

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**April 30, 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 J. Donaroma and Margaret Serpa.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and moved to appoint Mr. Donaroma as chairman. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma opened the first item on the agenda which was Ms. Kathleen Samways who has some concerns about accessibility for those less able at the Town Meeting. Present for the discussion were Lenny Jason, Building and Zoning Inspector; Funi Burdick, Director at the MV Preservation Trust; Fire Chief Alex Schaeffer; and Wanda Williams, Town Clerk.

Ms. Samways started by saying she has concerns about people getting in and out of the Whaling Church. There are also issues with people getting to the microphones and hearing what people have to say because they do not go to the microphone to speak. The lighting is also not conducive to following along with the warrant and the moderator cannot see the audience. She felt that a lot of the older less able community did not try to attend because of the difficulties.

Mr. Donaroma responded that the lighting and the audio can be adjusted. We can try a floating microphone for those less able to get to one.

Ms. Burdick stated that the elevator does work and has a monitor on Town Meeting night to make sure nothing goes awry and riders have assistance. There is room for improvement. The ramp to the elevator is steep and not in the best shape. They are looking at a new elevator possibly toward the back of the building where there is a more comfortable ramp into the Bailey's Room. She has spoken with the Community Preservation Committee about applying for CPC monies to help with the cost.

Ms. Kristy Rose verified that making historic buildings more accessible is an accepted use of CPC fund and she and Ms. Burdick had spoken about it on a couple of occasions.

Ms. Dolby stated that the School Gym had been raised as an alternative and she did not think that would be any better. The flooring cover on the gym is a hazard in itself.

Ms. Burdick told Ms. Samways she would be happy to meet with her to address some of her concerns.

The Board thanked everyone for coming in.

Mr. Donaroma then opened the next item on the agenda which was Cammie Naylor. He then abstained from the item and removed himself from the room.

Ms. Naylor stated that the owners of 118 & 122 S. Water St. would like to install brick sidewalks with a grass median.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Highway Superintendant stated that he thought it was a great idea and the plan meets the building specs required.

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

Mr. Donaroma returned to the meeting.

Ms. Serpa then moved to appoint the following people to a committee to select the Town Administrator: Paulo DeOliveira, Marcel LaFlamme, and Wanda Williams.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Ms. Gail Gardner, Concerned Citizen.

Ms. Gardner wanted to know the process for choosing the next Town Administrator.

Human Resource Coordinator Kim Lucas responded that the Board and the Committee will go through the applications in an executive session meeting and select the finalists. The finalists will be interviewed in a public meeting. The Board will then make the final decision.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Common Victualler License for Tropical Bakery.

A Block the Sidewalk at 86 N. Water St. 5/1-5/7 and 40 Main St. 5/1-5/7.

A Film permit for Dean Pollock for a documentary on Lyme Disease on May 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.

At 4:15 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

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Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

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Margaret E. Serpa

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Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose  
Assistant