

Board of Selectmen Meeting

February 13, 2007

Library Meeting Room

Present: Chairman Duncan Ross, Selectmen Ronald DiOrio, Kerry Scott, Roger Wey. Also present: Town Administrator Michael Dutton, Administrator Alice Ryan Butler. Absent: Selectman Gregory Coogan.

Meeting called to order 5:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Update

Don Gruber, a musician spoke on noise and amplification.

Selectman Scott would like more workshops on Personnel and finances.

By consensus, the Selectmen decided to send a letter to Bill Veno thanking him for his help on the harbor parking issue.

Highway Superintendent Richie Combra announced that the bathrooms on Seaview Avenue will be tied in to the sewer system by the Spring.

Natalie Dickerson was introduced as the new President of the NAACP.

Patrick Manning was introduced as the new Director of the Island Affordable Housing.

Selectman DiOrio restated his request to consider creating a position of a Human Resource Director.

He also discussed the concept of a wealth based formula for regional schools.

Chairman Ross announced that the Chamber of Commerce will fund the booth at the Cruise show in Florida.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to send a representative to the cruise show in Florida, seconded by Chairman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Chairman Ross announced the death of Alice Coutinho.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Dutton announced that one well has failed in the area where the VOC testing is being done. The well needs to be re-installed at a cost of approximately \$7,000. However, this should bring us to the end of the testing process.

The CDC has provided some proposals for the use of the Old Town Hall and the old Library.

Renee Balter addressed the plans. The Old Town Hall will take about two years to make a proper plan. The suggestion for the Old Library is to convert it to two affordable apartments and one market rate apartment and a commercial use on the lower level.

The CDC recommends that the town allow the Board of Selectmen to pursue that general kind of a plan for the old library.

Selectman DiOrio said that there is an Island Pharmacy that is interested in re-locating to that location.

Selectman Scott announced that on the advice of the Ethics Commission, she is recusing herself from any discussion concerning the old library. She will however, speak as an individual. She owns property across the street.

Old/New Business

Update on Oak Bluffs Water District. Deacon Perrotta

Mr. Perrotta spoke on the general condition and accomplishments of the Water District.

They have completed 95% of the Camp Ground project due to favorable weather.

He also asked the town to continue to conserve water. There is sufficient water but the District is restricted in the amount that they can withdraw in a given amount of time.

He also announced that the elderly and veterans are eligible for discounts. It is necessary to apply annually at the Assessors office.

Well # 5 named for former Superintendent John Randolph, Jr. will open in 2008.

Report on Lake Avenue project. Highway Superintendent Richie Combria, County Engineer Steve Berlucci.

County Engineer Berlucci gave an overview of the project. All plans for the project must be finished by September 30, 2007 or the funding will be withdrawn, it is a very tight schedule. The \$500,000 project is totally funded by MA Highway. The improvements to the sidewalk will extend from Nancy's restaurant to the Steamship Authority. Chief Blake will be consulted about allowing cars from the ferry to turn left to Edgartown to ease congestion in the downtown area.

It was suggested that the Traffic and Parking committee be asked to study the project.

A meeting was suggested for February 20, 2007.

A public hearing was suggested before the public hearing that is mandated when the project is 25% complete.

Selectman Wey motioned to approve the concept of the project subject to public hearings, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Dukes County Avenue Road cutting policy

Superintendent Combra said that in anticipation of a wastewater project on Dukes County Avenue and the subsequent repaving of the road, he was asking for an amendment to the cutting policy on town roads to include Dukes County Avenue. For a period of seven years after the paving, there would be a moratorium on cuts. A timeline will be provided for the completion of the project. The issue was postponed until next meeting.

Request for transfer of Marlene's taxi license. Arthur G. Pye.

Selectman Scott recused herself due to a prior relationship with Marlene's Taxi.

Selectman Wey motioned to transfer Marlene's Taxi license to Arthur G. Pye, effective April 1, 2007, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

Request to hold the 16th annual "Tour of the Vineyard", May 5, 2007. Martha's Vineyard Boys and Girls Club, Inc.

Selectman Scott motioned to approve the 16th annual "Tour of the Vineyard", seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

Initial discussion of the Warrant Articles.

Town Administrator Dutton read a draft version of the Articles and some of them elicited a brief discussion.

Accept Minutes

January 9, 2007

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of January 9, 2007, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

January 23, 2007

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of January 23, 2007, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Mary Ann Murray inquired about the policy concerning children at the Fire Station.

Executive Session

Chairman Ross motioned to enter Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a real estate transaction not to return to regular session, seconded by Selectman Scott.

***Chairman Ross Aye
Selectman DiOrio Aye
Selectman Scott Aye
Selectman Wey Aye***

Adjourn

Selectman Scott motioned to adjourn at 8:00p.m. seconded by Chairman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator