

Board of Selectmen Meeting

February 27, 2007

Library Meeting Room

Present: Chairman Duncan Ross, Selectmen Gregory Coogan, Kerry Scott, Roger Wey.

Also present: Administrator Alice Ryan Butler. Absent: Selectman Ronald DiOrio,
Town Administrator Michael Dutton.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Coogan suggested that the Selectmen's goals for the year be reviewed.

Selectman Scott has concerns about the parks, noise issue, employees holding elected office, increasing the Personnel Board to five, reorganization of the Finance Dept, using part of the landfill as a park and ride, the old library building.

She contacted the Ethics Commission concerning her re-election and the former Town Administrator as an opponent.

Ms Scott would like to have the Wastewater Commissioners at a Selectmen's meeting before Town Meeting.

She also asked that the letter from Attorney Rappaport not be discussed without her being present.

Selectman Wey inquired about the hiring process for the new Fire Chief, the negotiations for the Town Administrator's contract, the contract letter from Attorney Rappaport. He also read a letter from Robert Ford about problems at the library.

Chairman Ross discussed insurance on art work etc. for the Library.

He also discussed the formation of a management team for negotiating with the Union. It would consist of the Town Administrator, one member of the Board of Selectmen, one member of the Finance Committee and one member of the Personnel Board.

Selectman Scott motioned to nominate Selectman Ronald diOrio to the negotiating team, and to accept the Personnel Board's suggestion for staffing the team, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was three in favor. Selectman Wey abstained.

Chairman Ross reported that the All Island Selectmen have recommended the regionalization of all Island schools.

Town Administrator's Report

(attached)

Selectman Scott suggested that there be more community involvement in the selection of the Fire Chief.

Old/New Business

Hearing: The Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 27, 2007 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street on a petition from NSTAR seeking permission to install one new pole 58/12 on Kennebec Avenue and to install one new pole 9276/56.5 on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. Plans are available for review in the Selectmen's office Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

No one spoke in favor or against the project.

Selectman Scott motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Coogan motioned to allow the installation of the poles on Kennebec Avenue and Vineyard Haven-Edgartown Road provided they were not in the middle of the sidewalk or the bike path, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was three in favor, Selectman Scott voted no.

Request to open a new business "Island Authentics" Saurabh Chhibber and Derek Hull
Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the new business, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Update on rodent control

Mr. Hegarty gave a brief description of the work that he does for the County. The poisons that are used are not harmful to cats, dogs or wild animals. Discounts are available for people over 65 who require his services.

Request from the Shellfish Committee to open the following sections in Sengekontacket Pond.

Section 4 April 21, 2007

Section 5 June 23, 2007

Section 1 July 28, 2007

To close sections 2, 3, 6 & 7 on April 21, 2007

To open the section in Lagoon Pond from the Lobster Hatchery to Lagoon Road on August 25, 2007.

Select Coogan motioned to approve, seconded by selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Entertainment license procedures

Selectman Scott motioned to hold Hearings on the issuing and renewal of Entertainment licenses, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Coogan suggested that although the Entertainment licenses are renewed on an annual basis, if a business respected the rules they would not be subjected to an annual hearing.

Fire Chief Search

It was decided to expand the committee to include four citizens, one suggested by each Selectman. The Committee will consist of the four citizens, Fire Chief, Police Chief, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen and the EMT Captain. The full Board of Selectmen will interview the finalists.

Selectman Wey motioned to permit each Selectman to choose a citizen to be on the Search Committee, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Accept Minutes

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Selectman Scott motioned to accept the Minutes of February 13, 2007, seconded by Selectman Wey. Three voted in favor. Selectman Coogan abstained.

Public Comment

Peter Bradford said that he was opposed to abutters opining on entertainment licenses.

David Morse addressed the issues of hiring a new Fire Chief and parking on Pacific Avenue next to the cemetery.

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator