

Selectmen's Meeting
August 30, 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 Board then approved the following items:

Yard Sale permits for: JW Pikor at 47 Cottage St. on 9/11/10 from 9am-5pm, Deborah Rogers at 16 Martha's Rd. on 9/4/10 from 9am-1pm, & Robin Quick at 36 Crocker Dr. on 9/4/10 from 9am – 3pm.

A One Day Liquor License for the Library Foundation for their function "Frankly we Love our Library" at the Katama Airport on September 6th from 4pm-7pm.

Police Chief Tony Bettencourt then spoke about the impending hurricane Earl. He stated that he had a talk with Harbor Master Charlie Blair and Fire Chief Peter Shemeth and they would like to have an Emergency Management meeting at the Fire Station on Tuesday, August 31st at 3pm.

The Board agreed and said they would attend and then named off the departments that should attend: Harbormaster, Highway, Council on Aging, Fire, Police, Health, Wastewater, Water, & the school.

Chief Bettencourt then moved on to other matters. He explained that he had been in contact with a Mr. John Hotz. Mr. Hotz used to live on island but now lives in Florida. He works on writing grants for towns for emergency boats for a company called SAFE Boats International. He would like to work with the town to get a grant for a harbor patrol boat. The Chief provided an overview of the boat which would cost \$329,000. The description is attached.

Chief Bettencourt thought this was a very good idea and a great opportunity for the town. The Police Department had been working with the Harbormaster all summer to help keep the peace on the harbor and this boat would be a great continuation of that relationship. The harbor patrol boat would also have fire fighting capabilities and the Coast Guard has offered free training for officers and firefighters. He was asking the Board for approval to continue pursuit of the grant for the boat. He would put together a cost analysis for the continued upkeep of the boat for the Board.

Mr. Smadbeck saw this as a great opportunity for the town.

Ms. Serpa was happy Chief Bettencourt was thinking of the cost of upkeep and maintenance to get an idea of the overall expenses to the town.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to proceed seeking the grant. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby then pointed out that Chief Bettencourt and the Youth Task Force had done a great job working together on curbing underage drinking.

Chief Bettencourt thanked Ms. Dolby and reiterated that it was a joint effort.

Mr. Ray Colonicus of New Jersey then asked to speak in reference to a letter he had left for the Board in reference to his town in New Jersey trying to create a co-operative government and get rid of it's current system. He wanted the Board to forward a letter to Governor Patrick.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that in Massachusetts the town exists at the leisure of the state. The Board did not feel it was their place to form and voice an opinion on an issue in New Jersey. He thought it would be interesting to see what happened though.

Ms. Dolby asked the Board for permission to discontinue ordering law books for the Town. All of the laws and updates are available online and it costs the town quite a bit for the books and people rarely, if ever, use them.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to suspend the ordering of law books. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby asked to set the Special Town Meeting date for October 28, 2010 at 7:00pm.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to make it so. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:22pm Mr. Donaroma moved to continue until the Emergency Management meeting on August 31st at 3pm at the Fire Station. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

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