

Selectmen's Meeting
July 21, 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.

Marcia Cini was present representing Macdougall's Shipyard of Falmouth Harbor, whose principals are interested in the marina that was proposed by the Marine Advisory Committee months ago. The proposal was to construct a marina on town property next to the lighthouse.

Chairman Smadbeck opened the meeting by saying that it is important to open up a dialogue with the townspeople. He described this as a joint meeting to allow for a wide discussion of the harbor and where the Town might like to go with it. Ms. Cini and Macdougall's Shipyard were the catalyst of today's discussion, the first of many which will hereafter be well publicized in advance. The Chairman referred to a Marine Advisory Committee plan for increasing dock space off Light House Beach. He said there are many issues. He suggested private-public partnership, noting it will cost a lot of money. The concept of a mooring field in the outer harbor is not new, but nothing has ever been done about it.

Representing Macdougall's Shipyard were Michael Berwind, David Berwind and Carol Berwind. Present from the Planning Board was William Bishop; Marine Advisory Committee Joseph Cressy, S. Bailey Norton, and Lee Welch, Harbormaster Charles J. Blair, Jr., Planning Board Administrative Assistant Georgiana Greenough, Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda, Conservation Commission member Stuart Lollis, Shellfish Committee member Donald Benefit, and Assessors Laurence A. Mercier and Edward E. Belisle. Bob Carroll, one of the people who gave land to the Town across from the Harbor View Hotel, was interested in looking at the deed. Townsend R. Morey, Jr., who has lived on North Water Street for 75 years, didn't see how cars could be driven down to the water and advised that we shouldn't crowd North Water Street any more than it is now.

Chairman Smadbeck said it is no secret that Edgartown needs more dock spaces. Harbormaster Blair was asked about the size of the waiting list and replied it is over 400. Bob Carroll spoke of a plan to dredge Katama Bay, noting it used to be half a mile wider than it is now.

Mr. Mercier said we should look at the harbor as a whole and look at the Gardner property. Conservation Agent Varkonda said this is a conservation issue. Mr. Mercier mentioned putting in floating piers, which he said has been done in Oak Bluffs and has brought that town a million and a half dollars.

Mr. Cressy, speaking of the work of the Marine Advisory Committee since its founding in 1985, said they worked for 10 years on a management plan for the harbor, meeting with all committees in town. In 1997 they published their third plan, which covers the Gardner property. He showed a copy of this volume, bound in green, and suggested that additional copies be printed, that a lot could be learned from this earlier research and it was worth looking at.

Selectman Donaroma thanked the participants for showing up and commented on our beautiful harbor. He warned that whatever changes were arrived at through discussions such as this one will have to go through various concerned Town Boards and Commissions, such as Planning Board, Conservation Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals, and then to the State, which could take years.

Mr. Belisle of the Board of Assessors warned that they should do a better job of doing their homework first. Mr. Lollis of the Conservation Commission said he felt there should be an updated study of the harbor. Harbormaster Blair said that years ago he showed the Selectmen a way to triple the number of moorings, this system was lining up boats in a very uniformed way. It did not prove to be very popular with anyone so the Board of Selectmen agreed it was not

appropriate for Edgartown and they were not interested. He said we were in business to break even but if you want revenue, it's in dockage. Chairman Mercier of the Assessors said he would raise the fee from \$125 to \$500 for a mooring and that would make money. He added that the Harbormaster department budget is not totally funded by what is taken in.

Chairman Smadbeck said the reason for this meeting and future ones is not what this one wants or another wants but what everybody wants. William Bishop, representative from the Planning Board, said we should work on what we have. Donald Benefit of the Shellfish Committee said that Edgartown Marine works hard.

Michael Berwind of Macdougalls' said he is a resident of Edgartown and offered their services for the entire town. Chairman Smadbeck said this has been a good, healthy discussion and he hopes to have a lot more. He felt everyone here was speaking in good faith for what is best for Edgartown.

Mr. Cressy, Chairman of the Marine Advisory Committee, said they have known for a long time that there is not enough space in our harbor and that it is not unusual not to have enough dock space.

Following other comments, Ms. Cini said if there is something Macdougalls' can do for the community, that is what they are interested in.

Mr. Cressy said there is no sense in reinventing the wheel and showed copies of the green-clad book assembled by his committee. He said there are a lot of questions answered in it. Town Administrator Dolby said she would have copies made by DaRosa's.

Chairman Smadbeck then said that the Board would go into Executive Session with members of the Landbank and Marine Advisory Committee, after which they would return in public session for the completion of business. The Board then voted by voice vote to go into Executive Session at 4:55 p.m., each member signifying Aye.

The Board returned into regular session at 5:13 p.m.

The Board voted to sign a Common Victualer All Alcoholic Beverage License for the Boathouse Bar, LLC d/b/a/ Atlantic, first floor of #2 Main Street. The Board voted to sign a Club All Alcoholic Beverage License for the Boathouse Club, LLC d/b/a The Boathouse, 2nd and 3rd floor of #2 Main Street. The Board voted to sign a Club All Alcoholic Beverage License for the Boathouse Club, LLC d/b/a The Boathouse, 2 Field House Road. These licenses will not be issued until the Occupancy Permits and Fire & Safety Certificates are signed.

The Board authorized the Town Administrator to sign the contract with Cape Light Compact, presented by Kitt Johnson, the Board's representative to that body.

The Board received a letter from Tom Benedict regarding the swift repair to a hole in the bike path on the West Tisbury Road near the former Old Colony Motors. Chairman Smadbeck read it aloud and said they expected no less of Street Superintendent Stuart Fuller.

The Board approved two Commercial Marine By-law Licenses: 1) Chappaquiddick Partners, Inc. Manaca Hill Rd., homeowners dock association with occasional slip rentals to other residents and occasional ramp fees of \$10 for other residents. The launch ramp is open free to residents, September to June; 2) William Erickson 45 Clay Pit Rd., boat maintenance and repair, expires June 30, 2009.

The Board approved a Yard Sale by Sue Carroll and Debbie Grant, 10 Wintucket Cove Path, August 2, 2008, rain date August 3.

The Board approved and signed various one-day licenses for galleries: North Water Gallery, Jonathan Ralston, Art Gallery reception, July 24, 5 - 7 p.m.; North Water Gallery, 27 N. Water St., Art Gallery reception August 7, 5-7 p.m.; and North Water Gallery, Art Gallery reception, August 21, 5-7 p.m., .

The Edgartown Board of Trade requested permission to have a sandcastle building display and sell T-shirts in the mini-park August 5-6, this will be followed by the sandcastle contest on South beach which they have requested a banner advertising the event across Main St. between August 2 and 7. The Board approved the requests.

The Board voted to approve Steamship Authority travel vouchers for the Assessors and Wastewater departments.

The Board voted to approve the minutes of July 7, 2008 as written and dispense with the reading of same.

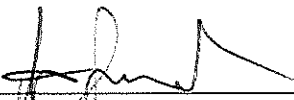
Town Administrator Dolby suggested a discussion about the one-day gallery licenses.

There being no further business, the meeting ended at 5.20 p.m.

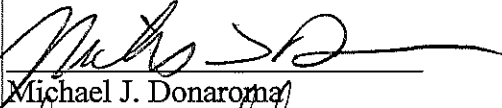
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Respectfully submitted,

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Hope Waingrow, secretary



Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman



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