

Selectmen's Meeting
July 25, 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 the continued Eversource Hearings from the previous week. Present was Jessica Elder, Right of Way Agent. The first being 96 S. Summer Street which had some problems with the map and location of the hand hole. Eversource resubmitted the plan with the hand hole completely on 96 S. Summer St.

Mr. Smadbeck moved to approve the new plan. Ms. Serpa seconded. Mr. Donaroma abstained. Unanimous.

The second application was for 52 Fuller St. The question had to do with the size of the new pole and location. Mr. Donaroma again abstained.

Ms. Serpa questioned putting the new larger pole in the empty corner where it will be an eyesore.

Ms. Elder stated that the new pole needed to be larger to accommodate transformers.

Mr. Smadbeck agreed that the new larger pole in the corner where it is not screened with transformers would not be aesthetically pleasing. There is screening where the current pole is located.

Ms. Dolby asked how much taller the new pole is than the old one.

Ms. Elder responded that it was 45' which is 10' taller than the one that is there.

Ms. Serpa wanted to know if the transformers could be put on the old pole.

Ms. Elder was not entirely sure of the answer. She would have to ask the engineers. It has to be an equipment size pole to her knowledge.

Ms. Serpa still wanted the question asked.

Ms. Elder will get the information and return at a future date.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Woody Filley for an update on the Simpson's Lane study.

Mr. Filley shared a video of clips from the ferry line from July 13, 2016 and July 16, 2016 and went through the videos showing some issues and some improvements. To summarize, he stated that the lines have been painted. He gave a shout out to the Police Department for their hard work. They have been trying to level out the line so there aren't as many peaks by putting out the information about the cameras and the peak times. They looked into reservation systems, but there really aren't any available for such a small ferry system. He then shared the Community Supported Solutions website and welcomed anyone to visit for information or to share their ideas and opinions. It includes all of the information that he has compiled from all the town files including all the ideas that have been discussed and why they haven't worked. He also raised the issue of Simpson's Lane being a through street and how things can snag up. He would like to look at some options of perhaps staging somewhere or having a through line along N. Water St.

The Board thanked Mr. Filley for his presentation.

Mr. Donaroma stated that he thought he saw a good size improvement over a couple of years ago. People are not getting trapped in their driveways as much. The lines and police have improved movements. There's traffic all over town. People on the other streets also sometimes cannot get out of their driveways right away. There's a point in summer that we may just need to live with it.

Ms. Serpa stated that in the overall it is a short period of time. She walks be it every day and has spoken with the traffic officers that things are not as bad.

Police Chief Condlin stated that there have been complaints of the width of the road.

Ms. Serpa stated that there are other roads that are that width. She brought up Pine Street as an example.

Mr. Donaroma suggested a specific time for landscapers.

Ms. Serpa then recognized Heidi from the Lightkeepers Inn. She stated that the summer cops are doing great. But, sometimes they have to run to an emergency and sometimes they get spread thin. She would like to see the trucks and trailers off the street. She asked why they couldn't wait on Dock St.

Mr. Peter Wells, Chappy Ferry Owner, stated that the trailers turn radius was too wide.

The residents of Simspson's Lane then spoke as a group with their complaints about the line and the traffic. They think the traffic is worse and were upset that they were not notified of the meeting.

Ms. Serpa stated that Mr. Filley was giving a report to the Board. It was posted as required on the website and at Town Hall. She noted that the residents of Simpson's Lane all bought their houses with the line already established there.

Mr. Donaroma asked Mr. Filley to notify the residents next time he was to give an update to which he agreed.

Ms. Dolby asked if Mr. Filley could provide some suggestions for signage to make Simpson's Lane not a through street and what would be required to make the suggestion of the line continuing onto Water St.

Mr. Filley stated that he could talk to Highway Superintendent Stuart Fuller.

The Board thanked everyone for coming.

They then set a public hearing for a liquor license for the Edgartown Diner for 4:05pm on August 15, 2016.

The Board then approved the following items:

Travel Vouchers for the Assessor and Police Department.

A One Day Liquor License and Entertainment License for the Edgartown Diner on August 10th.

A Yard Sale for Ann Weiner for August 6th & 7th.

A Commercial Marine License for Charles Ashmun.

The Possible Dreams Auction One Day Liquor License on July 31st.

A Common Victualler's License for Kitchen Porch Limited.

A One Day Liquor License for Rosewater Market on August 2nd.

To approve a request for HGTV Island Life to film August 4th to 8th.

At 4:46 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