

Selectmen's Meeting
June 27, 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: Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman; Arthur Smadbeck and Michael J. Donaroma. Also present was Town Administrator Pamela Dolby.

At 4:00pm Ms. Serpa opened the meeting and recognized Mike Powers, District Manager for the United States Post Office. Also present were all the postmasters from Martha's Vineyard and Chris Scott, Director of the MV Preservation Trust.

Mr. Powers made a speech thanking the town for all the work and collaboration in the issues they had with the flooding of the Post Office at the triangle. He presented a large print of an Edward Hopper stamp and framed presentation to the town and the same to the MV Preservation Trust.

Ms. Serpa then thanked Mr. Powers and credited Ms. Dolby and the Post Office staff for all their hard work.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Mr. Joe Solitto, 4th of July Parade Grand Marshall.

Mr. Solitto invited the Board to come judge the floats and thanked Kristy Rose and Pam Dolby for all their help organizing the parade.

Ms. Dolby stated that it was Ms. Rose's project.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the extension of bar hours for the summer to last call at 12:30am and everyone off the premises by 1:30am until the Monday of Labor Day Weekend. Mr. Smadbeck moved to extend the hours. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then addressed the extension of bar hours for the 4th of July weekend. Effective from Friday, July 1st to Monday, July 4th last call would be 1:00am with everyone off premises by 2:00am. Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

At 4:10 PM Ms. Serpa opened the public shade tree hearing to remove a silver maple at 105 Main Street. Present for the applicant was Ms. Christina Santangelo. Ms. Serpa read the notice aloud and portions of the letter from Mr. Santangelo that accompanied the application and that they do not intend to replace the tree. Ms. Serpa stated that the issue of replacement would need to be discussed. She asked Ms. Santangelo if she had anything to add.

Ms. Santangelo stated that they would prefer to replace it in another location. She asked who owned the tree. The neighbors were begging them to take down the tree. They felt it was an eyesore and a danger to public safety.

Mr. Stuart Fuller, Tree Warden, stated that the tree is a public shade tree. The Santangelos are applying to remove it.

Mr. Donaroma and Ms. Santangelo had a discussion about the tree being in the state it is in due to the construction of the new garage so close. Ms. Santangelo stated that she did not think so, that they had taken precautions. Mr. Donaroma didn't agree.

Ms. Serpa read a letter from the Historic District Commission asking the Board to take into consideration the mass of the new garage and if a new tree is approved for it to be in the same location to buffer the appearance of the large garage and curbcut. It also noted that the Commission had concerns for the tree from the beginning of the construction process.

Ms. Georgiana Greenough, Assistant to the Planning Board, brought up that the curbcut has grown quite large on this property which the Planning Board is trying to address. She suggested planting two trees on either side of the garage to create a smaller curbcut.

Mr. Fuller then provided to the Board a picture from Google Earth from 2009 of the tree and the curbcut. He pointed out that the tree looked reasonably healthy and that the curbcut was much smaller. He stated that this shows what compaction and the stress of construction can do to a tree. He stated that the Historic District and Planning Board had good points. One or perhaps two trees could soften the appearance of the garage. He says the tree is in decline.

Ms. Serpa asked if he would be willing to work with the applicant on a replacement to which Mr. Fuller agreed.

Mr. Donaroma would like to see a plan that they would prefer to do, be it one or two trees, to somehow soften the appearance of the garage and make the curbcut smaller while being able to get in and out of the garage. He stated that they didn't need a curbcut that large, "unless they were

parking a bus sideways". He wanted everyone to work together and come out with something attractive and useful.

Ms. Serpa asked if the Santangelos would be willing to do that.

Ms. Santangelo replied that they would be willing to come back with a plan for replacement and added that the only reason they were here was because of their neighbors request.

Ms. Serpa continued the hearing until July 11th at 4pm.

At 4:15PM Ms. Serpa opened a public shade tree hearing to remove 2 trees at 23 Morse Street and read the notice aloud. Representing the applicant was Ms. Lil Province.

Ms. Province made a presentation with pictures of the trees and the locations. She would like to replace with one columnar pear. The second tree is in a difficult location with the electrical wires above.

Mr. Fuller supported the removal and replacement tree. The columnar pear will provide shade and stay away from the wires.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve the request for removal with replacement by September 30, 2016. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item on the agenda which was the appointment and swearing in of Jake Sylvia as a full time police officer.

Police Chief David Rossi made a speech recommending Mr. Sylvia be appointed and sworn in as a full time officer.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to appoint. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Town Clerk Wanda Williams then swore in the new Officer Jake Sylvia with his young son Ben by his side. Ben then pinned on his new badge which was followed by happy applause.

Ms. Serpa then moved on to the next item on the agenda which was a group of residents from Holly Bear Lane. Sue Canham spoke for the group.

Ms. Canham read a prepared statement with all of their issues with three particular neighbors. Peter Bettencourt and his garage, Mr. Chris Chambers and Mr. Cotrill and their properties.

Leonard Jason, Building and Zoning Inspector, went over the three properties and the issues the neighbors had and how they had progressed toward being better. Mr. Bettencourt was not conducting a landscape business out of his property. Mr. Chambers has two boats, a shed and a wrecker on his lot which are all allowed. Mr. Cotrill has removed 2 dumpsters of junk, 1 car and 1 boat out of the property. He is in the process of evicting his tenant. There is progress it is just slow.

Mr. Chambers stated that the tires that were noted were gone.

Ms. Margot Datz, neighbor, thanked Lenny but stated it needed to go faster.

Several neighbors reiterated their frustration.

Ms. Dolby stated that she has visited the neighborhood with Lenny and it is amazing what has been removed.

The Board scheduled an update for July 11, 2016.

Ms. Serpa then opened the next item which was a request for a marathon. Present was Leanne Yarber.

Ms. Yarber showed a map and presented her Marathon for May 21, 2017.

Chief Rossi stated that she had come to the police chiefs and that they approve of the plan.

Mr. Donaroma moved to approve. Mr. Smadbeck seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Lisa Sherman from the Library.

Ms. Sherman asked the Board to approve new signage for the lots at the new Library restricting parking to Library patrons during open hours.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve. Ms. Serpa seconded. Unanimous.
The Board then approved the following items:

One Day Liquor Licenses for Firemen's July 4th BBQ and Retirement Party and Vineyard Arts Project Fundraiser.

The Firemen to hang their Pancake Breakfast Banner on Lower Main St. on August 15-21st.

The 8th Grade class to sell tickets to the garden tour in the mini park.

Accept Jan Pogue's resignation from the Cultural Council.

Appoint Diana Muldaur to the Cultural Council to fill out Jan Pogue's term.

Accept new meal reimbursement policy.

To appoint Michael Donaroma as the Planning Board Representative to the MV Land Bank for 3 years. (Mr. Donaroma abstained from voting)

A Travel Voucher for the Police Department.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Ms. Karen Fuller. Ms. Fuller gave an update on the tax title lots. The final list has 18 lots.

The Board appointed Ms. Pam Amaral the tax possession custodian under MGL 60 Section 77b. Mr. Smadbeck moved. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

The Board then moved the list of 18 properties to be sold. Mr. Smadbeck moved. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Ms. Fuller explained that an RFP for auctioneer would not be needed. Mr. Coppola will run the auction.

The Board thanked Ms. Fuller for all her hard work.

Ms. Dolby then let the Board know that the town was approved for \$805,000 for the annual CDBG grant.

The Board cancelled the July 5th meeting.

At 5:03 PM Mr. Smadbeck moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Donaroma seconded. Unanimous.

Approved:

Margaret E. Serpa, Chairman

Arthur Smadbeck

Michael J. Donaroma
Board of Selectmen

Respectfully submitted,

Kristy Rose
Assistant