

Selectmen's Meeting
March 2, 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 and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00 pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was a public hearing for a new Common Victualer Liquor License for Chesca's Restaurant. New Chef/Owner Michael O'Brien and his Attorney Fred Grosser were present.

Ms. Serpa stated that they first had to vote to accept the request of previous owner Joanne Maxwell to not renew their seasonal liquor license. Mr. Smadbeck moved to accept. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Atty. Grosser stated that Mr. O'Brien would run the establishment in the same manner as Chesca's has in the past.

Mr. O'Brien introduced himself and stated that he was very happy to be the new owner.

Ms. Serpa welcomed him and wished him good luck.

There being no public comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the new Seasonal All Alcohol Common Victualer Liquor License for Chesca's as well as the pledge of liquor license. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was an aquaculture hearing for family transfer of lease lots KB8 and MF1 from Roy Scheffer to Noah Scheffer. She read the notice aloud. Many members of the Scheffer family were present for the hearing. Also present was Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall.

Mr. Bagnall explained that Jeremy has moved to Chilmark and will start a farm there. This series of transfers was in order to facilitate adding Noah. Noah will take over Roy's and then Roy and Martha will take over Jeremy's. The Shellfish Committee has approved and there was a letter with the notices.

Ms. Serpa thanked Mr. Bagnall for the explanation.

There being no public comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck then moved to approve the transfer of lots KB8 and MF1. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then read out the second aquaculture hearing notice for transfer of lots KB12 and MF2 from Jeremy Scheffer to Roy and Martha Scheffer.

There being no public comment, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the transfer. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was the Chappaquiddick Ferry Steering Committee. (CFSC)

Mr. Hagerty stated that they've had 16 people express interest in the CFSC. He stated that he thought 6-8 people was optimal. He felt there was a good range of representation in the pool of applicants. He asked the Board how they wanted to handle the choice process. He also wanted to clarify what the goal of the committee was.

After some discussion and concerns expressed by the audience of time to choose and goals, it was decided that Mr. Hagerty would conduct interviews and submit a list to the Board of a final committee of 5-7 people for the following meeting. The primary objective to start is to come up with a list of questions to ask special council on the matter of forming a governing committee for the ferry. After those questions are answered, the committee can then form short term and long term goals based on the answers as guidance.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Block the Road Permit for Gary Bendavid for 8 Pease Point Way.

A Block the Road Permit for Fenner Construction in the area of the Quarterdeck.

For the Town Bar & Grille to close for winter maintenance after the fact from 2/17-3/1. They have been informed that this should be done in advance of closure.

To allow Soigne to close for winter maintenance from 3/5-4/9.

The Board addressed a letter from the Charlotte Inn that has been closed since January 1st. They had requested to close for winter maintenance for a month and then did not reopen. The letter stated that they were still searching for a new chef and could not open until they found one. The Board took no action. They asked Mr. Hagerty to look into the matter.

A Transient Vendor License for Pirate's Puzzle.

A Yard Sale for Chris Scott for the Estate of David Thompson at 33 Fuller St.

A Common Victualler License for Dairy Queen.

A Travel Voucher for the Police Department.

The minutes of February 18th.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the Board would be advertising for a representative for the Cable Advisory Committee. He asked the Board to vote to split any legal costs of the Cable Advisory Committee equally among the 6 towns. Mr. Smadbeck moved. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board voted to appoint Ms. Amy Tierney as their representative on the OPEB Committee.

At 4:32 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant