

Selectmen's Meeting
November 15, 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. The first item was the Katama Airport Hanger Project. Present was Town Council, Ron Rappaport; Conservation Agent, Jane Varkonda; Conservation Commission Chairman, Edward W. Vincent, Jr.; and Airfield Commission members, Bob Stone and Fr. Michael Nagle.

Mr. Rappaport explained that the hangar project was not permitted under the present conservation restrictions for the whole airport. After many lengthy meetings everyone involved have reached an agreement and a solution. He summarized that the commercial area at the airport is about 2 acres. The state is looking for another 2 acres for the town to put a conservation restriction on in place of the 2 acres at the airport. Ms. Varkonda has found a piece off Pennywise Path that is agreeable for the swap. The Nature Conservancy would still have some jurisdiction over the commercial 2 acres of the airport. The conservation restriction on the Pennywise Path piece would have a conservation restriction but would still allow future uses for the town for solar projects, Wastewater, Parks, or Conservation and would be controlled by the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank. All these changes as well as a housekeeping item to include the "Nickerson" piece in the airport plan need to be approved by act of the legislature. Mr. Rappaport would like to have it filed before December 31, 2010 or the project may be delayed even further.

Mr. Stone pointed out that after this they could do anything within zoning regulations on the 2.2 acres.

Mr. Rappaport corrected him and reminded him that the Nature Conservancy would have jurisdiction but that it would be out of state jurisdiction. The agreement also states that in reference to applications to the Nature Conservancy "approval cannot be unreasonably delayed".

Ms. Serpa pointed out that #6 left leeway for maintenance and such.

Mr. Rappaport agreed but pointed out that the Nature Conservancy hasn't completely signed off on the agreement yet. There are many levels that need to give approval. They are aware however, that the Special Town Meeting will be on December 12th and the article is not dependant on approval by them. All involved just didn't want to lose another year by missing the December 31st deadline for the state. Historically the Town has a good relationship with the Nature Conservancy.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to set the Special Town Meeting for December 14, 2010 at 7pm in the Whaling Church. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby stated that the warrant would be in the paper this week. All are non-money articles. Number 4 refers to the Wastewater "Island Grove" project that came in \$200,000 under the budget allotted. They would like to use the extra funds to finance pumps, which wasn't in the original article.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the warrant. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Ann Tyra asked about adding some articles pertaining to the Library project.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he remembered at the Library Building Committee meeting deciding that the committee would use the time until Annual Town Meeting to inform the public. The committee didn't want to rush.

Mr. Rappaport suggested that the Airport Commission go out and rally people to come to Special Town Meeting.

The Board then approved the following items:

To sign a loan reduction from the Town Treasurer to reduce one of the Town's loans from \$665,000 to \$631,742.

Two travel vouchers for the Police Department.

The minutes of November 8th.

Changes made to the Odyssey TriSport Triathlon in September of 2011.

A renewal for Mark DeFeo's Fishermen's Depot Lot lease.

A request to excavate at 50 North Water St. for Nickolas Peters with the stipulation that they call the Police station and get a detail when they do the work per request of the Police Department.

To extend the Block the Sidewalk permit for the Christina Gallery to November 30th.

A one day liquor license for the MV Preservation Trust for December 10, 2010 for 6pm-8pm.

To add Francis Fisher III to Francis Fisher Jr.'s Aquaculture license.

For the Wharf to close for annual maintenance from February 16, 2011 to March 16, 2011 and to stay open on New Year's Eve until 2am.

Approved the completion of the probation period of Officer William Bishop IV as of October 7, 2010.

To sign the architect's contract for the Library.

To sign letters for the Cable Advisory Committee referring to public cable access.

At 4:15 pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

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