

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**January 22, 2018**  
**4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; and Margaret Serpa. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was a public hearing for the CDBG grant program. Present was Alice Boyd, administrator and Melissa Vincent, administrator for TRI.

Ms. Boyd explained the program and stated that this year they were applying for \$1.2 million for Edgartown, Aquinnah, and West Tisbury. The future of this program is uncertain and this may be the last year it is available. She also explained that there is a program income fund where the funds need to be spent or lost. She suggested a self evaluation and transition plan for ADA access.

Ms. Barbara Prada stated that she has known a few people that have used the program and it has been very helpful.

Ms. Vincent stated that they have a lengthy waiting list. There is a lot of need for it.

Ms. Dolby stated that Ms. Vincent is very helpful when emergencies come up that are brought to the town's attention.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if there was any further comment. There being none, he closed the hearing.

The Board made the following motions and voted upon them:

1. Ms. Serpa moved to submit the CDBG application for FY18. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.
2. Ms. Serpa moved to allocate up to \$66,000 toward an ADA plan. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board thanked Ms. Boyd and Ms. Vincent for all the good work they do.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Barbara Prada, Animal Control Officer for her quarterly report.

Ms. Prada stated that page 4 of her report has a typo. It should read 1 cat was hit by a vehicle not zero. She has also included the annual farm census.

The Board thanked Ms. Prada for her report.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Shellfish Constable Paul Bagnall.

Mr. Bagnall stated that the Shellfish Committee had voted at their last meeting to approve commercial scalloping on Saturdays, with the Selectmen's approval, starting on January 27, 2018 and ending March 31, 2018.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was a presentation by the Marine Advisory Committee (MAC) concerning the dinghy docks. Present from the MAC were Scott Morgan and Skip Tomassian.

Mr. Morgan presented an idea to move the dinghy docks from their current location in front of Atlantic between the Derby Shack and the Yacht Club to the side of Memorial Wharf where the commercial fishermen currently dock the fishing boats. They would suggest this for the high summer season from mid-June to mid-September. This would result in a shuffling of how the other town docks were used. He believed they had the Harbormaster's support on this idea.

Ms. Serpa stated that it sounded like a possibly good idea.

Ms. Dolby asked if this needed to be decided today. They should probably have a public hearing. She stated that it probably wouldn't happen this year because of permits and such.

Mr. Morgan stated that this was something they wanted to run by the Board. It would indeed need to be permitted and would not be for this year.

Ms. Serpa suggested setting up a public hearing for after Town Meeting at some point. Mr. Smadbeck and the members of the MAC present agreed.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 1/8/18 and 1/16/18.

A travel voucher for the Harbormaster.

For Isola to close for winter maintenance from February 8<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup>.

The Board received a copy of a letter from the Historic District Commission to Ben Hall, Jr. concerning the old liquor store at 40 Main St. about the current state of the building. The Board supports this letter and getting the owner to clean it up.

Mr. Smadbeck addressed a letter that the Board had received on January 8<sup>th</sup> from the Patrolman's Union requesting certain things in the selection process for the new police chief. He started by stating that he had no doubt in the objectivity of Former Chief David Rossi. He was the president of the patrolmen's union for a long time. He had been in many negotiation sessions with him and felt he was a fair and honest man. Mr. Smadbeck secondly addressed the request for a patrolman on the chief selection committee. The answer was no. He did support a meeting of the patrolmen with the finalists in a group forum.

Ms. Serpa agreed with Mr. Smadbeck. They need to move forward.

The Board asked Ms. Rose to write a letter to the Patrolman's Union conveying these points for Mr. Smadbeck to sign in response.

Mr. Smadbeck then addressed an anonymous email asking about the other proposals for a company to help with the Police Chief selection process. He responded that the other proposals were available in the office for public viewing during office hours.

The Board thanked Ms. Dolby for all her work on the budget books and hearings.

At 4:25 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

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Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

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Michael J. Donaroma

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Margaret E. Serpa  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant

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