

Selectmen's Meeting
September 21, 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 & Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting with Paul Bagnall, Shellfish Constable, who was in to discuss the upcoming Scallop Season.

Mr. Bagnall reported that at the latest Shellfish Committee meeting they had voted the following unanimously:

October 1st - Recreational Scallop Season will start for all of Edgartown with no dragging in Cape Pogue until October 30th.

October 15th - Commercial Dragging will start in the Outer Harbor only.
Commercial Dipnetting will start in an area around Felix Neck wildlife sanctuary.

November 1st - All areas open to Commercial Scalloping. Some no drag areas.

The Family limit is 1 struck 10 gallon washbucket per week. The Commercial limit is 3 struck 10 gallon wash buckets per day.

Mr. Donaroma asked if there were any changes this year as opposed to previous years.

Mr. Bagnall responded that yes it was starting a little earlier than usual, but that the families still get a head start and that there are plenty out there.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if they still hoped to dredge the Oak Bluff's side of Sengekontacket.

Mr. Bagnall responded that he, Charlie Blair, and Ed Handy were going up to see the Army Corp of Engineers on Thursday and they should have more of an idea after that. Oak Bluffs has until January 15th to dredge and they haven't nailed down all the issues yet.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to adopt the Scallop Season schedule. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:07 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the floor to Janet Hathaway, Assistant to the Edgartown Affordable Housing Trust and Committee, they would like the approval of the Board to go into contract with Bailey, Boyd, and Associates for a buy down program. They would also need \$4800 out of the Trust. People who worked or lived in Edgartown would benefit from the program. The program is already in use in Barnstable and works well. She felt it would work even better here.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the contract and transfer of funds. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby then gave her report. The FINCOM has supported putting a 3% COLA on the Special Town Meeting warrant. She has finished the draft for the Town's financial policies and has emailed it out for reading.

The FY09 books have been closed and she was happy to announce that there was no deficit and revenues have been met. There is hope that the final free cash figure will be hefty. It will probably be certified the following week.

The articles for Special Town Meeting were due by Friday, September 25th. There will be a FINCOM meeting the following week.

Ms. Dolby asked the Board if they would like to put the raise in rooms & meals tax on the Special Town Meeting warrant or wait for the Annual Town Meeting. The consensus was to wait until Annual Town Meeting.


The Library requested permission to request an extension from the state on the amount of time it has to raise money for the new library to meet guidelines to be eligible for grant monies. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved minutes from 8/24/09, 8/31/09, & 9/9/09 and approved a voucher for the Dredge Department.

The Board also signed a new Form 43 for Atlantic because the first one had the wrong FID number.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn at 4:18 pm. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

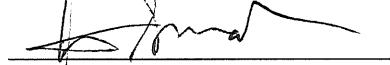
Approved:



Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman



Margaret E. Serpa



Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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