

Selectmen's Meeting
May 19, 2008
4:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in a temporary meeting room on the second floor. Members present were Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman, Selectman Michael J. Donaroma and Selectman Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela M. Dolby.

Adam Darack, IT TECH, spoke to the Board about the new website for the Town. He gave them the website address. Chairman Smadbeck congratulated Mr. Darack and said the new website is spectacular. Joe Alosso, in the audience, said he had checked it out and felt very favorably about it. Mr. Darack added that it could easily be changed. Chairman Smadbeck asked how he could utilize e-mail on it. Mr. Darack said he would be adding that feature in about a week.

Robert Green of the By-Ways Committee, and William Veno, Planner, Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, were present regarding Three-Cornered Rock Road. Chairman Smadbeck stepped down for possible conflict of interest and Selectman Donaroma took over as Acting Chairman.

Mr. Veno gave a brief history of Three-Cornered Rock Road. He said that ten years ago the By-Ways Committee sought to restore trail use of the heavily overgrown portion of Three-Cornered Rock Road, an ancient way that runs nearly half a mile from the Dr. Fisher Road to the West Tisbury Road between Bold Meadow Road and Metcalf Avenue. Last year the Conservation Commission agreed on a resolution of the problem. Now the By-Ways Committee is asking the Selectmen to revisit the decision of nine years ago that no clearing of the area take place, despite their belief that the public has rights to use Three-Cornered Rock Road. He added that in 1999 the Bold Meadow Road residents successfully petitioned the Selectmen not to clear the trail. The By-Ways Committee only wanted to remove enough growth to make it passable. The Committee now asks the Selectmen to reverse the decision of nine years ago and allow the citizens to use this trail. He said the Committee suggests relocating that part of the trail route.

Selectman Serpa said she was not a member of the Board of Selectmen at the time the decision was made, nor was Selectman Donaroma. She suggested that the Board of Selectmen have a public hearing so that interested persons could attend and voice their sentiments. Acting Chairman Donaroma added that there are legal issues the Board would have to explore before it knew where to go. Town Administrator Dolby suggested scheduling a public hearing when the summer residents are here, the end of June or early July. Selectman Serpa said things have changed since nine years ago. Acting Chairman Donaroma asked about a map, noting that people will need to see a map with the proposed rerouting indicated. It was noted that such a map was appended to the material the By-Ways Committee had provided for this meeting. Town Administrator Dolby suggested the public hearing be set for the second week of July.

Chairman Smadbeck returned to the room.

Joseph Alosso, Facilities Manager at the Wastewater Treatment Plant, said that he and Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall, also present, have been working together at the Edgartown School instructing pupils on the importance of keeping the harbor clean. He said they plan to take ten youngsters a year from grade 3-4; each student will be responsible for and adopt one drain. Later they will tour the Wastewater Treatment Facility. They plan first to install blue medallions reading NO DUMPING - DRAINS TO HARBOR beside Town drain covers. Chairman Smadbeck said it was a great idea and thanked Mr. Alosso for coming in.

The Board voted the following:

To amend the minutes of May 12, 2008 to vote for Town Counsel to pursue the Cozy Hearth appeals to State agencies.

To recommend to the Financial Advisory Committee that they approve a request for transfer from

the Reserve Fund from Barbara Prada, Officer of Animal Control, of \$1,500 for animal control expenses.

To appoint Joseph Jerome to Traffic and Parking Patrol and William Bishop as Year-round Special Officer in the Police department.

To fill two vacancies on the Beautification Committee by appointing Joyce Hall and Kathi Pogoda.

To reappoint Emerson Haslem and Raymond Long to the Shellfish Committee for 3 years and to appoint Jack Blake to the position held by Ralph Case (Mr. Case had to resign as he had served two terms), to represent family shellfishermen.

To grant a Steamship Authority travel voucher to the Town Clerk.

To grant a Common Victualler's License to Mad Martha's, 7 North Water Street.

To grant Lodging House Licenses to Harborside Inn Condo Trust, 3 South Water St.; to Edgartown Commons Condo Trust, 20 Pease's Point Way; and to Chloe Nolan d/b/a Summer House, 96 South Summer St.

To grant Yard Sales to Marie Araujo and Lorna Andrade, 1 Teaberry Lane, May 24, 2008, rain date May 24; Marjorie Willoughby (Willoughby and Boucle), 12 North Water St., May 24, 2008, rain May 31; to Westminster Acres Presidents Association, Westminster Acres, May 24, 2008, rain date May 31; and to Irene Fox, 10 Old Squaw, May 24, 2008, rain May 25.

To grant retroactively a permit to Occupy a Portion of the Sidewalk for repainting of the Old Whaling Church by John Anderson for the Martha's Vineyard Preservation Trust.

The Board received a letter from Peter G. Shemeth, Chief, Edgartown Fire Department, requesting permission to transfer Echo-1, a used police cruiser due to be replaced, from the Police department to the Fire department to replace the old Crown Victoria. Also, permission to transfer the 50 hp Honda onboard engine, due to be replaced, from the Shellfish department to the Edgartown Fire Department to replace a lower hp outboard engine on Rescue's inflatable. Town Administrator Dolby cautioned that they should be sure to get rid of the ones being given up. The Board then voted to approve a motion granting the request concerning the cruiser with the stipulation that the number of vehicles remain the same. A second motion was voted granting the request for the replacement outboard engine, with the same stipulation that the old one be disposed of.

Chairman Smadbeck read a letter from Sloan Hart to the Edgartown Fire Department praising the paramedic training he received.

Chairman Smadbeck read a letter from Jeffrey Agnoli of the Island Grove Residents Association, Inc. regarding a sewer project for Island Grove. Mr. Agnoli said they are interested in a public/private partnership between Island Grove residents and the Town to have sewers installed under the Betterment process. They hope to have it placed on a Town Warrant. Town Administrator Dolby said she hoped to work something out that won't cost the Town any more.


Town Administrator Dolby said that the Library had pretty much moved out of the Selectmen's Meet Room on the first floor and the Library will be closed this week as they resettle in their own cleaned up building on North Water Street. However, the Board will continue to meet in the current second floor temporary meeting room while Town Administrator Dolby makes such repairs as are called for in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. meeting room.


The Town Administrator said the Board would meet on Tuesday, following Memorial Day next Monday.

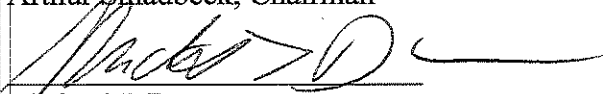
There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4:35 p.m.

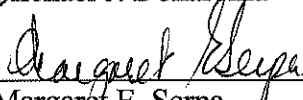
APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,


Hope Waingrow, secretary


Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman


Michael J. Donaroma


Margaret E. Serpa

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