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**Selectmen's Meeting
November 17, 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.

Chairman Smadbeck opened the meeting and recognized David Outman who was present to request signatures on a Conservation Restriction for the George and Charlotte Clark property on Meetinghouse Way. Chris Kennedy of the Trustees of Reservations was also present. The conservation restriction will protect the relatively natural habitat, wherein is found the spiny oakworm, a species of "special concern"; the imperial moth, a threatened species; and the eastern box turtle, of "special concern". He added that other portions of the habitat are considered "priority habitat". Mr. Kennedy recalled that 10 years ago a Conservation Restriction was placed on 16 acres of land. He added that they have agreed to permit public access to the property for educational, archeological, etc. purposes, as was on the original Conservation Restriction. He instanced bringing school groups out, where they would also see how it protects Edgartown Great Pond, for a Conservation Restriction walk. Chairman Smadbeck also commented on the benefit to the Town of preserving that much frontage (1,000 feet) of Meetinghouse Way.

Selectman Serpa noted that the Conservation Restriction had already been approved by the Conservation Commission and moved that this Board also approves the Conservation Restriction and it was so voted, 3-0.

The Edgartown Board of Trade submitted a picture of a banner they would like to display advertising Christmas in Edgartown, the banner to span Main Street for a few days around Thanksgiving and again before Christmas in Edgartown. The Board voted to approve the request.

The Board voted the following:

To approve the minutes of October 27, 2008, both regular session and Executive Session, as written and dispense with the reading of same.

To approve a Steamship Authority travel voucher for Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent.

To grant a Yard Sale to the Good Riddance Group for C. James Luther, 93 South Water Street, November 23, 2008, rain date November 30.

The Board signed 3 Presidential Election of November 4 documents, one listing elected County Commissioners, another the Treasurer for the County of Dukes County, and the third Martha's Vineyard Commission members. The signatures were notarized by Lisa Morrison.

Water Commissioners John S. Lovewell and William R. Erickson, were present, as was Fred Domont, Superintendent, and his assistant, Pia Webster regarding the North Water Street Project. The discussion centered on waterpipes that had been replaced on North Water Street during the project to bury the electric wires. The project, burying the wires, has gone over the original estimate and Bailey Norton, head of project, has asked the Town to pay for this particular section of pipe. Mr. Norton has raised more than 2 million dollars for this project. The Selectmen suggested using part of the MBTE settlement money to cover the \$160,000 being requested. The Water Commissioners plan to use the money to paint the standpipe and pave 22nd Street (leading to the new well). Mr. Domont defended the department holding on to the money and noted that the electric company had so over-engineered the project that the cost skyrocketed.

Chairman Smadbeck said that it seemed they did not wish to support the replacement, entirely by donations, of the pipes that had been in the ground for 100 years. He suggested this Board and the Commission work together for the benefit of the project. He would like to see the voters of Edgartown have a voice. "It is the spirit of cooperation we're looking for," he said. Mr.

Domont said he agreed that the project should go forth but not be charged to the water users. Selectman Donaroma said the Board would like to work together with the Water Company.

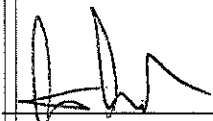
Chairman Smadbeck asked how the \$160,000 could be reimbursed to the Water Department for the purpose of painting the standpipe. Town Administrator Dolby said it could come from Free Cash over the next 3-5 years. The Board felt that would work. Selectmen Smadbeck pointed out the fact that the Water Commissioners' vote is needed. Selectman Serpa said that after all, we're all paying for it.

Commissioner Lovewell said he did not want to vote today. Selectman Serpa said the reason the Board needs a vote today is because the Special Town Meeting warrant for December 9, 2008, has to go to the paper. Chairman Smadbeck said no one likes to be bulldozed but the Town Administrator does have to get the warrant to the Gazette by noon Wednesday. Mr. Lovewell said he had met with Bailey Norton, who had been in charge of raising the money for the project, and Mr. Lovewell said he understood more about it than anyone else here. Chairman Smadbeck suggested the Water Commissioners post an emergency meeting to discuss the issue. He said the Board would greatly appreciate their consideration of the Board's proposal.

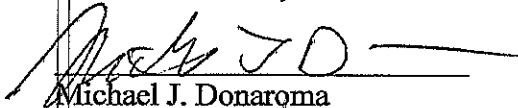
The Board then voted to continue this meeting to Thursday at 11:00 a.m. when bids will be opened on replacing the ceiling and sprinklers on the third floor of Town Hall.

At 4:55 p.m., the Chairman said that the Board would go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations and would not reconvene in open session. The members then voted by voice vote, each member signifying Aye.

APPROVED:



Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman



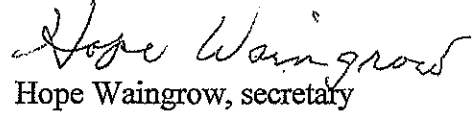
Michael J. Donaroma



Margaret E. Serpa

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Respectfully submitted,



Hope Waingrow, secretary