

Selectmen's Meeting

July 27, 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. Town Administrator Pamela M Dolby was present.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting. The first item on the agenda was the hearing for Boathouse Bar LLC d/b/a Atlantic to change their liquor license from a seasonal license to an annual license and to change managers in the process. Present to represent the applicant was attorney Sean Murphy. The new manager Mr. Eli Levy was also present.

Mr. Murphy started by giving a quick summary of the situation. Atlantic is at the old Navigator address in a new building. They have been in business now for two summers and would like to change to an annual business. In the process, they have changed to a new manager.

Ms. Serpa let the applicant know about the rule that a year round liquor establishment cannot be closed more than 4 weeks and must be open at least 3 nights a week to the public.

Mr. Murphy stated that he and his clients understood the stipulations that came along with an annual license. He then replied that he thought that was at the Board's discretion and the Board could grant an extension of the 4 weeks.

Ms. Serpa set Mr. Murphy's thoughts straight and replied that the 4 week closure and 3 day open rule is set and only cases of extreme emergency would warrant the Board to allow a further closure. The building that the restaurant is in is brand new and should not have any problems.

Mr. Donaroma then asked for any public comment. There being none, he closed the hearing at 4:05 pm.

Ms. Serpa moves to approve the change to an annual liquor license and manager. With the conditions that they only close 4 weeks in the winter and are open a minimum of 3 days a week. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the minutes from July 13, 2009 and July 20, 2009 and dispensed with reading aloud.

At 4:08 pm Mr. Donaroma began the discussion to commemorate three lifeguards and two police officers police officers Joel Deroche and Jon Searle involved with saving a man at South Beach on Saturday, July 18, 2009. Present for the discussion were the lifeguards Kursten Meehan, David Espindle, & Billy Reagan. Also present were Marilyn Wortman, Parks Administrator, the Parks Commissioners, and family members of the lifeguards being honored.

Ms. Serpa and Mr. Donaroma recognized the lifeguards and their achievement and gave them each a certificate signed by the Board of Selectmen.

Ms. Dolby spoke that this is a good reflection on the town and how important the lifeguards and their training can be and what can be accomplished.

At 4:10 pm Mr. Donaroma read aloud the following addendum to the bid process for Town owned lots:

"If the successful bidder of a Tax Possession Lot owns an abutting lot, (which has an existing, habitable, permitted dwelling on it) said Tax Possession Lot may be used for an addition to the existing, habitable, permitted dwelling; or may be used for any other non-habitable accessory building."

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the addendum. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby stated that they were aiming for the bids to be due August 31, 2009.

Mr. Donaroma then moved on and referred to a letter from Tim Toomey at the Visitor's Center. He stated that it seemed from the letter that the issues with the parking lot would be cleared up in the fall and that he was working it out with the Highway Superintendent.

Ms. Dolby then gave her weekly update. She started by reminding the Board about their Harbor Ride with the Marine Advisory Committee on August 6th at 2pm.

She then moved on to an issue that has arisen on Chappaquiddick. It seems someone who opposes the bike path on Chappaquiddick Rd. has tied orange surveyors tape to all the trees within the right of way to show what may potentially be taken down for the bike path. Ms. Dolby just wanted to set the record straight that this has nothing to do with the Town. Though Chappaquiddick Rd is a Town road, no one had permission to mark the trees. No one is going to cut down trees and that the bike path, if it happens, will have to be approved at a Town Meeting.

Ms. Dolby then brought up the Hotel Occupancy and Meals taxes. The state has approved towns to raise what they charge on these taxes. It would have to go to a Town Meeting vote. There will be a Special Town Meeting in the Fall and perhaps it could go on the Warrant then. The Board should discuss it at their all Island Selectmens' Meeting to see what the other towns plan to do.

Ms. Serpa stated that public input and discussion is important. There should be a public meeting. Mr. Donaroma and Ms. Dolby agreed.

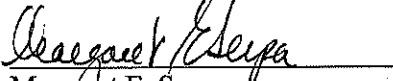
Mr. Donaroma then read the letter from Comcast stating that Chappaquiddick is a priority for them and then read a letter from a happy citizen thanking the Highway Department for their quick response to a sandy road issue.

Ms. Serpa moves to adjourn at 4:17 pm. Mr. Donaroma seconds. Unanimous.

Approved:



Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman



Margaret E. Serpa



Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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