

Selectmen's Meeting
January 6, 2020
4:00 pm

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

At 4:00pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was a public hearing for the FY20 CDBG grant. Present was Alice Boyd, administrator and Melissa Vincent from TRI.

Ms. Boyd read the public notice aloud and then gave a summary of the program. She added that this is the 13th year Edgartown has participated and the 25th it has been on the Island. The funds are used for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies.

Ms. Vincent explained the qualifications for receiving funds and what the funds can be used for. She stated that 20 out of 24 slots are already taken for FY20.

There being no questions from the public, Ms. Serpa closed the public hearing. Mr. Smadbeck then made the following motion: He moved to submit an FY20 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Administrator or Designee to sign the grant application and associated forms. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was the opening of the bids on lots from abutters. She read the notice aloud and then Mr. Hagerty opened and read the bids:

Lot 11A-442	Habekost	\$21,600
Lot 11-19-2	Stickney	\$9,501
Lot 11-19	Stickney	\$19,001
Lot 11A-213-1	Thornton	\$16,001
Lot 11A-455	Holt	\$15,800
Lot 11A-456	Holt	\$15,800
Lot 11B-166	Rowell	\$19,000
Lot 11B-61	Sears	\$19,000

Mr. Smadbeck moved to take all of the bids under consideration. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized MV Hospital CEO and President Denis Schepici.

Ms. Schepici gave a powerpoint presentation of the proposed new senior living facility on a lot off of the Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road. It would house 70 residents and 60 workforce which would be for the property in question and the hospital. There are still several hurdles to cross before it becomes reality.

Ms. Jane Chittick asked how the residents would pay.

Ms. Schepici replied there would be a blend of self pay and Medicaid.

Ms. Serpa thanked the Hospital for coming in. She then recognized Ms. Leslie Floyd.

Ms. Floyd stated that she would like a partial release for a drainage easement from 1970. She then listed the reasons why she thought the Board could release it, even though Town Counsel had said otherwise.

Mr. Smadbeck replied that the Board could not release it in a regular meeting for two reasons. 1. Town Counsel has stated that the Board does not have the authority and that it must be a town meeting vote and be approved by 2/3 majority. 2. There must be a selling price. There has been no offer.

Ms. Serpa stated the Board cannot act on it.

Mr. Donaroma agreed.

Ms. Floyd argued her point.

The Board stood firm that they could not take action and she could either persue it in court or through Town Meeting.

Mr. Donaroma then recused himself from the room for the next item.

Ms. Serpa recognized Mr. Jeff Madison representing the Boys & Girls Club.

Mr. Madison stated that the Club Board were not ready yet to sign the MOU on the property they are to purchase with the Town. He stated that there are 18 points of concern they haven't ironed out yet and he asked for more time. He thought it was not insurmountable and asked to continue the item for 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Hagerty responded that he can appreciate what Mr. Madison is saying, but that the Town needs the final MOU amount obligation to create and present a balanced budget.

After some discussion it was decided to continue to the meeting on January 21st, but that was the "drop dead date"

Mr. Donaroma then returned to the meeting.

The Board then approved the following items:

A mortgage subordination for 8 Treetop Rd.

The minutes of 12/30/19.

To appoint Amy Tierney as the new Town Accountant to start in the end of February sometime.

Ms. Jane Chittick then spoke up that she was unhappy about the VTA plan on Church Street. She was joined by Ms. Sara Piazza.

Mr. Donaroma replied that he and the Highway Superintendant had met with the VTA and that two of the largest shade trees were remaining and it won't be all bricks. He tried to expand on that but was cut off by Ms. Chittick.

Both women were unhappy with the buses downtown and the thought of the electric buses charging in town. They were worried about the historic downtown.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the electric buses would be much quieter and produce no emissions. The town has always supported and embraced renewable energies.

After some discussion the Board thanked them for coming in.

At 5:12 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant