

Selectmen's Meeting
August 6, 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: Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman and Margaret E. Serpa. Also present was Town Administrator James Hagerty.

At 4:00pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and the first thing on the agenda which was a discussion on dogs on Fuller St. Beach. Present were ACO Barbara Prada, Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda, Police Chief McNamee and Kayla Smith from Biodiversity Works.

Ms Prada stated that there is a problem with dogs on Fuller St. Beach.

Ms. Varkonda stated that dogs are required to be on a leash and always have been. They have put up signs, but they keep getting torn down.

Ms. Prada stated that she would like people to adhere to the leash law. She would also like to put out metal signs and for the town to actively monitor the beach.

Chief McNamee stated that the police department would cooperate.

Ms. Smith stated that she is the shore bird coordinator. The plovers nested near the lighthouse and they put up dog signs. Volunteers had some difficult experiences with dog owners letting their dogs off leash in the restricted areas.

Ms. Varkonda stated that there is a lack of respect by dog owners.

Mr. Donaroma stated that there is an obvious need for enforcement.

Mr. Smadbeck asked if there was anywhere in town someone could let their dog loose.

Ms. Prada replied that there is a leash law and there are no public places to let a dog loose.

It was decided that the beach would be more closely monitored and enforced.

The Board thanked everyone for coming in.

Mr. Donaroma then recognized Mr. Bill Roman from the Edgartown Yacht Club. Also present were Derby President Ed Jerome, Derby Chairman Joe El-Diery, and Board of Trade Chairman Erin Ready.

Mr. Roman was present to inform the Board of the final plan for the raising of the yacht club. The wharf underneath the club is going to be replaced and raised to account for the sea level rising. He showed a map of where the barges would be and the parking area they plan to take up. They plan to use the area immediately around the club. The loading zone immediately in front of the club would still be available for commercial fishermen. The parking between the club and the derby shack will be used for construction vehicles with the exception of the space closest to the shack which will be used for the prize derby car during the derby and then have the same use as the rest. Construction was planned to start September 9th and will continue to just before Memorial Day.

Mr. Jerome spoke that he was at first concerned about people weighing in fish not being able to park nearby, but he believes Mr. Roman has addressed those issues.

Mr. El-Diery stated that he has also spoken with Mr. Roman in detail and feels the presented plan is the best. The construction vehicles will mostly not be there for evening weigh in, opening up the spots for participants. They also plan to put the prize boat in the right of way on the Atlantic side of the shack. There should be plenty of room for public access around the boat.

Ms. Ready stated that the Board of Trade supports the project and that members have been reminded to park out of town to retain spots for visitors.

The Board thanked everyone for coming in and wished Mr. Roman good luck on his project.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of July 2, 2018.

An Excavation Permit for RW Bryant on Rd. to the Plains.

A Banner for the Edgartown Firemen's Breakfast on August 12th to be determined which location and the length of time depending on available area.

At 4:27 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

Margaret E. Serpa

Arthur Smadbeck
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant