

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**July 6, 2009**  
**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 Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman; Margaret E. Serpa, & Arthur Smadbeck. Town Administrator Pamela M Dolby was present.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting.

The first item was to appoint Mr. Tracy Sharples to the Dredge Committee as a representative for the Marine Advisory Committee. Ms. Serpa moved to appoint and Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

At that time Mr. Norman Rankow raised issue of Mr. David Nash. He was appointed to the Dredge Committee by the MV Surfcasters who no longer exist and was hoping to be appointed by the Marine Advisory Committee who chose Mr. Sharples. Mr. Rankow wanted to know if the Selectmen would let Mr. Nash remain on the Dredge Committee.

Ms. Serpa referred to Ms. Dolby.

Ms. Dolby stated that it was voted at Town Meeting to have the Dredge Committee made up of representatives appointed by other Dredge related Boards and Committees. If Mr. Rankow and the Dredge Committee wanted to change how their Committee was appointed they needed to go before Town Meeting with a bylaw change. In order to be on the Committee, Mr. Nash needed to find another Committee or Board that had not utilized their appointment. Ms. Dolby suggested the Capital Programs Committee or Shellfish Committee.

Mr. Donaroma then read a letter from the Dukes County Fishermens' Association. They wanted the Selectmen to urge the Dredge Committee to give Municipal projects priority over private projects in their planning for fall/winter dredge projects. Specifically, they would like the Oak Bluffs side of Sengekontacket to take priority over all other projects.

Mr. Rankow thought they could start the Sengekontacket project last spring but the permitting had not been done by May 15<sup>th</sup> and they had to pull the dredge out of the pond.

Mr. Duncan Ross, Oak Bluffs Selectman and member of the Friends of Sengekontacket Committee, stated that the Town of Oak Bluffs has voted to borrow the money for the project if the Town can't get a grant of some sort. They are just waiting for the permit to go through the right channels and be approved. He thought that would be in September or October.

Mr. Donaroma asked if any of the other prospective projects such as Eel Pond have their permits yet. He asked if it was just a matter of who got their permits first and could the Dredge do both in the same season. And what were the odds of having all the permits in time.

Mr. Rankow answered that Eel pond has permit for a smaller project. They want to do a larger project and the permits have not been secured for that yet. The window is too small to do both the Eel Pond project and the Sengekontacket project in one season.

Mr. Bagnall answered that Oak Bluffs should be able to start in the fall with the waiver for an environmental impact report. The expanded Eel Pond project probably won't have the permits to start until January or so.

Mr. Ross stated that Sengekontacket is in bad shape and it needs help. The dredging would increase circulation and that is important to increase the health of the pond.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board understands that Oak Bluffs project is important to the health of the pond. He asks where the sand would go from the Oak Bluffs project.

Mr. Bagnall answered that the sand could go to many areas in Oak Bluffs including but not limited to Pay Beach, Inkwell Beach, or between the Oak Bluffs jetties on State Beach.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Town of Oak Bluffs had stated their intentions by voting at an Annual Town Meeting to borrow the money for the project if it could not be obtained

through grants. It seems in the letter that the Fishermens' Association would like a guarantee that the project will be done before anything else.

Mr. Rankow answered that the dredge would like to do that but, that Oak Bluffs has not secured the permit yet and they cannot hold the dredge if another permit comes in first.

Ms. Serpa asked when the estimated time would be for the Oak Bluffs permit to be ready.

Mr. Bagnall answered that the hope is between September 1<sup>st</sup> and October 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Donaroma agreed that the permits were an important factor.

Mr. Rankow stated that there was going to be a meeting the next day with the Woods Hole Group and they would know more after.

It was decided to reconvene on August 3, 2009 at the 4pm Selectmens' Meeting to get an update and discuss the matter further.

At 4:23 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the Annual Evaluation for Karen Fuller.

Ms. Serpa started by stating that Ms. Fuller has been very willing to come in and help in the office now that she is in a new chapter of her life with the her new baby. She also always maintains a pleasant demeanor with all around her.

Mr. Smadbeck agrees completely with what Ms. Serpa has stated.

Ms. Fuller thanked the Board for their flexibility.

Ms. Dolby stated that it was nice to have Ms. Fuller around to answer questions and help train the new staff.

Ms. Serpa moves for a favorable evaluation. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:28 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the Annual Evaluation for Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Constable.

Ms. Serpa stated that Mr. Bagnall always certainly has his hands full. He is always looking out for best interest of the fishermen and the ponds. He also took on the much needed task of updating the Shellfish Committee bylaws.

Mr. Donaroma stated that Mr. Bagnall has been around a long time and it's good to have that consistency.

Ms. Dolby pointed out that it is nice to see Mr. Bagnall once a week when he comes into the office to pay his bills to get updates.

Mr. Bagnall reported that the Shellfish Department did real well with the quahogs from the Shellfish group this year. They had a little trouble with a nor'easter but no big losses and he thanked the board for their support.

The board was unanimous in giving Mr. Bagnall a favorable review.

At 4:32 Mr. Donaroma opened the appeal of Mr. Eric Miller who was denied a taxi driver's license by the Edgartown Police Department. Mr. Miller was present as well as Police Chief Paul Condlin.

Mr. Condlin stated that Mr. Miller was denied following the provisions the department follows in issuing taxi licenses. He feels the provisions need to be reviewed and in this circumstance he would be favorable in the Board approving Mr. Miller for a license.

Ms. Serpa moves to approve based on the recommendation of the Chief. Mr. Smadbeck seconds. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

For the Town Treasurer to carry over unused vacation to the next year.

To schedule the Seasonal Residents Meeting for Monday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm in the Ted Morgan Jr. Meeting Room on the first floor of the Edgartown Town Hall.

To Schedule a hearing for the Boathouse Bar LLC d/b/a Atlantic to change their liquor license from seasonal to annual with a new manager for Monday, July 27, 2009 at 4pm.

To allow The Harrison Group to do their survey from July 16-19 based on the standards set out in their letter of request and that money will be donated to the YMCA of Martha's Vineyard. Chief Condlin will have jurisdiction to stop the survey if it becomes a problem.

A one day liquor license for the Edgartown Firemen's Association for a barbeque at the firehouse after their softball game on July 12, 2009.

An entertainment license for the FARM institute for their Meals in the Meadow program on July 18, 2009.

A Commercial Marine License for Chappaquiddick Partners LLC.

A Transient Vendor License for Penumbra Photography.

The Board awarded the following prizes for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade:

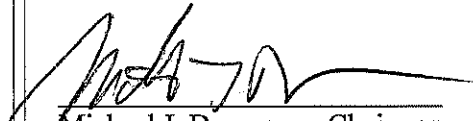
Grand Prize (\$1,000.) – Camp Jabberwocky  
Most Patriotic(\$800.) - VNA  
Most Original (\$500.) – The FARM Institute  
Special Prize "Best Float" (\$500.) – The Edgartown Junior Yacht Club

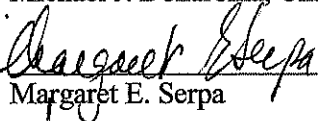
"Most Persistent" Non monetary prize – TJ Hagerty, Dukes County Rodent Control


The Board also decided that in the future prizes should have small inexpensive laminated signs that people can display on their float.

Ms. Serpa moves to adjourn at 4:38 pm. Mr. Smadbeck seconds. Unanimous.

Approved:

  
Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

  
Margaret E. Serpa

  
Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant

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