. Smadbeck had also had a talk with Mr. Morton.

Ms. Hathaway stated that there were some similar problems at Jenney Way but that the residents were able to work it out on their own with the developer there.

Ms. Hathaway then moved on to the second item for discussion. The Committee seemed to be going through a bit of a transition period. They had a new assistant. Ms. Hathaway would like to step down as chairman in the fall. She feels the time is right. She would like to stay on the committee. The Board of Selectmen received a letter of resignation from long time committee member Mr. Alan Gowell. She asked that the Board take it under consideration and not decide on it yet. The letter had really taken Ms. Hathaway by surprise and she wanted to have a talk with Mr. Gowell first.

Ms. Dolby stated that she thought it would also be a great loss to the Town if Mr. Gowell resigned. She asked to also take the resignation under advisement.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to take Mr. Gowell's resignation under advisement. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Hathaway had one more request. She wanted permission for the Trust to go to Town Counsel on the covenant for the Buy Down Program. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby reminded Ms. Hathaway that under the trust agreement, the Trust did not need permission to seek professional assistance.

The Board then approved the following items:

To reappoint Ms. Ann Vose to the Beautification Committee.

The Designer Criteria for the Library and to proceed with the Request for Proposals.

Upon a 3-1 vote of the Shellfish Committee to appoint Mr. Ryan Smith to the Shellfish Committee to complete the appointment of Mr. Emerson Haslam who resigned earlier this year to April 30, 2011.

To not renew the lease of Mr. Stephen Kuehne for his fishermen's depot lot on the basis that he did not obtain insurance for his lot and was allowing other people to keep their possessions on the lot. He must vacate the premises by June 15, 2010.

Ms. Dolby then gave the Board an update of goings on in Town. She had received calls about several situations in town. Mr. Sisco had been asked to remove his items from the sidewalk. He said they would be removed by that afternoon. He had told the police he had an "Occupy the Sidewalk Permit" when in fact he did not. The one he had expired 12/24/09.

The Police Department will start notification of no parking for people illegally parked around construction sights as well.

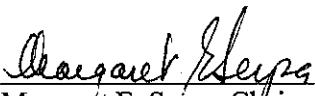
Ms. Serpa questioned that the Police Department sign the permit shouldn't they know if one is issued.

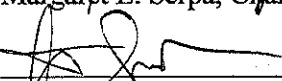
Lt. Bettencourt stated that some sites are difficult and he was assuming it was part of the building permit process.

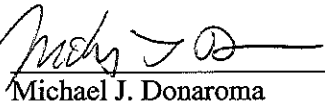
Ms. Dolby stated that the permit is acquired through the Board of Selectmen's office and it needed to be signed by the Police Department and Highway Superintendent and if there is a violation they call the Police Department for enforcement. She suggested all permits be faxed over to the Police Department after approval.

Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn at 4:20 pm. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:


Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman


Arthur Smadbeck


Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant