

**Selectmen's Meeting**  
**January 4, 2016**  
**4:00 pm**

A meeting of the Board was held on the above date in the meeting room of Town Hall. Members present were: Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck and Margaret E. Serpa.

At 4:00 pm Mr. Donaroma opened the meeting and the posted public hearing on the FY16 CDBG application. He read the notice aloud. Present was Melissa Vincent.

Ms. Vincent apologized for Ms. Alice Boyd who could not attend. She then read aloud a prepared statement. She reviewed what they've done the previous year by helping out 14 residences in Edgartown with an average of \$33,000 in repair and by providing childcare to 44 children from all the towns involved. In FY15 they anticipate helping 17 households and 48 children. Gosnold has been added this year to the group of towns. The FY16 application is due 2/12/16.

Mr. Smadbeck noted that it was a great program.

At 4:03 pm Mr. Donaroma closed the public hearing.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to submit an FY16 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign the grant application and associated forms. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Smadbeck then moved to allocate \$35,000 of CDBG Program Income as a contingency fund and make other encumbrances as necessitated. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Mr. Donaroma then opened a discussion on the shared services assessment with the school superintendent. Present for the discussion were: Matthew D'Andrea, Superintendent; Richie Smith, Assistant Superintendent; John Stevens, Edgartown Principal; and the Edgartown School Committee: Susan Mercier, Kelley McCracken, and Megan Anderson.

Mr. Smadbeck started by stating he had two questions. First he asked about statutory laws Chapter 71 regarding Superintendency Union which allows three members of each town to the superintendent committee. They were not in compliance and that needs to be looked at. Second he asked how the assessment was allocated and if it was a written policy. They seem to be interested in changing for this year which he didn't see happening.

Mr. D'Andrea stated that they were asked to look at the school choice shared services assessment. Certain towns would like it assessed to where the child lives and not where they go to school. There was a meeting planned for January 13th to address the issue. There is no written agreement that anyone can find. They are working on how to go forward. How the formula was originally developed is unknown at this time. The impact will be addressed at that meeting.

Ms. Serpa didn't think a decision could be made at the January 13th meeting. She thinks it needs much more discussion to move forward successfully.

Ms. Mercier stated that it is an all island school committee. The issue needs to be looked at slowly and methodically. She asked if the Edgartown School Committee could discuss the issue with Town Counsel.

Ms. Serpa would like to wait until the Superintendent's Counsel comes up with something.

Mr. Smadbeck thought it would be helpful to talk to Town Counsel about Chapter 71. He would be comfortable with that. Mr. Donaroma and Ms. Serpa agreed.

Mr. Smadbeck stated that he did not want the Superintendent to perceive the Board as negative to change. They want a process and good order.

Ms. Mercier agreed with Mr. Smadbeck. His points were spot on. They need to take a look at it carefully and have a process which will take more than one meeting.

Ms. Serpa added that there were too many unknowns at this time.

The Board thanked everyone for coming in.

The Board then approved the following items:

A Common Victualler License for the Starlite Lounge Takeaway.

The Minutes of December 7, 2015. Mr. Smadbeck did not vote because he had not attended that meeting.

The Annual MS Bike Ride on April 30, 2016.

Two Travel Vouchers for the Police Department.

To appoint Doris Ward to the Beautification Committee.

The Harbor Warrant #1 FY16 for stakes and moorings in the amount of \$137,375.

To appoint Cindy Sherman as the new Assistant Treasurer as of December 21, 2015.

For Soigne to sell alcohol on Sundays starting at 10am.

At 4:21 pm Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

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Michael J. Donaroma, Chairman

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Margaret E. Serpa

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Arthur Smadbeck  
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

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Assistant