

Selectmen's Meeting
April 10, 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; Arthur Smadbeck; and Michael Donaroma. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda was a public hearing for the alteration of premises and change of hours for MV Taco. The alteration of premises was the addition of seating of three seats at a bar on the front porch. Present were owners Meg Brown and Zared Shai.

Ms. Dolby asked about monitoring the people on the front porch and making sure they didn't wander off the premises with alcohol or share with minors.

Mr. Donaroma suggested signage.

Ms. Megan Brown responded that the servers will monitor and she liked the idea of the signs.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve with a review at the end of summer to see how it went. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next public hearing which was an alteration of premises for The Katama General Store. Present was owners Jackie and Doug Korell.

Ms. Serpa stated that she was worried about the parking in the front. She understands that is part of the ZBA permit.

Ms. Korell responded that there will be no parking in the front and showed pictures. She envisions a physical barrier.

Ms. Serpa then stated she was worried about the bikes as well. She should speak with the Highway Superintendent about a sidewalk with a raised curb. Doesn't like the bike parking in the town right of way and blocking the pedestrians.

It was decided the Korells should talk with Mr. Fuller about the front area. They will come back with a plan.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the alteration of premises subject to working out the parking issue. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Town Counsel Michael Goldsmith.

Mr. Goldsmith updated the Board on two items. First, Ben Hall Jr. had submitted an Open Meeting Law complaint to the state concerning the Yellow House process. Mr. Goldsmith has submitted all of the requested paperwork. Second, Mr. Bob Strayton also has submitted an Open Meeting Law complaint about the Chappy Cell Tower process from 2013. He has also submitted all of the requested documents for that complaint. Complaints are supposed to be filed within 30 days of the meeting both were filed after that point. He is waiting to hear back from the state on both items.

Ms. Serpa then opened the continued public shade tree hearing for 77 Pease Point Way South. Present to represent the Weinblatts was Lil Province.

Ms. Province explained that the Weinblatts would like to remove three trees on their property, two cypress and one blue spruce. They would like to replace them with three kwanzan cherry trees and a privet hedge.

Mr. Donaroma liked the idea of the kwanzan cherry trees. They will stay under the power lines and have beautiful pink flowers in the spring.

Tree Warden and Highway Superintendent Stuart Fuller supported the removal and replacements.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve with replacement by June 30, 2017. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Michael McNabb of 77 Pine St. who has a drainage issue and is looking for a resolution.

Mr. Fuller stated that this was a two part issue. Two years ago the town added extensive leeching in that area. At the time, Mr. McNabb had a brick burm on his driveway which has since removed.

Now the water looks for the area of least resistance and goes down the driveway instead of into the drains. Mr. McNabb's lawn slopes toward the house. He suggested an asphalt berm along the side of the property and for Mr. McNabb to build up his lawn.

Mr. McNabb stated that he has added 37 yards of loam to his yard and all the water comes to his house.

After some discussion it was decided that there would be a dirt berm and the Highway would install a drainage pit up the street to catch some of the runoff.

Ms. Dolby suggested that Mr. McNabb and Mr. Fuller work out the details. She would check into the Town's liability in the instance.

The Board then approved the following items:

The Board approved and signed contracts for the Patrolmen and Sergeants. Ms. Serpa abstained and Ms. Dolby was not involved.

A yard sale for Rush and Fisher on Katama Rd on April 23rd.

An Excavation Permit for installation of Wastewater on Rd. to the Plains.

An Auto Rental License for Budget Rent A Car.

Block a Sidewalk permit for Just Get it Done at 19 Main St.

A Lodging House License for the Harborside.

Common Victualler License for #9 Sandwiches and The Dunes.

Sunday Entertainment Licenses for: The Field Club, The Port Hunter, The Boathouse Club, Atlantic, Vineyard Golf Club, and The Dunes.

Mr. Fuller then stated that the MA Highway Department has asked Edgartown if they'd like to take over maintenance of the state roads in town. There has been no mention of compensation.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that they have provided zero information. The Board needs something to consider before they can answer. At this point the answer is no.

The Board cancelled the meeting of April 18th.

At 4:49 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant