

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**July 7, 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.

Fred B. Morgan, Jr. was present to thank a lot of people for the success of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade. He thanked the Highway Department and Superintendent Stuart Fuller for blocking the roads the parade used. He thanked that Police Department, specifically Jamie Craig and Richard Krauss, for directing traffic. He also thanked American Legion members and specifically Joe Sollitto, who hold regular meetings all year leading up to the event. He thanked Conrad Kurth for driving the vans. He particularly thanked Karen Fuller, Secretary to the Selectmen and to the Town Administrator, for taking the phone calls from people who wished to enter the parade. He noted she handles it very well, having done it for a long time. He thanked the Selectmen for being judges of the floats. He thanked the Vineyard Haven Band for taking part, and thanked Steve Ewing for getting the Scottish Pipers to come back to the parade. He said it was quite a surprise that some of the Boston Celtics appeared with their winning trophy and a few of the Celtics marched in the parade.

Chairman Smadbeck said that Mr. Morgan has organized the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade for 38 years. The Chairman said he had ridden in the parade for the past 18 years and it never rained. Mr. Morgan recalled one occasion when it did rain, all the floats were melting, and tears came to his eyes. He continued that a lot of effort goes into the parade and again thanked all who assisted. He said he had never seen as many people as at this year's parade, particularly coming down Water Street. They were all singing and clapping. Town Administrator Dolby said letters of thanks would be prepared for the Board to sign.

Maggie White, owner of the Hob Knob Inn, 22 Pease's Point Way, was present for a public shade tree hearing. The Chairman opened the public hearing. Ms. White mentioned one diseased, ill Catalpa tree. She referred to a report by Hagerty Tree Mass Certified Arborist who described a double lead Catalpa, one lead about 16" and other 26", both leads severely decayed and hollow. He said they had declined over the past 5 years and the reduced crown is due to the decline. He felt them potentially hazardous. Ms. White also added that there was a tree next to the double one, which Mr. Hagerty had also felt should be removed. Tree Warden Stuart Fuller said there was a lot of dead wood. Chairman Smadbeck closed the public hearing and invited Board discussion. Selectman Donaroma said he believed there was about 10 years life left in each tree. Ms. White said she would replace the trees with whatever Tree Warden Fuller recommends. She pointed out that they used to provide a canopy, but not now. Selectman Donaroma suggested they come back to the Board with a plan to show the Board. Tree Warden Fuller suggested a sweet gum and a maple. Selectman Serpa said that instead of taking the trees down during the season, they wait until Fall. She added she would like to see something of size in the replacements. Chairman Smadbeck continued the public hearing until they come back with a plan.

The Board voted the following:

To approve, with certain changes by the Chairman, the minutes of June 30, 2008 and dispense with the reading of same.

To approve budget transfers for Water Department not to exceed \$15,000.00, Interest on Temporary loans \$30,000, Misc. Inspectors \$1984.76 and \$3300.00 for Shellfish expense.

To cancel next week's Board meeting and meet next on July 21, 2008.

To grant a Commercial Marine By-law License to Highly Migratory Guide Service.

To grant one day special licenses for the sale of wines and malt beverages only to North Water Street Gallery, 27 N. Water St., July 10, 2008; to the Farm Institute, 4 Aero Dr., Meals in the

Meadow, July 19; Edgartown Art Gallery, 7 S. Summer St., July 10; Carlin Fine Art, 3 S. Water St., July 26; Carlin Fine Art, 3 S. Water St., August 2; North Water Street opening and stroll, 27 N. Water St., July 10. Selectman Serpa said alcohol may be served on the premises but may not be carried from gallery to gallery.

To grant a request from the Trustees of Reservations to add a 6<sup>th</sup> van to their fleet.

To grant a Steamship Authority travel voucher to the Water Department.

Town Administrator Dolby gave an update of recommended mileage reimbursement. The IRS set 50.5 cents per mile Jan. 1, 08 – June 30, 08 and 58.5 cents from July 1, 08 to December 31, 08. The Board so voted.

The Board received information from Hal Tilghman regarding dates of meetings with Chappaquiddick residents and asking the Board to attend. Chairman Smadbeck said he would prefer to have the meeting at a regularly scheduled Board meeting rather than on Chappaquiddick. That way, it would be on TV and in accordance with the open meeting laws. Selectman Donaroma agreed. Town Administrator Dolby said she would try to set it up for the first or third week in August. Selectman Serpa said that if a lot of Chappy residents attended, it would be held in the lower part of the Old Whaling Church. Chairman Smadbeck said that an advertisement should be put in the newspaper.

Town Administrator Dolby reported that the Insurance Company is denying coverage of the damaged ceiling of the third floor of Town Hall. She said she talked to David Burke, adjustor, and he said the reason was that the coverage doesn't cover normal wear and tear, yet in other places in the contract there is some conflict with this idea. The Town Administrator would like to talk to Town Counsel about it. She said that if all else fails, we could hold a Special Town Meeting and take the money out of the Stabilization Fund. Selectman Serpa said it could later be returned to the Stabilization Fund. The Town Administrator hasn't had anyone in to look at the problem.

Town Administrator Dolby said there was one final delivery to be made to the Navigator at 5:00 a.m. on Thursday, accompanied by a Police detail.

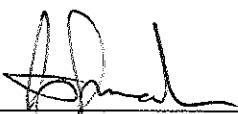
There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4:25 p.m.


APPROVED:

Respectfully submitted,

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

  
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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa

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