

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**August 24, 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 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 on the agenda was Mr. Daniel Alshulter of Gloucester, MA. He had entered a commemorative medal of President Barack Obama in a competition and won. He would like to present the Town with one of the medals.

Mr. Smadbeck spoke on behalf of the Board and thanked Mr. Alshulter for his generous gift and congratulated him for winning the competition.

At 4:07 pm Mr. Donaroma recognized Ms. Gail Rodney of "The Old Sculpin Gallery". She had an issue with artists getting tickets for unloading in the loading zone in the Town Wharf Parking Lot. They only have problems on Saturday mornings when the change over of art takes place. Several artists had also gotten tickets loading and unloading directly in front of the gallery. She also had issue with the Chappaquiddick ferry using part of the loading zone to sell T-shirts and sell tickets. They also have no parking for their adult program.

Ms. Gail Breese also associated with "The Old Sculpin Gallery" stated that this summer has been particularly difficult with parking tickets and it's hard to keep staff because there is no parking. She felt that the taxi spots in the lot are underutilized and should be elsewhere. She also pointed out that there is no public restroom at the Town Wharf and that there really should be.

Ms. Dolby responded that there were public restrooms at the Colonial Inn around the corner. She went down to look at the situation that day and found Ms. Breese parked in the loading zone. Her suggestions for change were to get rid of one of the taxi spots and make it another loading zone and to specify on the signage that the fishermens spots are 2 hour parking after 2:00 pm.

Mr. Donaroma stated that they recently changed the parking to accommodate some other issues and it can change as they work with the public. It had been established at the beginning of the summer for the parking cops to ticket on an even and fare basis. By the rules. No favoritism or notes on the windshields.

Ms. Serpa stated that this is not a unique issue. The Park & Ride lot was paved and lighted for employees to use. Suggests they encourage their employees to use it. The town can work to accommodate loading.

Ms. Breese protested the parking rules.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that if you park in a "no parking" area such as in front of the gallery, you are going to get a ticket. He pointed out that Ms. Dolby has now arranged 3 loading zones for use and told them not to park in the no parking area.

Lieutenant Bettencourt then replied that if you park in a no parking you are going to get tickets. He suggested that the artists drop their stuff off by standing in the loading zone and then find appropriate parking. They would definitely be given a ticket if they are there more than 30 minutes.

Ms. Serpa pointed out that standing cars in front of the gallery can be an impediment to Emergency Vehicles that may have to go to Chappaquiddick.

It was then pointed out that the Library also has public restrooms during business hours.

Mr. Steve Loman then asked why the Chappaquiddick Ferry employees couldn't park on the other side.

Mr. Donaroma replied that it was not a bad idea and that they would look into it.

At 4:15 p, Mr. Donaroma opened the floor to the Library Board of Trustees who wanted to give an update on the Library fundraising and a couple of other issues. They shared that the puffback issue was at Town Counsel with the insurance issues. Also that the air

conditioning in the Carnegie building is down. It would cost \$7200. to replace. They didn't want to replace it at this time because they felt they didn't have the funds

Ms. Dolby suggested they go to FINCOM and ask them for the funds.

Mr. Rob Hughes then gave a New Library fundraising report. The state relaxed the deadline for funds to mid 2010 so they have more time to meet their goal. He stated that the Lifetime Achievement recognizing Bailey Norton was a good fundraiser and made about \$60,000. They already had next year's scheduled for 7/11/10. He would know more as the pledges started paying and would be back in the fall with a full financial report of how the summer fundraising went as a whole. He then invited everyone to the hot dog fundraiser at Katama Airfield on Labor Day and presented the Board with copies of the Lifetime achievement award programs from the event.

The Board then approved the following items:

To hire as paramedic, Hadley Antik, as of August 16<sup>th</sup> on recommendation of the Fire Chief.

A travel voucher for the Council on Aging.

The minutes of August 3<sup>rd</sup> and dispense with reading aloud.

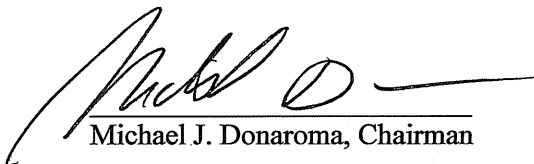
Signed the release of restriction on a lot for Alan Gowell.

Ms. Dolby then gave her update. She started by telling the Board about a leak that had developed in the front foyer. It was coming from a large pipe used for the sprinkler system. The water has been shut off to the pipe and the sprinkler company is going to come fix it.

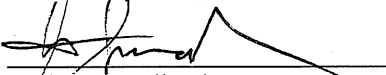
She then reported that the Fire Department Pancake Breakfast was a great success. They were expecting about 150 people and 700 showed up. They cleaned out Stop & Shop and Cash & Carry of all their pancake batter mix. They are hoping that next year they can make it a Fire Safety Day and include the Police Department as well.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:30 pm. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

  
Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

  
Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant

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