

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**February 13, 2017**  
**4:00 pm**

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

At 4:00pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was the annual public hearing for the CDBG Grant. Present was Ms. Alice Boyd, Administrator for the grant and Melissa Vincent administrator for TRI.

Ms. Boyd read the notice aloud. She then explained the CDBG grant and what it does. She added that this year the town of Gosnold would be included. The amount will be \$1.3 million dollars.

There being no questions or comments, Ms. Serpa closed the hearing.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to submit FY17 grant to authorize Pamela Dolby to sign the forms and to allot \$30,000 for contingency. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Charlie Blair, Harbormaster.

Mr. Blair gave an update on Prime Marina who has taken over for Edgartown Marine. He has stated that they have been working very hard to work with the town. Prime has offered the town a 30% discount on any work they may need. Mr. Blair stated that this will save the town a lot of money.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was a request from Bob Sawyer for a non-binding question on the ballot for a fixed percentage of CPC funds to go toward an island group that is not a recognized committee for all island affordable housing projects. The original amount requested was 65% which they have now said they will adjust to around 40%. Mr. Sawyer had asked to postpone his request until the following week, but Ms. Dolby thought it would be good to have the CPC and Board discuss it. Present from the CPC was: Mort Fearey, Peter Vincent, Tim Rush, and Edith Blake. Ms. Serpa is also the Chair of the CPC.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that was a significant amount of Edgartown's CPC funds.

Ms. Dolby stated that the town used a lot of funds to fix up the town's historic structures. The Town does a lot with Affordable Housing with their own trust and CPC funds. Open Space is also important.

Mr. Fearey stated that this is not a fund just for affordable housing. It was voted in to cover all three categories. He thinks this is a horrible idea. The CPC has funded all affordable housing requests to them that would benefit the people of Edgartown.

Ms. Melissa Vincent stated that she agreed with Mr. Fearey. Being on the Affordable Housing Committee, she has never seen a project that has been brought before them that helped the people of Edgartown denied.

Mr. Rush, who is the member of the CPC from the Affordable Housing Committee, stated that this would jeopardize Edgartown's project on Meshacket Road. He is surprised that this new island committee hasn't come to the Edgartown committee to even talk about it first. There are also projects in process that they know are going to come before them for funds in the future. This would jeopardize those projects completion.

Mr. Vincent agreed with Mr. Fearey and Mr. Rush. Edgartown would be giving up a lot of control over their CPC funds. He didn't like it and it needs serious consideration.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they were all on the same page. The new group needed to come up with a different revenue source than the CPC money.

Ms. Serpa agreed. She was not in favor of it. We have done a lot with our CPC funds that have helped many projects. She thanked the CPC and Ms. Vincent for coming in.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item which was a request from the Shellfish Committee.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to close Cape Pogue to scalloping on February 28<sup>th</sup> and open Sengecontacket Pond to commercial oystering with a limit of 2-10 gallon washbaskets per day starting March 1<sup>st</sup> and ending April 28<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved the following items:

For Edgartown Meat & Fish Market to close for maintenance from 2/26-3/5.

A travel voucher for the Harbormaster.

The Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting Warrants both to be held on April 11, 2017.

At 4:23 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

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Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

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Arthur Smadbeck

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Michael J. Donaroma  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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