

Selectmen's Meeting
September 7, 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 and recognized Mr. Greg Blaine of Blaine Welding. Mr. Blaine wanted permission to occupy the sidewalk in front of the Edgartown National Bank on South Water St. while he removed the old safe. He needed his truck to be parked right outside to run various hoses and welding equipment from. He planned to take it out in chunks. The dates would be Saturday and Sunday 9/18 & 9/19.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the permit to occupy the sidewalk. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Peter Shemeth, Fire Chief and Emergency Management Director for Edgartown. Chief Shemeth was present to report how things went before and during Hurricane Earl.

Chief Shemeth stated that the new Code Red went well. The goal was to get the public informed but not to incite panic. The Town used several different avenues to inform the public in addition to the Code Red including the texting system, Newspapers, Town website, and the town's emergency information number 9118. There were many conference calls each day w/ MEMA, State government officials, & weather services as well as meetings each day with local officials and Town department heads. On Friday there was a conference call with the Chiefs and Selectmen at 12:30pm and they decided to change the advisory to 8pm. There was never a driving "ban". They tried to keep everyone informed and overall he feels they were well prepared. The worst part was a lot of flooding.

Mr. Adam Darack, Computer Systems Manager, stated that he had an additional 140-150 people sign up for the text service.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that everybody did a great job and he felt that the town was in good hands. He liked the new ways the town had to communicate with the citizens.

It was decided that the Board would send letters to the Governor, FEMA, MEMA, Nstar, Kurt Swartz, Stop & Shop, The Red Cross, and Peter Martell.

The Board then thanked all involved for all their hard work.

Ms. Serpa then recused herself from the meeting and sat in the audience.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Police Chief Tony Bettencourt. Present were Officers Dolby, Edwards, Smith, and Searle. Also present were family members of the officers.

Chief Bettencourt stated that there had been a lot of changes at the Police Department. He had interviewed all of the department and felt he had chosen a good group. He asked the board to make the following appointments: Christopher M. Dolby, Detective Sergeant; Craig A. Edwards, Sergeant; Thomas L. Smith, Sergeant; & Jonathan M. Searle, Sergeant.

Mr. Donaroma moved to make the appointments. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Wanda Williams, Town Clerk, then swore in the officers to their new positions and it was followed by a round of applause and lots of shaking of hands in congratulations.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 7/26/10, 8/9/10, & 8/16/10.

A travel voucher for the Wastewater Department.

A yard sale for Rush & Fisher for the Ashmun property at 20 Cow Bay Rd. on September 26th from 9am-3pm.

They decided that they would have a joint meeting with the Shellfish Committee before making any changes to positions in that department.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had had a lot of positive feed back on the storm preparedness of the town. The Library Designer interviews would be held Wednesday and Thursday morning with the Library Building Committee. She had also organized a liquor license holder meeting to encourage them to work together on some issues.

Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn at 4:20 pm. 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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