

Selectmen's Meeting
August 11, 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 Selectman Michael J. Donaroma and Selectman Margaret E. Serpa. Chairman Arthur Smadbeck was absent. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela M. Dolby. Selectman Donaroma served as Acting Chairman.

Jerry Grant, citizen, was present to raise various safety issues connected with the Katama Store – Feed and grain. He spoke of the difficulty of cars trying to back out. Town Administrator Dolby said the Police can say it is a safety issue. Mr. Grant suggested a crosswalk to the bike path 20' to 30' toward town, noting you don't see those on the walk now until you're on them. Chairman Donaroma suggested having Highway Superintendent Stuart Fuller look at the situation. Mr. Grant spoke of bikes on the sidewalk and Selectman Serpa said there are signs saying no bikes on the sidewalk. Mr. Grant also spoke of people putting large rocks on Town property off Katama Road. Chairman Donaroma said Highway Superintendent Fuller will look into it.

Marilyn Wortman, Personnel Assistant, was spokesman for several Town Hall employees concerned with problems at the Town Hall parking lot at the Visitors' Center. Others present were Deborah Willoughby of the Collector's office, Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent, Wanda Williams, Town Clerk, and Georgiana Greenough, Administrative Assistant to the Planning Board.

Ms. Wortman said her car had been sideswiped in the lot. The principal concern was to make the spaces wider. She suggested removing the two bike racks now in the lot, since there is ample space for parking just around the corner, and possibly even removing the large tree that now stands next to the steps up to the center. Ms. Wortman spoke of the difficulty of backing out of the lot when a bus is parking at the opening of the lot. Selectman Serpa suggested that Town Administrator Dolby list the problems and then the Selectmen could work with her and Highway Superintendent Fuller.

Russell Smith, temporary County Manager, was present regarding use of State Beach by large parties. He noted the beach cannot be rented for public use. He spoke of Draft 2 of the rewritten regulations, which includes a provision that any party of 50 or more that has a caterer needs a permit. He said that if people are having a wedding, there is nothing the County can do about it, but participants may not have alcohol at the event, there should be no tents larger than 10' by 12', and there may be no walking on the dunes. He named Martina Thornton as the new Executive Secretary and said the County Commissioners will meet at the County offices on Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. for a public hearing. Mr. Smith says he is serving as consultant until the first of the year.

Dana Thornton will come to the Board meeting next week at 4:00 p.m. concerning fueling in the harbor. Selectman Serpa said she is not comfortable discussing it without the application process having been followed.

The Board voted the following:

To grant a Yard Sale to Christina Mayhew/Richard Olsen, 99 Old Purchase Rd. August 23, 2008, no raindate.

To grant Steamship Authority travel vouchers to the Library and the Council on Aging.

To support Clarion Martha's Vineyard concerning an Environmental Bond now on the Governor's desk and urging that we must make sure the funding for Wastewater Infrastructure stays in the bill.

To designate an official advisory committee for the Mass Estuaries Project involving Edgartown and Oak Bluffs, the aim of which is to protect and restore the water quality in Sengekontacket

Pond, the committee to be headed by Ronald DiOrio of Oak Bluffs and Chairman Smadbeck.

Town Administrator Dolby spoke of hiring someone to help in the Building Inspector's office since the recent serious illness of his assistant, Ursula Prada. Meantime, volunteers are filling in.

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

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Respectfully submitted,

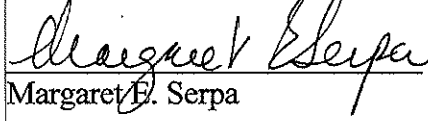


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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman



Michael J. Donaroma



Margaret E. Serpa

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