Town of Edgartown Selectboard August 14, 2023 4:00 pm

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the Fred B. Morgan, Jr. Meeting Room of Town Hall. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; Michael J. Donaroma and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was the Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which were the recommendations for license changes from the Chappy Ferry Steering Committee. Present were Bill Brine III, Peter Wells and Paul O'Donnell.

Mr. Brine stated that there have been many meetings with the input of hundreds of people. Three primary concerns: Rates based on operation costs, defining residency, and ensuring reliable service. This document reflected that. He understood it was not a perfect document and there would be compromise.

Mr. Wells thought they should hear from the consultant the town paid for before moving forward.

Paul O'Donnell thought it was far reaching and invasive into operations which is not what the license is for.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked everyone for coming in. He thought the best thing to do is send it to Town Counsel for review. The Board agreed.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a One Day Liquor License for an event at 10 Codman Springs Road. He started by stating that there seemed to be issues with the most previous license that was issued. The board has received a lot of correspondence from the neighbors. He was reluctant to issue any further One Day Licenses until these issues could be resolved. He asked the Police Chief for any thoughts.

Chief McNamee stated that the events at the residence have been a drain on resources.

Many neighbors were present and expressed their displeasure. Operation of a seemingly commercial space, noise, traffic and the serving of alcohol in their residential neighborhood were their main concerns.

Ms. Serpa and Mr. Donaroma both suggested the owners of the property work with the neighbors on any future events.

Mr. Hagerty explained that a One Day License is required for any event that would raise funds. They are not required for private parties.

Reade Milne, Zoning and Building Inspector, stated that she has received everyone's letters and is working on the issue. She has a meeting with the owner the next day.

After much discussion and venting from the frustrated neighbors Mr. Smadbeck thanked everyone for coming in.

Ms. Serpa moved to deny the One Day Liquor License. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed the next item on the agenda which was a Rise Engineering Energy Conservation Measure Proposal for School Contract. Present was Alan Strahler, Chair of the Energy Committee.

Mr. Strahler explained that the contract was a no cost contract to conserve energy. By energy management and monitoring. Should help save a lot of money for the school.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the Town Administrator to sign the contract. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was integration of Police and Animal Control. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a Stormwater Asset Management Grant. Ms. Serpa moved to approve the application with the Town Administrator signing. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the weekly warrants.

The Board then appointed the following Election Workers for one year for the town: Cindy Bonnell, Jonathan Chatinover, Phyllis Look, Jo-Ann Resendes, Kristy Rose, Kevin Searle, Joy Thoma, Ann Tyra, Christine White, Wanda Williams

At 4:37 pm Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. The Board did a rollcall vote and all voted Aye. Unanimous

Kristy Rose Administrative Assistant

Documents included in meeting: Agenda, Applications, Permits, Minutes and Warrants