

Selectmen's Meeting
October 4, 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 Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 p.m Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and recognized Ms. Janet Hathaway, chairman of the Edgartown Affordable Housing Committee. Ms. Hathaway was present to give an update on the committee. She started by announcing that Mr. Doug Ruskin had resigned from the committee and has moved to West Tisbury. She was inviting any interested parties to come and visit a meeting to find out what it's like. The next meetings would be October 7th and 21st. She stated that there were now 2 positions available on the Committee. They should be advertised.

Mr. Smadbeck answered that the Selectmen would advertise the positions.

Ms. Hathaway then asked that Mr. Alan Gowell be appointed to the Community Preservation Committee as the Affordable Housing Committee's representative. He had resigned from the AHC in the spring but would still like to represent them on the CPC and the committee would like to keep him in that position.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to appoint Mr. Gowell through April 30, 2011. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Hathaway stated that the "Buy down program" would hopefully be in effect by November. Town Council was still working on composing the deed rider associated with the program.

Ms. Dolby then brought up some town owned lots on 6th street that the Housing Committee was surveying and fencing. There has been a problem with people dumping there. There was an article on the Special Town Meeting Warrant to sell the lots as affordable housing. Hopefully they can be sold as resident homesite lots.

Ms. Hathaway stated that the EAHC is in favor of the possible 5 6th St. lots as resident homesite lots. She'd like to have a joint meeting and also discuss the Meshacket lot that is being studied. After the study there will be public hearings.

Ms. Serpa asked if the title was settled and clear.

Ms. Hathaway answered that the issue had been rectified. There was also talk of hooking it up to Wastewater when Island Grove is piped.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he would like to have some public hearings.

Ms. Dolby asked if this was the lot that abutted the Water Department.

Ms. Hathaway answered that it did abut the back end. But, they wanted to focus on the 6th St. lots first.

At 4:05pm Ms. Barbara Prada, Animal Control Officer, gave her quarterly report. She stated that it had been an odd summer. There were no dog bites in June or July and 2 in August. She had more reports of cats with wounds of unknown origin that had to be quarantined.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there had been any reports of coyote sightings.

Ms. Prada responded that there were no coyote sightings. She did have one call about a fox.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept Ms. Prada's quarterly report. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Christine Flynn from the MVC was present to request the Board sign the newest version of the Community Development Strategy.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to sign the document. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma asked if each town had it's own document.

Ms. Flynn answered that it did.

Ms. Dolby then updated the Board on the Comcast contract renewal talks. She stated that the committee has chosen an attorney, Mr. Peter Epstein to be hired for the negotiations. She asked for the Board's approval. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the hire of Mr. Epstein. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Peter Wells, Chappy Ferry owner. Mr. Wells had heard that Nstar was planning on burying the wires near the ferry and he was concerned that a wire vault would be in the way.

Ms. Dolby responded that Nstar had not come to the Board yet for permission to do any of the work. She understood that they were coming up with a plan and that the process may be an expedited one due to the emergency situation. But, that they would still have to go before the Board and go through the process. She would like to avoid any eyesores like the one in front of the library.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes from August 23, 2010.

Yard Sales for Kathleen Buonagurio at 8 Night Heron Rd. on October 9th from 9-3, Warren Cookson at 4 Sparrow Lane on October 9th from 9-7, and Teri Brown at 41 S. 18th St. on October 10th and 11th from 11-4.

They signed the contract with Oak Bluffs for the dredging of Sengecontacket on the Oak Bluffs side.

The Board (with Ms. Serpa abstaining) appointed Ms. Serpa to the Community Preservation Committee through April 2014.

They accepted a letter from Mr. Tim Toomey that he would not be renewing his contract for the Visitor's Center in 2011.

The Board also accepted a letter from the Superintendent's Office that they would be seeking offices at the High School Complex.

Ms. Dolby then brought up the 6th St. lots that were referred to earlier. She would like to have the Highway department cut the road through and make a cul-de-sac at the town owned lots. The road right now is a mess and access to the lots is not good. She also asked the Board to look at two lots in Ocean Heights, Map 11A lots 455 & 456. The town owns both of these lots and the abutters would like to buy them and then make a land switch with their neighbor. These lots had been for sale in the last advertised lot sale with no takers. They are assessed at \$14,600. each.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to sell the referred to lots to the abutters for their assessed value of \$14,600. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved to send a letter to Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent in reference to clearing 6th St. to the town owned lots. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby brought up the Town solar project. She would like the Board to meet with the Water Commissioners at the Water Department at 4:30pm on October 12th to discuss possible sites.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Town could save a lot of money, maybe even six figures with this project. The Board agreed to meet with the Water Commissioners next Tuesday.

Ms. Dolby stated that there had been questions about persons placing political ad signs on Town property. The Board has never allowed private or political signs to be posted on Town property.

They read a letter from Mr. Burke Ross in thanks for the quick action of the Fire and Police Departments at the time of the fire at his home. The Board voted to send letters of commendation.

Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn at 4:35 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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