

Selectmen's Meeting
June 9, 2008
4:00 P.M.

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room of the Peter O. Bettencourt Town Hall. 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, was present at 4:00 p.m. to explain to the Board how he is changing the internet service a little and saving the Town some money. He said we now pay \$108 or \$109 for the internet per month, but by using Paetec, we would pay \$13.64 a month. The Board voted in favor of the agreement and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign it.

Gerret Conover, speaking on behalf of the reconstruction of the Navigator Restaurant and Boathouse Bar, and Michael Valentino, owner of Island Pursuit, were present. Mr. Valentino has been a Martha's Vineyard merchant since 1981, but had noted that in Florida, where he has lived, things are done differently. Chairman Smadbeck complimented Mr. Conover regarding the project of replacing a building that needed replacement and thus improving the property, which can be considered a gateway to the Town. Mr. Valentino spoke of the past 3 weeks of having PortaPotties, boards in the street, backhoes, bobcats and wires, construction workers, all of which he said were very detrimental to his business. He said the Police Department has disregarded the situation. Selectman Serpa said she resented the implication that the Police are not doing anything. Claudia Canerdy felt the project is having no effect on business. Business is just down right now. She pointed out the fact that this project has been going on all winter and Mr. Valentino has only been here for 2 or 3 weeks. Let the project continue and finish by July 1. Selectman Serpa said they and we have all tried to be understanding and work with both sides to get the situation straightened out. Mr. Conover said it should be all set in a couple of weeks and said that he met with the supervisor of the job today. He noted a Police officer is supervising parking on North Summer Street, where another project is under way. He said the painting at the Navigator is complete. There is kitchen equipment yet to arrive. The cigarette smoking is gone. He said they are using the Police where possible.

Mr. Valentino suggested the unloading work be done at night, between 6:00 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. Selectman Serpa had explained to him last week that no work could be done before 7:00 a.m., according to Town regulations. Chairman Smadbeck said the important thing is going forward. Claudia Canerdy of the Board of Trade said she hopes the work is completed by June 21 or July 1. Chief Condlin discussed parking in the area. He said the Police Department is in an awkward position because this is an unusual site. He noted Mr. Valentino had never called him directly about the problem and he wished he had. Town Administrator Dolby said that she and the Police Chief are in constant communication discussing other projects as well, such as the North Water Street paving and the Dark Woods parking lot. She said they have no control until these projects come to an end. She noted the Town sets no limit on the size of trucks unloading and parking in the parking lot. She said we are trying to work with the majority of merchants in town. Chairman Smadbeck said he hopes we get past this in a good way and advised Mr. Valentino to keep working with Mr. Conover to work it out.

Mr. Valentino said Mr. Conover is not the supervisor. Selectman Serpa said we have been constantly and feverishly working on these projects in the Town to get them done. Selectman Smadbeck said it sounds like the project is about to be done. John Chirgwin in the audience objected to the all day parking. Mr. Chirgwin was referring to the project on Dr. Mills' property on North Summer Street. Chairman Smadbeck said the Board had made a conscious decision not to interfere.

Town Administrator Dolby then spoke about the third floor ceiling and getting an emergency waiver through the State. She said the insurance adjustor and engineer will be here tomorrow; then we wait for their decision. Meantime, she noted that the third floor offices have relocated. She praised the work of Adam Darack in the relocation, calling it a fantastic job and above and beyond the call of duty. She said everyone in Town Hall has cooperated. She noted

that the Financial Advisory Committee will provide \$10,000 toward fixing the ceiling. Selectman Serpa also thanked Mr. Darack.

The Board voted the following:

To grant Steamship Authority travel vouchers (3) to the Police department in regard to getting rid of old cruisers and picking up a new cruiser.

To approve Yard Sales to Peter West, Crocker Drive, June 15, 2008 and to Janet Sigler, 21 Meshacket Wood Road, June 28, 2008, rain date June 29.

To grant permission for the 16th annual Scoops Race to be held on August 4, 2008 at 8:45 a.m., provided it be sent to the Police Department for approval.

To sign the change of manager for the Kelley House and the Harbor View Hotel, both from James Cleary to Thaddeus Hyland.

To assign Luke Bettencourt as a Special Officer Assigned to Traffic.

The Board received a letter from Pamela C. Scott expressing an interest in serving as an Alternate member of the Historic District Commission and voted to appoint her.

The Board received a letter of complaint from Jeffrey C. Wooden, 5 Pine St., saying that the Depot Store next to his home is operating outside of authorized hours of 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., opening at 6:45 a.m. or earlier. The Board suggested referring the complaint to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

The Board set a Public Hearing on June 16, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. on the application of Sharky's Cantina to transfer stock from Joshua Aronie, and to elect Jonathan S. Blau as President and Secretary, and to pledge the all alcoholic beverages to be drunk on the premises license and inventory to Sovereign Bank.


Town Administrator Dolby reported that the fuel docks at the harbor were up and running over the weekend but are still to be inspected by the Fire Marshal. She reported there will be a meeting with the auditors on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. She also said an advertisement had been placed in the newspaper regarding entries in the 4th of July Parade, advising applicants to call the office to sign up.


At 4:45 p.m., the Board moved to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation, each member voting by voice vote signifying Aye. It was noted that the Board would not reconvene in open session.

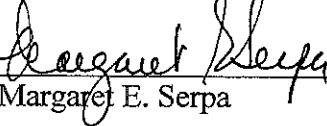
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Respectfully submitted,

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman


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