

Selectmen's Meeting
November 6, 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 J. Donaroma 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 a Public Shade Tree Hearing for the Town to remove two trees and replace one of them. Present was Highway Superintendent Stuart Fuller.

Mr. Fuller started with the tree at 66 Main Street also known as the Yellow House. The tree in question is quite diseased. It will be replaced when the landscape plan for the park at the property is developed. The second tree is a street tree in front of The Wharf on Main Street. It has outgrown the area and is lifting up the sidewalk significantly. It will be replaced with a smaller younger Linden tree that fits in the area.

There being no further comment, Ms. Serpa moved to approve with a replacement deadline for the linden tree for June 30, 2018. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck noticed that Ms. Sam Look from VCS was not present yet so moved on to the next item on the agenda which was Mr. Dan Doyle from the MV Commission (MVC).

Mr. Doyle was looking for support to apply to the state through the Community Compact for a transportation engineer. It would be a pilot project and cost \$10-12 Million.

Mr. Smadbeck wanted to know if the MVC is creating this position how will it be paid for after the State money runs out.

Mr. Doyle stated that the formula had not been decided. They are at the point where they are trying to demonstrate a need. There is no financial commitment needed at this time.

Ms. Serpa thought it was premature.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that the Board will have to take the matter under advisement. This is creating a new position that the towns are going to have to pay for and Edgartown usually ends up paying the largest share.

Mr. Donaroma had a more generous approach and stated it may be worth looking into.

Mr. Doyle stated that he understood. The deadline for application to the state was November 16th and he reminded them that there would be zero cost right now.

Mr. Smadbeck asked who the application is under.

Mr. Doyle replied the MVC.

Mr. Smadbeck then recognized Sam Look from VCS.

Ms. Look stated that VCS in their mission to reduce plastic waste has a campaign to make water bottle refilling stations more accessible. They have installed them in all the schools, the Boys and Girls Club and the Ice Arena. She was present to reach out to the towns to perhaps put a warrant article on town meeting for providing refilling stations for the public. She provided information packets to the Board with different options and costs.

The Board thanked her for coming in and stated that they would look at the information and get back to her.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved on to the next item which was the approval of the RFP for the Yellow House aka 66 Main Street. Present were Town Counsels Ron Rappaport and Karen Burke, Yellow House Chairman Chris Scott, Procurement Officer Juliet Mulinare, and concerned resident and possible bidder Gino Courtney.

Ms. Burke stated that the first thing to do is declare the Yellow House and certain abutting property available for the RFP. Ms. Serpa made the motion. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Scott stated that the Yellow House Committee has been meeting weekly since July and they've enjoyed the work. They feel that the RFP presented is in the Town's best interest. It allows for creativity while sticking to the HDC Regulations. He thanked Ms. Mulinare for all her assistance.

Ms. Serpa moved to approve the RFP for the Yellow House. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Courtney asked why the lease couldn't be longer than 30 years. He thought it was too short.

Ms. Serpa believed it was a legal issue.

Ms. Burke replied that it was a limit set in the statute of Mass. General Law.

Ms. Mulinare explained the procedures. There will be a presentation on November 21st which is mandatory. Bids are due by noon, January 8, 2018 with a \$5,000 deposit.

The Board added Sam Sherman to the Yellow House Committee as a representative from the Planning Board.

Ms. Dolby thanked Bricque Garber for all her assistance with the Committee.

Mr. Smadbeck then opened the next item which was to appoint the new Fire Chief. Present was Chief Shemeth and Deputy Chief Alex Schaffer.

Chief Shemeth stated that the Board of Fire Engineers would like the Board of Selectmen to appoint Alex Schaffer as the new Fire Chief when he retires January 9th. They feel Mr. Schaffer is the best person for the position.

Ms. Serpa moved to appoint Mr. Schaffer as Fire Chief as of January 9, 2018. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Schaffer thanked everyone.

Ms. Dolby stated that it has been great working with Chief Shemeth and she feels this will be a smooth transition.

The Board then approved the following items:

The minutes of 5/22, 5/30, 6/5, 6/12, 6/19, 6/26, 7/17, 7/24, and 7/31

For Rockfish to close for winter repairs from January 28, 2018 – February 13, 2018.

Yard Sales for Rush & Fisher and Julie Russell

To appoint Carole Berger to the Historic District Commission.

To appoint Clare Chalfour to the MV Cultural Council.

A Common Victualler License for Dairy Queen for 2018.

A Travel Voucher for the Police Department.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he would like to attend the Board of Health meeting and ask them from the Board to rescind their vote on fluoride. He thinks the people of town should be able to make that decision. Mr. Donaroma and Ms. Serpa support this action.

At 4:35 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