

Selectmen's Meeting
October 19, 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 Serpa & Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Pamela Dolby, Town Administrator.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and addressed the application of Mr. Paul Brewer for a curbcut at 14 Starbuck Neck Rd. Mr. Donaroma asked Mr. Brewer if any street parking spaces would be impacted.

Mr. Brewer replied that the area was across the street from Mrs. Dickenson and that there was no street parking in that area.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the application. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Jim Athearn, representative to the MVC, who was in to give the Board an update.

Mr. Athearn stated that the MVC has received and acknowledged the Board's letter regarding having a DCPC over the water for large wind power projects and not over land. He wanted to point out to the Board that DCPCs in general have to be voted accepted at Town Meeting.

Mr. Donaroma stated that the Board would like the MVC to focus on the DCPC over water in response to the Oceans Management Plan and not over the land. He pointed out that Mr. Athearn has an application in for a windmill at his farm.

Mr. Athearn responded that his windmill is under the size required for review by the State Energy Siting Board (ESB).

Mr. Smadbeck pointed out that the ESB wants to make there review size smaller than the 1000 megawatt size it is now. The MVC is better off discussing with the state where the MVC review would fall within the ESB process. Then the Board can discuss it in the future.

Mr. Athearn stated that Mr. Mark London has been in discussion with the state and there have been some changes made to the Oceans Plan and there are some proposed changes.

Mr. Smadbeck reiterated that the Board feels at this time that the focus should be on the Oceans Plan and a DCPC over the water not the land. The Board is concerned that the MVC may lose focus and that this is about offshore development. It is premature to include the land in the DCPC.

Mr. Donaroma agreed and added that it seemed that some Commissioners wanted to include the Island Plan in the DCPC and it all of a sudden included land and water. The Board is not in favor of land being involved.

Mr. Athearn stated that he understood the Board's position and invited them to a meeting on November 5, 2009 at the MVRHS.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the floor to Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent, who was present to give the Board an update on upcoming projects.

Mr. Fuller started by pointing out that the North Water St. project is almost finished. NStar should start removing the poles any day now and that is one of the last steps. The lighthouse walkway railing is almost finished too. There are some drainage issues on 19th Street and Mr. Fuller and the Planning Board are going to have some hearings to discuss improvements.

Mr. Fuller then went on to tell the Board that he planned on doing a Chapter 90 project and repave Katama Road from the fork to the Old Pit which is now the Fieldhouse Club subdivision. The road is in tough shape.

Ms. Dolby asked about the drainage issues in that area of Katama Rd.

Mr. Fuller stated that drainage will be improved during the repaving process.

The Board then approved the following items:

To change the name of “The Captain Fisher House Inn” to “The Fallon”.

Travel Vouchers for the Police Department and the Wastewater Department.

Grant the Board of Trade request to use the Minipark for the Chowder Festival during Christmas in Edgartown.

The Minutes from September 28, 2009.

Ms. Dolby voiced a request from the Oak Bluffs Elementary School. They would like to have and use the old science desks in the Old Edgartown School. They do not have any and would like to put them to good use. Ms. Dolby had spoken to both the Auditors and Town Counsel and the items were of no value to the Town.

Ms. Serpa moved to give the tables to the Oak Bluffs School. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Dolby then continued with her update. Due to too many people having keys to the Old School, Ms. Dolby had the locks changed. The only people who now have keys are the School Principal, the Fire Chief, the Police Chief, and herself.

Ms. Dolby then announced there would be a FINCOM Meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 4pm.

Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn at 4:20pm. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen