

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**March 19, 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; Michael Donaroma and Margaret Serpa.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first thing on the agenda which was appointment of the new Police Chief. *The Board had interviews and deliberations in a meeting held before the regular meeting.* He started by thanking Human Resources Coordinator Kim Lucas for all her hard work in organizing the day.

Mr. Donaroma stated that all the finalists were well qualified. After looking at the qualifications and having the interviews, he felt the Bruce McNamee would be the best fit for Edgartown. He moved to appoint him.

Ms. Serpa agreed with Mr. Donaroma and seconded his motion.

Mr. Smadbeck also agreed. He thought Mr. McNamee would be a good fit. Which is what they were looking for. Any of these candidates would be good and were very well qualified. He thanked them.

The Board then voted by unanimous vote to appoint Bruce McNamee as the new Police Chief.

There was then a rousing round of applause from the packed audience and Mr. McNamee made sure to get a congratulatory peck from his wife before then shaking hands with all of the Selectmen.

Mr. McNamee then stated that he was very pleased. This was a big dream for him to come work in this great community and he thanked the Board. The Board invited him to sit with them for the rest of the meeting.

The Board then moved on to other matters. Mr. Smadbeck recognized Fire Chief Alex Schaeffer.

Chief Schaeffer asked if the Board had any questions about the last storm.

Ms. Serpa asked about the generator problems they had in the first storm and if there had been any developments.

Chief Schaeffer responded that he had been in touch with a vendor to come and assess the situation.

The Board thanked the Chief for coming in.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. Chris Scott, Chair of the Yellow House Committee. Also present was Juliet Mulinare, Procurement Officer.

Mr. Smadbeck read a statement from Town Counsel Ron Rappaport advising the Board to reconvene the Yellow House Committee and reissue the RFP with some changes. This advice was based on the lease negotiations with the winning bidder and some problems that turned up. At the head of the issues was the best way to protect the large shade tree in front of the Yellow House.

Mr. Scott stated that the committee was strong and would be happy to reconvene.

Mr. Donaroma stated that they were hoping to get the changes done and send it back out quickly so that all will be in place for a fall project start.

The Board voted to reconvene the Yellow House Committee with the purpose of reissuing the RFP.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was the annual review for Harbormaster Charlie Blair. He started by stating that the town is never going to let Mr. Blair go. He does an amazing job.

Ms. Serpa agreed that he was a great asset to the town.

Mr. Blair thanked the Board and replied that he was only as good as his team. He then gave an update on his assistant Michael Hathaway who was recently injured.

Ms. Serpa moved to give Mr. Blair a favorable review. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was concerned citizen running for Selectmen Gail Gardner.

Ms. Gardner stated that she was not prepared for the appointment of the Police Chief so quickly and asked to be postponed to the following week. She would like to go over some of her questions and see if they are still relevant.

The Board granted her request.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of February 12<sup>th</sup>.

The Autism Group 5k Fun Run on April 29<sup>th</sup>.

A Transient Vendor License for Lululemon.

Common Victualler Licenses for Murdick's Fudge and Murdick's Café.

The list of Seasonal Liquor Licenses for 2018.

At 4:18 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma 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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