

Selectmen's Meeting
July 22, 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 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 Joe Sollitto, Grand Marshall of the 4th of July Parade.

Mr. Sollitto stated that the parade was a great success and longer than ever. There is a problem with every business wanting to be in the parade just to advertise and the parade committee was concerned that it was getting too commercial and too long. They have rewritten the parade rules to clarify what groups can enter in the parade and give the other groups a chance to sponsor the allowed ones. The first two rules are new the other rules on the list have already been in place for many years:

Edgartown Independence Day Parade Rules

- The Following groups may enter in the parade:
 - Non-profits
 - Camps
 - Teams (dance, sport, debate, etc...)
 - Musical groups
 - Farm or Agriculture
 - Families
 - Veterans or Military supportive
 - Municipal
- Groups in other categories may sponsor an allowed group and are permitted a maximum of 2 signs with 2' square space each (ex: 1'x 2') to say as such.
- No handing out of coupons, pamphlets, or advertising of any sort. Pamphleting is not allowed in Edgartown.
- Antique vehicles are welcome if they are 50 years or older.
- No throwing of candy. Handing out is allowed.
- Entries should be in the spirit of the parade and family friendly.
- Entries must preregister with the Board of Selectmen's Office in order to participate.

The Board thought this was a good idea and supported it. Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the new rules. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Alan Strahler, Chairman of the Town Energy Committee.

Mr. Strahler read a letter out loud which is attached asking to create an informational program for town committees to address climate change.

Ms. Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent stated that Town was working on a Municipal Vulnerability Study.

The issue was continued to August 5th until Mr. Smadbeck could be present for the discussion.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the Chappy Ferry issue. Present was Police Chief Bruce McNamee; Ferry Owner Peter Wells; Johnny Leite, Tow Truck owner; and Joanne Brine, Manager Chappy Store.

Chief McNamee stated that Mr. Leite and Mr. Wells had come to an agreement to mark his vehicles with lights and to look more like emergency vehicles than personal ones and he would be able to cut the line.

Mr. Wells stated that they had come to an agreement. He stated that the Chappy Store would like to cut the line when they bring over ice cream. He suggested some sort of refrigeration unit instead.

Ms. Brine stated that it is very expensive to have IFP deliver and they would like to bring ice cream over themselves, but the vehicle is not refrigerated.

The Board did not voice an opinion on the matter and said it was up to Mr. Wells. This was not an issue they would intervene on.

Mr. Wells stated he would like to shut off the cut line after the Derby when they only have one boat.

The Board said they could have a hearing at a later time. It should be an agenda item.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was a group of Katama residents who were unhappy with the ongoing plans for renovation of the Katama Boat Ramp. Present were neighbors Vincent Sabatini, Steven Steinberg and Adam Brown. Also present were Fisherman Donnie Benefit, Dredge Committee members, Dredge Assistant Juliet Mulinare and Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda.

Mr. Sabatini started by stating that he did not hear of this project until recently and felt it was outside the scope of the ramp's regular usage. He felt it would be commercialized and there would be increased traffic. He wanted it put on hold for discussion with the Katama Residents Association.

Mr. Adam Brown stated that he did not think that commercial fishermen belonged in Katama. He felt they belong in town. He stated that he supported restoration, but not expansion or commercial use. He stated that it would ruin the "vista" and wanted a conversation.

Mr. Ed Handy, Chairman of the Dredge Committee stated that the project increases the public's access to the water. The original plan was much bigger and could accommodate two boats launching at the same time.

Ms. Varkonda then read a statement from Doug Cameron from the state which is attached.

Mr. Benefit stated that the town doesn't have a functional ramp. Collins beach is not an option.

Mr. Steven Steinberg stated that he is the President of the Katama Association. They agree that the boat ramp needs to be repaired. They do not support the new size to support launch of the town dredge. There's no place for overflow parking.

Mr. Hagerty stated that the Town has voted on this project twice at Town Meeting. Once in 2016 for CPC funds to help with engineering and in 2019 for funds toward the project itself in conjunction with the State.

Mr. Donaroma stated that this project has been thoroughly vetted by the town. It's been in the works for at least three years probably longer. There have been multiple public meetings of the Community Preservation Committee, Dredge Committee and Marine Advisory Committee and two town meeting votes. This project will provide better access for the people of Edgartown to the water. The State has laid out the regulations. There will be no expansion of the parking lot. He saw no reason to revisit it.

Ms. Serpa agreed. The town has to keep the project in motion and there has been plenty of public input.

Mr. Sabatini stated that there will be unintended consequences.

Mr. Dudley Levick tried to explain the length of the ramp is because of the height and angle of the launch and the length of the dredge trailer.

The Board thanked everyone for coming in.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was a request from the Town Bar & Grill to alter their Entertainment License to include outside music. Mr. Donaroma stated that he needed to abstain from the item. This left Ms. Serpa as the lone member. Ms. Serpa informed the group gathered that they would have to wait until Mr. Smadbeck returned and continue the item to August 5th.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the next item which was the VTA. Present were several bus drivers.

Mr. Andre Bonnell stated that they were still on strike. He handed out pay information for the VTA leadership.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of July 1st and 15th.

They signed and approved the Sheriff's DCSD MV RECC Agreement.

Yard Sales for Raymond, Habekost, and Minton.

Commercial Marine Licenses for: Skyhigh Kiteboarding, Next Level Watersports and High Tide Charters.

One Day Liquor Licenses for WMVY and The Farm Institute.

For the Police to hang a banner for their lobster roll sale.

A Travel Voucher for the Police Department.

At 4:58 PM Mr. Donaroma 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

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