

Selectmen's Meeting
September 19, 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. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and addressed the only thing on the agenda which was a discussion on Eversource spraying herbicides. Present was Ms. Jane Varkonda Conservation Agent for the Town.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he put this item on the agenda to discuss and perhaps send a letter to Eversource inviting them to come in and talk about what they plan to do. He would like to know their objectives and perhaps send a respectful letter.

Ms. Varkonda stated that the area in question is the fire lane in the state forest at the eastern end of the bike path. It terminates at the parking lot on Edgartown-West Tisbury Road. DCR used to mow the area to keep growth down. That stopped when Eversource took over from Nstar. It is required by Federal Law to keep the trees down to not impede the transmission of power.

From what she understands, the company working for Eversource will be using a Round Up type solution in backpack sprayers which they will be using to selectively spray on invasive species and trees in the fire lane. The solution used will be of a low concentration, it is a contact killing herbicide and is applied to the foliage. The solution does not bind to the soil or leach out and is near no known aquifer or well. It will only be applied near the transmission line.

In conclusion she stated that if it is applied correctly, she does not have an issue with the use and application. She would like to oversee what is done so she can be assured of that.

Mr. Donaroma stated that if it is applied correctly at the rate of application mentioned and Ms. Varkonda has no issue, he is ok with it.

The Board decided not to send a letter at this time, but that they would like Ms. Varkonda to monitor and oversee the project.

The Board then approved the following items:

Change of business hours for 19 Raw and Rosewater Wine and Spirits.

For Alchemy to close for maintenance from January 1, 2018 to February 1, 2018.

At 4:11 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