

Selectmen's Meeting
September 25, 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; and Margaret Serpa. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00pm Mr. Smadbeck opened the meeting and the first item on the agenda which was the annual review for Town Treasurer Pamela Amaral. Ms. Amaral was present.

Ms. Amaral stated that it was perfect timing as she had just received her letter of certification.

The Board congratulated her on this accomplishment and agreed that she is doing a great job.

Ms. Dolby stated that she was very easy to work with.

Ms. Serpa moved to give Ms. Amaral a favorable review. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was the Katama Airport. Many people were present for this discussion: Hal Findlay, Chairman and Edward Vincent Jr. from the Airfield Commission (KAC); Juliet Mulinare, Procurement Officer; Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent; Kim Lucas, Personnel Assistant; and from the Airport: Mike Creato, Alex Torres, and Jamie Langley.

Mr. Findlay started by giving a brief description of the current situation. Gentle Wings Aviation has terminated their lease. He sees this as an opportunity to re-evaluate operations. The KAC also thought that separating the restaurant out would be a good idea and they want to work toward a new framework.

Ms. Dolby stated that she had consulted with Town Counsel. The airport employee couldn't be under contract and has to be a town employee. All collections would go to the Town of Edgartown. The Restaurant must go out as an RFP. The current tenants are welcome to put forth a proposal.

Mr. Vincent stated that he had also spoken with Town Counsel and Jack Collins, Labor Counsel. He agrees with Ms. Dolby.

Ms. Serpa stated that the Conservation Commission and KAC need to work out a plan together based on the advice of Counsel.

Ms. Dolby stated the first thing that would need to happen is the creation of the position at the airport. There would be a Special Town Meeting on November 14th. They will also need to figure out a budget for utility bills and expenses. Budgets will be due the end of November.

There was discussion of a timeline and that it would be a seasonal position. They should consider what would happen in the off season. Procurement Officer Juliet Mulinare will start working on the RFP for the restaurant.

Mr. Creato suggested they take into consideration creating an assistant position for the airport person.

Ms. Serpa thought he had a valid point and suggested he attend the KAC meetings.

Ms. Dolby agreed and stated it may have to be two people.

Mr. Smadbeck thanked everyone for coming in and now there was a game plan. He asked them to report back with developments.

The Board then approved the following items:

For the Planning Board to change employees' hours for four months. The Assistant will go from 40-32hrs per week and the Clerk will go from 10-18hrs per week.

The annual scallop season: Family to start October 1st with a limit of one level 10 gallon wash basket with no dragging until October 20th. Commercial season will start October 23rd with a limit of 3 level 10 gallon wash baskets per day Monday through Friday. No dragging will be allowed in Sengie.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Mr. George Berger from South Summer Street. Also present for the discussion was Highway Superintendant Stuart Fuller.

Mr. Berger stated that he had some issues with the curb in front of his house. The Highway department had tried to mitigate the issues and placed an asphalt burm along the edge. He was unhappy with the results which was them having to cut into the small hillside resulting in a sharp drop off of a few inches. He is having a hard time mowing and feels it is dangerous. He showed pictures to the Board.

Mr. Fuller explained they had removed the soft shoulder and replaced it with an asphalt burm. Curbing was not an option in this situation. If they were to slope the area, they run the risk of disturbing the shade trees.

There was discussion over whether the grass area is town or private property. It was unknown. It was decided that Mr. Fuller would look into it and they would reconvene on the issue in two weeks.

Mr. Smadbeck then brought up the issue of Eversource and the spraying of herbicides they intend to do. There had been some developments since the discussion the previous week. Present for the discussion was Conservation Agent Jane Varkonda and Health Agent Matt Poole.

Ms. Varkonda stated that she had spoken with William Hayes at Eversource to get further information. He gave her different information than she had been originally provided. Eversource will be using a mix of three different herbicides. There is not enough information about these available for her to make an educated recommendation either pro or con. They are not using the "safe" ones she was aware of.

Mr. Poole stated that they are regulated by the pesticide bureau. There have been three Cape towns that have achieved temporary injunctions.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he had the idea to invite Eversource to come and meet with the Town to discuss their objectives.

It was decided to send a letter to Eversource to tell them of the Town's serious reservations about the herbicidal spraying and to ask them to come and meet with the town to discuss it.

The Board the addressed a letter from Ann Floyd concerned about some trees on Penneywise Path. Mr. Fuller stated that he had all the trees trimmed that are along the town owned portion of the road. These are along the private section. The Board decided they would consult Town Counsel.

The Board approved the following items:

The Minutes of September 18, 2017.

Travel Vouchers for the Police and Water Departments.

For the Tin Hangar to close on October 7, 2017 and to accept without prejudice the relinquishment of their Annual Beer and Wine Liquor License.

To accept the bid of \$166,058 from Bailey Boyd and Associates for the administration of the annual CDBG grant.

To set a Special Town Meeting for November 14, 2017 at 7pm in the Whaling Church.

At 4:45 PM Ms. Serpa moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous

Approved:

Arthur Smadbeck, Chairman

Michael J. Donaroma

Margaret E. Serpa
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant