Selectmen's Meeting September 9, 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 dangerous dog hearing. Present were Animal Control Officer Betsy Buck and dog owners Martha Lopez and Jacqueline Robinson who were sworn in to give testimony.

Ms. Buck gave a report of the incident. In summary: Ms. Lopez was walking her dog Sami on Marchants Path when Ms. Robinson's miniature dachshund Malcolm X and two other dogs came running up to them. Malcolm X then tried to attack Sami and Ms. Lopez stepped in and received a large bite to her leg. The full report is attached.

Ms. Lopez then gave her version of the events. She and Sami were quite terrified by the encounter. She had to stay home from work for a few days because of her injury.

Ms. Robinson stated that she was bringing in groceries and they got out by mistake. She did not witness the encounter but ran to get them as soon as she realized they got out. She feels terrible about what happened.

Ms. Serpa thanked them for their testimony. She asked Ms. Buck for her recommendations.

Ms. Buck stated that Malcolm X fit the dangerous dog profile by his actions. Her recommendation was that he be kept behind a fence that is buried and be leashed at all times.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve Ms. Buck's recommendations. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Joe ElDiery, Chairman of the MV Bass and Bluefish Derby.

Mr. ElDiery stated that he was there to request use of the four spots next to the Derby Shack in the Dock Street parking lot for use of the Derby prizes during the extent of the Derby.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the request. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Hagerty then spoke of the proposal of a new formula for assessment for each town for MVRHS. He explained by diagram and slideshow how that would be detrimental to the town of Edgartown and it's taxpayers.

Ms. Serpa thanked Mr. Hagerty.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board and Town Administrator are concerned with the safety and usability of the MVRHS. The Board is sending a letter to all those involved to have a special meeting on October 7th at 4pm to discuss options for getting repairs done.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. James Joyce.

Mr. Joyce stated that the Construction Noise bylaw is not clear on residents doing construction on their own properties on Sundays and the 7am start time should be more enforceable.

The Board said they would look into it.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Peter Rosbeck Jr. who was requesting a Block the Road Permit at 76 S. Water St. for one day.

Mr. Rosbeck stated that they have to lift the house and will need to block one lane of traffic for one day.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the permit. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Barry Glassman, Construction Supervisor for Chase Bank.

Mr. Glassman stated that Chase Bank would like to put a kiosk in at 1 N. Water Street. After looking at the site and having a discussion with Mr. Hagerty, they've decided to request two parking spots and not request a dumpster.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve blocking the first two spots on S. Water Street starting September 16th for twelve days for only Monday through Friday. No weekends. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Minutes of September 3rd.

Donations to the Council on Aging from the Friends of the Council on Aging.

To appoint James Maseda as new Highway Foreman and George Fauteux as new Town Mechanic.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Pat Tyra, concerned citizen.

Ms. Tyra wanted bike signs going out of town by the jail.

Mr. Hagerty responded that the Highway, Police and State are working together to resign that whole intersection.

At 4:53 PM Mr. Donaroma moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose Assistant

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma Board of Selectmen