

**Selectmen's Meeting
December 1, 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.

Paul Porter, representing Falmouth Ferry, was present. He noted that they had been bringing foot passengers to Edgartown since 1994. He noted that the Pied Piper carries 78 passengers and crew. He wants to increase the number of passengers per trip to 100. He said he would like 15 minutes for passengers to debark. He plans the same number of trips per day as previously.

Mr. Porter said the Police and Harbormaster have no problem with the plan. He asked the Board for a letter of support to the Steamship authority to change the number of passengers. Town Administrator Dolby suggested that Harbormaster Charles Blair wanted a current contract and perhaps the fee to use the wharf might be increased by \$2000.00. The contract should be agreed to prior to the next season. The Board then voted to send a letter of support to the Steamship Authority regarding the number of passengers.

The Board voted the following:

To approve special one-day licenses to serve wine and malt beverages to The Edgartown National Bank for a Wine and Cheese Party on December 11 from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m., and the same license to the Edgartown Firemen's Association for its monthly dinner, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

To approve the minutes of November 17, 2008 as written and dispense with the reading of same.

To permit Alchemy to extend its hours from 1:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. December 31 – January 1.

The Board received a question from Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendent, as to whether the Town owns a lot in Ocean Heights, Map 11B Parcel 18. Town Administrator Dolby said the Assessors have looked at it and have determined that it does belong to the Town. Mr. Fuller wants to install leaching pits there, because there is now standing water in it during warm weather which fosters mosquitoes and poison ivy. The Board voted to turn the lot over to the Highway Department.

The Board heard from Stephen Berlucci, R.E., about the ceiling replacement project in Town Hall. He received 2 proposals but one was non-responsive. The other was from Jan Grabowski for \$112,000 and he recommended that the Board award the project to him. The Board voted to approve the request.

The Board received information from Sharky's Cantina concerning problems they are having in changing their liquor license from seasonal to year round. At this point they need to get the seasonal license extended to December 31 in order to get things straightened out with the ABCC. The Board voted to approve the request.

The Board received a letter of resignation from Kathryn Bettencourt from the Affordable Housing Committee. The Board voted to accept her resignation with regret and write her a letter thanking her for her service. The Board also said the committee should be informed.

The Board received information from the Fire Department about the department dive team and the problems of keeping all their gear in a trailer, which is very crowded. The Vineyard Transit Authority is asking for bids for a 2004 Ford Econoline mini-bus. The dive team thinks the Town could request that it be given at no cost and this would help their problem. Selectman Serpa said she was reluctant to increase the number of vehicles that are Town owned. Selectman Donaroma said he was for it, that it was worth talking to them about it. He noted they are meeting

with them on Thursday.


The Board received from the Town Accountant a Capital Thresholds and Useful Life Chart concerning various future Town purchases and costs for land improvement, building improvements, machinery and vehicles, infrastructure and land, all for various numbers of years. The Town Accountant said it follows the guide for GASB 34, Tier 2. The Board voted to adopt the thresholds suggested by the Town Accountant.

James Athearn was present regarding being appointed to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Selectman Donaroma said he would like to appoint Mr. Athearn as the appointee of the Selectmen, representing the Town. Mr. Athearn had forgotten to file his papers for reelection and ran a write-in campaign. The Board agreed with Selectman Donaroma and discussed when he should report items of interest back to the Board. Mr. Athearn said the next item of interest to be discussed is energy policy.


There being no further business, the meeting ended at 4:15 p.m.

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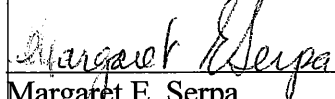
Respectfully submitted,
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Hope Waingrow, secretary



Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman



Michael J. Donaroma



Margaret E. Serpa

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