

Selectmen's Meeting
December 30, 2019
3:45 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; Michael Donaroma and Arthur Smadbeck. Also present was Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 3:45pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was the decision on a public hearing for the Harbor View Hotel for an alteration of premises with alterations to include: Renovations of Bar 1 (Bettini), Reconfiguration and improvement of Bar 2(Roxana) and relocation and construction of the pool bar.

Mr. Smadbeck noted that they had not heard back from the Harbor View that they are going to move the pool bar back to its previous location, so he suggested a compromise that they restrict the hours of the pool bar to noon to 6pm. It will help eliminate the evening complaints and will still cover pool time and cocktail hour.

Mr. Donaroma liked Mr. Smadbeck's suggestion. It was a good compromise. He asked if that was a motion.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the alteration of premises and add the restriction of hours to service from 12 noon to 6pm for the pool bar. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Race Permit for the 20 Miler on February 15th.

The Minutes of December 16th.

A Transient Vendor License for Rags.

A Donation for the Council on Aging of \$200 from Sandpiper Realty to go toward that lunch program.

A Common Victualler License for Edgartown Cinemas.

A Lodging House License for The Hob Knob.

Weekday and Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Edgartown Cinemas.

To grant Alchemy a week extension on their closure request for repairs and maintenance.

To allow the Charlotte Inn to close the Terrace for the month of January for repairs and maintenance.

For the Edgartown Diner to be allowed to have a New Year's Eve Party.

To appoint James Joyce as their representative to the MV Commission.

To regretfully accept the resignation of Chris Scott from the Library Board of Trustees and to appoint Denise Searle as interim member.

Ms. Serpa then opened the Shade Tree Hearing for the Parks Department to remove trees in the Robinson Road Rec Area. Present was Tree Warden Allan deBettencourt.

Mr. deBettencourt stated that the trees were all in poor or dead condition. They will all be replaced after the restructure of the park area.

Mr. Donaroma wanted to confirm they would all be replaced.

Mr. deBettencourt assured Mr. Donaroma that they would.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the removal and replacement of the trees with oversight of the Tree Warden. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the Shade Tree Hearing for the VTA at the visitor's center on Church Street. Present for the VTA was Angela Grant. Also present was Tree Warden Allan deBettencourt.

Ms. Grant stated that the removal of the five trees was necessary for the electrification and improvements to the bus stop. She offered one replacement tree on the property and to plant trees around town at the locations of the Board's choosing.

Mr. deBettencourt went through the trees and his recommendations: #5 on Church St. is in poor condition. He agrees with taking it down. #4 is in the parking lot. The top has a lot of die back. He agrees with taking it down. #2 is in a box planter and is root bound. He agrees with removal. #1 is the weeping willow behind the visitor's center. It has lost a lot of branches and he agrees with removal.

He objects to removal of #3 the Linden Tree in the front of the visitor's center. It is healthy and has a good canopy. It provides a lot of shade. He would like to endeavor to save it and put it in the hands of the Board.

Mr. Donaroma had concerns and reservations about removing so many trees and not replacing them in the same location. He definitely wanted the linden tree (#3) to stay and wants to work with the VTA to find replacement spots on the lot for all of the trees. There was always room to tuck shade trees in. Only as a last resort would he like to see the replacements be put elsewhere.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed and asked if that was a motion.

Ms. Serpa closed the hearing. Mr. Donaroma made a motion to deny removal of tree #3 and approve removal of trees #s 1,2,4, and 5 with replacements for all the trees on the visitor's center lot with the agreement of the tree warden and Board. As a last resort other locations for the trees can be considered after all options for the visitor's center location have been exhausted. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Grant for a presentation on what the VTA had planned for the visitor's center and bus charging upgrade. To summarize she showed a plan for the property which is available in the file. It covered: Electrical cabinets with decorative covers, 3 trash barrels, hardscape, a water refill station, lanterns and benches. She did say some of it would change now that tree #3 needed to stay. They were on schedule to start this winter. Hopefully with completion by May 15th. Buses would start charging between then and July 1st.

Mr. Hagerty asked about the town employee parking and whether that would be shut down. Also to explain how the project was funded.

Ms. Grant responded that the parking lot would be periodically partially closed off during construction and that it was fully federally funded under a grant.

Noad Asimov from the Gazette asked the cost of the project.

Ms. Grant responded that it was approximately \$1.5 million.

Ms. Serpa thanked Ms. Grant for the update. She then recognized Mr. Darren Morris who had a request to block the street from the MV Savings bank on Main St.

Mr. Morris explained that they would need to park a truck on the sidewalk to empty out some construction materials on January 8th and 9th and then block School St on January 16th for a cement truck. He has spoken with the Highway Superintendent and Police Department and they have a plan.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve and asked Mr. Morris keep the Highway and Police up to date with progress. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:24 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant