

Selectmen's Meeting
August 21, 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: Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman; Michael Donaroma, and Margaret Serpa.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was a presentation by Chuck Hodgkinson. Also present was Richard Smith, Asst. School Superintendent.

Mr. Smith explained that everyone is worried about the costs at the High School. Mr. Hodgkinson has come up with a plan to fund unplanned expenses. He would like to present it to the Board.

Mr. Hodgkinson then presented a slideshow which, to summarize, showed the financial outlook and solved it by adding a series of fees onto ferry reservations. This would not apply to freight and would require an act of legislature.

Mr. Smith asked the Board to support the idea.

The Board was non-committal. Ms. Serpa stated that it was a lot to look at. Mr. Donaroma stated he saw no immediate need to stop with the idea. Mr. Smadbeck stated that it was a concept.

Ms. Serpa added that she hopes there is a plan for maintenance at the High School so they don't end up in this financial situation again.

Mr. Smith replied that there is a new maintenance plan.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item on the agenda which was a shade tree hearing for 21 Starbuck Neck. Presenting was Peggy Schwier. Also present was Tree Warden Stuart Fuller.

Ms. Schwier stated that the tree is growing in a privet hedge and they would like to remove it.

Mr. Fuller stated that there is a shade tree nearby and the requested tree has minimal landscape value.

Ms. Serpa asked about replacement.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he had looked at the tree and there was a tree nearby. He didn't see a need to replace.

Mr. Fuller agreed.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve removal without replacement. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Ms. Leann Yarbor from the MV Marathon.

Ms. Yarbor stated that they are asking permission to hold the marathon on May 19, 2018. She gave a short presentation of the route, participation, and non-profit partners.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve with the approval of Police and Highway Departments. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then approved two travel vouchers for the Police Department.

At 4:38 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