

Selectmen's Meeting
May 20, 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, Chairman, Arthur Smadbeck and Michael J. Donaroma. 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 shade tree hearing for 38 Simpson's Lane. The applicant was not present. Present was Tree Warden Alan deBettencourt.

Ms. Serpa read the notice aloud.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that the applicants would like to remove the two trees noted and replace them with two maples. He would like them to be of at least a 3"- 4" caliper.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he would like to tie the tree replacement to the occupancy permit to require they be replaced before one is issued.

The other Board members agreed. Mr. Hagerty stated that he would speak with the building inspector.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the removal of the two trees and replace with two maple trees with a minimum of 3"-4" caliper with replacement by August 31, 2019 and for the Certificate of Occupancy not to be issued for the building project until the trees are replaced. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was a shade tree hearing for 55 School Street to remove one tree. Present was Gerry Conover. Ms. Serpa read the notice aloud.

Mr. Conover stated that this was at the old museum property. The tree was neglected and dead. He offered two replacement shade trees of 5"-6" caliper of a type agreed upon between the Tree Warden and the owners. Replacement will be by May 1, 2020.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the removal and replacement plan and add that the Certificate of Occupancy not be issued until the replacement trees are planted. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was an Eversource Hearing to provide service to 85 Pease Point Way. Present for the owners was Tom Pierce and from Eversource Ms. Jessica Elder, Right of Way Agent.

Ms. Serpa read the notice aloud.

Mr. Pierce stated that they are now on temporary power. He would like to get it done as soon as possible. He has been waiting for Eversource.

Ms. Elder stated that it was a simple directional drilling under and across the road from the pole to the property. There would be no change to the pole.

Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the application. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Dan Doyle from the MV Commission.

Mr. Doyle was present to give an update on the transportation improvement project. He showed plans of a small section of Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Rd. that would get the drains out of the travel lane and plant trees in the median between the bike path and the road.

The Board thanked him for coming.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to a request from Mad Martha's to extend their block the sidewalk permit. Present was Patty Roberts, owner.

Ms. Roberts stated that the rain has really held them back. There was a lot of rot that needed to be replaced.

After some discussion and questions of why this wasn't done sooner. Mr. Donaroma moved to approve work until Thursday, May 23rd and no later. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Norman Rankow who was in the audience and seemed to have an issue he'd like to discuss.

Mr. Rankow stated that he was in charge of the construction project at 66 N. Water St. which is currently up on blocks. He explained that when they started the project they hit ground water. He was looking for permission to dig the basement in May which would require some blocking of the sidewalk.

Mr. Donaroma asked how much blocking would be needed.

Mr. Rankow started with two weeks and after some talking ended up with maybe three days.

The Board asked Mr. Rankow to discuss the matter with Highway Superintendent Alan deBettencourt and they would put his issue on the agenda for May 28th.

The Board then approved the following items:

Chapter 77 transfers for the Town Clerk, Town Reports, and Katama Airfield.

Minutes of May 13, 2019.

Four One Day Liquor Licenses for the Eisenhower Gallery.

A Yard Sale for Nell on Main St.

A Travel Voucher for the Water Department.

A Common Victualler License for Isola.

And a Change of Manager for The Dunes.

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,

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Assistant