Selectmen's Meeting January 18, 2019 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 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 the public hearing for the FY19 CDBG grant. She read the notice aloud. Present were Grant Administrator Alice Boyd and Melissa Vincent.

Ms. Boyd gave an overview of what the program is and who it helps. They helped send 36 children to childcare this year and rehabbed 21 houses. She explained that FY19 would be \$1.3 million for the Towns of Edgartown, Aquinnah and West Tisbury. Each house could receive up to \$40,000 in housing rehab assistance or \$5,000 per child for childcare.

Mr. Smadbeck asked how many years the town has been involved.

Ms. Boyd responded 11 years.

The Board made two votes:

#1- Ms. Serpa moved to submit an FY19 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the grant application and associated forms. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

#2 – Ms Serpa moved to allocate \$25,000 of CDBG Miscellaneous Income as a contingency fund. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Boyd then brought up an issue they were having and needed the Board to decide how to proceed. There is a loan of which \$14,000 remains due and the occupant is deceased. She would like to forgive the loan instead of pursue it.

Mr. Smadbeck made a motion to forgive the amount due to the fact that it would cost more to pursue it. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked Ms. Boyd and Ms. Vincent for all their hard work.

Ms. Serpa then moved onto the next item which was Angela Grant from the VTA to talk about the electric bus charging plan on Church St.

Ms. Grant gave an update on the project. There are some delays with the transformer and placement and there is a water line in the way.

Mr. Bill Chapman, Water Superintendent stated that he applauds their efforts. Logistics is a problem. There will need to be Water and Waste Water utility relocation.

The Board thanked them for the update.

The Board then approved the following items:

For the Edgartown Diner to close February 15th to March 14th.

A Transient Vendor License for Rags.

To appoint Alan Strahler to the Energy Committee.

At 4:40 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose Assistant

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck Board of Selectmen

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