

Selectmen's Meeting
March 26, 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.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first thing on the agenda which was the alteration of premises for L'etoille. Present was Michael Brisson, owner and manager. Mr. Smadbeck read the notice aloud.

Mr. Brisson stated that they are extending the bar into the addition and adding 12 seats so the bar will have a total of 35 seats. He thanked Karen Fuller for being so helpful during this process.

There being no further comment, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing at 4:04pm. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item which was a transfer of liquor license for the Harborview Hotel. Present for the owners were Attorney Sean Murphy and manager Justin Mercier.

Mr. Murphy stated that he represented the new owner Mr. Choo. He requested that the Board approve the transfer of license and the pledge of license to Needham Bank.

At 4:07 PM, there being no further comment, Mr. Smadbeck closed the hearing. Ms. Serpa moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the public shade tree hearing for 22 N. Water Street. Present was Gerry Conover Jr. for the owners and Tree Warden Stuart Fuller.

Mr. Conover stated that the project at the Sydney is a large one. They had intended on keeping all the large trees, however the recent storms had presented some weaknesses in one and the other has decay. He was offering significant replacements with 10-12" caliper.

Mr. Fuller stated that the new trees would be an enhancement. The maple has decay pockets and the horse chestnut has a large crack.

Mr. Michael Brisson, owner of l'etoille, stated that a healthier set of trees are welcome.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the removal and replacement of the trees by June 30, 2018. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the public shade tree hearing for 1 Pierce Lane. Mr. Fuller requested it be continued to April 2nd. Ms. Serpa moved to continued. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was MV Taxi with a request to change to a metering system. Mr. Smadbeck stated that there would have to be a public hearing. A public hearing was set for April 23rd at 4pm.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was the Shellfish Committee request to extend scallop season and set an oyster season. Present was Town Shellfish Constable and Marine Biologist Paul Bagnall.

Mr. Bagnall stated that they would like to extend the scallop season to April 13th. And have a Commercial Oyster Season in Great Pond from March 29th to May 11th.

Mr. Donnie Benefit, Commercial Fisherman, stated that there are a lot of seed in Cape Pogue and he encouraged the Board to not extend the scallop season there to protect the seed.

Mr. Bagnall responded that there are a lot of adult scallops in Down Harbor and Katama. He did not have an issue with a compromise.

Ms. Serpa moved to set the Commercial Oyster Season in Great Pond from March 29th to May 11th. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa moved to extend scallop season to April 13th everywhere except Cape Pogue. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved an excavation permit for Rogers Excavation on Meshacket Rd.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Gail Gardner, concerned citizen and candidate for Selectman who had some questions about the Police Chief hiring process.

She asked some questions to which Mr. Smadbeck answered to the best of his ability. A lot of her questions were about the process which was done by the outside company the Board had hired and Mr. Smadbeck referred her to the company. She then asked about the bid process.

Juliet Mulinare, Procurement Officer explained what was required in the bid process which was under \$10,000.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they were happy with the selection company they used. They hadn't received one complaint from the applicants and it produced a very viable candidate.

The Board approved the following items:

The minutes of March 12th and 19th.

Common Victualler's Licenses for 19 Raw and Black Sheep Charcuterie.

Weekday and Sunday Entertainment Licenses for Atlantic.

To accept the invitation of the Cemetery Commission to a ceremony at Tower Hill Cemetery on May 18th at 1pm.

To accept a \$100 donation to the Council on Aging.

To appoint Peter Rosbeck Jr. to the Regional High School Committee.

At 4:42 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant

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