

Selectmen's Meeting
March 2, 2009
4:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. meeting room on the first floor. Members present were, Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman, Michael J. Donaroma, and Margaret E. Serpa, Selectmen. Town Administrator, Pamela M. Dolby was absent.

At 4:00 P.M. Chairman Smadbeck opened the public hearing for the removal of a shade tree on Simpson's Lane. The Tree Warden, Stuart Fuller, was unable to attend the hearing. Stuart Fuller did submit a letter to the Board which stated that he has inspected the tree. The letter read that the area of decay is beyond repair and could compromise the strength of the tree as a whole. Mr. Fuller therefore recommends allowing the removal of this tree. He also recommended that another tree of at least 4-1/2" caliper be replanted along Simpson's Lane in the vicinity of this tree. Mr. Dudley Canada would like to replace the current tree with more than one tree. At 4:05 P.M. Chairman Smadbeck closed the public hearing and opened discussion to the board. Selectmen Donaroma made a motion that he would like the Tree Warden to be included in the decision with the replacement of the tree. The motion was seconded and voted unanimously in favor.

The Holly Bear Lane residents were present with a list of complaints from neighbors, abutters, and residents of Holly Bear Lane. The residents feel that Chris Chambers has been running a junkyard. Margot Datz read the list of complaints. The list includes that Mr. Chris Chambers does not reside on Holly Bear Lane, and that he does not have a special permit to conduct his business. Due to the configuration of the lot fencing is unable to conceal the contents of the property. The list goes on to say the appearance of Mr. Chamber's property devalues neighboring properties. The Holly Bear residents are concerned about the integrity of their ground water. Many of the residents still have wells, and do not feel the quality of the ground water has been protected from the hazardous wastes of such businesses. There have been trailers, campers, and a turnover of RV's on the property for extended periods of time. The residents are concerned about the future of their road. The residents feel that the Chamber's property is not only a residential problem, it is a town eyesore.

The Building and Zoning Inspector, Lenny Jason was present to talk with the residents of Holly Bear Lane. Mr. Jason stated that Mr. Chambers is not running a junkyard. Mr. Jason said that the cars are registered. Mr. Jason will look into the issue of the trailer and the ownership of the boats and report back to the Selectmen.

Resident Kathy Benoit, stated that we work hard for what we have on Holly Bear Lane. Ms. Benoit would like this looked at and taken care of. Ms. Datz stated that some realtors won't even represent them. Chairman Smadbeck said that this is also a town problem and we will use all of our resources available to us to solve it.

Dan Larkosh was present to represent the Dunham's Corner residents. Mr. Larkosh reported on the progress. He stated that the town filed a court case on February 20th, and he was pleased with the way the case was pled. The Building and Zoning Inspector, Lenny Jason stated that this will go to court. Selectman Serpa said that there has been an attempt to clean up. Mr. Larkosh asked if this item could be placed on the agenda for sometime in April.

James Athearn was present to meet with the Selectmen. Mr. Athearn is the Representative for the Selectmen on the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Mr. Athearn spoke about the Ancient Ways and said that he will remove himself from this topic since one of the Ancient Ways goes through his property. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Athearn for the visit.

The Board voted the following:

To grant three Lodging Licenses: Raymond St. Pierre d/b/a Katama Guest House, Edgartown Commons Condo Trust, and Harborside Inn Condo Trust.

To grant two Innholders Licenses: The Charlotte Inn and ULF Edgartown LLC d/b/a The Colonial Inn.

To grant an Auto Dealers License to Cars Unlimited, Inc.

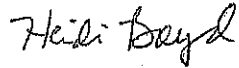
To grant a One Day Liquor License to The Edgartown Firemen's Association on March 5, 2009 for their monthly dinner.

The Board voted to grant seven Steamship Authority Travel Vouchers to the Wastewater Department.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4:40 p.m.

APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,



Heidi S. Boyd, Secretary



Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa

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