

Board of Selectmen Meeting

September 25, 2007

Library Meeting Room

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

Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Hearing: to discuss the submission of the HDSP (Housing Department Support) grant for the old library building conversion to public housing and also the FY08 Town Community development strategy.

Chairman Scott is a direct abutter and has filed with the Ethics Commission, she is however, able to speak as an abutter.

Selectman DiOrio chaired the hearing.

Architect Doug Ulwick used slides to present his suggestions for how the building could be converted to two apartments and a retail space.

Grant Writer Alice Boyd of Bailey Boyd informed the audience about the process for securing the grant. The grant is up to \$750,000 for two rental units that would be kept “affordable”. It is also a matching grant in that the Town is providing the building.

Harvey Beth, Dukes County Regional Housing, spoke about the management of the housing units.

Hearing closed at 5:30 p.m.

Introduction of Jerry McCarthy. Friends of Sengekontacket.

Terry Appenzellar introduced Mr. McCarthy who addressed the problems in Sengekontacket Pond this summer.

Request to appropriate \$3,000 for a study on flex time.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to appropriate up to \$3,000 for a study on flex time, including policies and procedures, seconded by Selectman Wey. Four voted in favor, Selectman Coogan voted no.

Request to close for repairs and renovations. Pomodoro Pizzeria

Selectman DiOrio motioned to grant Pomodoro Pizzeria permission to close for repairs and renovations, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Hospital Neighborhood Report

Selectman DiOrio reported that the members of the Hospital Neighborhood Committee are meeting on a regular basis and are resolving the minor issues as they arise.

Report on the School Street Project

Lois Norton, Water District, apologized to the neighbors on behalf of the Water District for the noise that has ensued from the Water District project. They are trying to resolve the problem by limiting night work and looking for new staging areas. Efforts will be made to only access the staging yard once per night. A Committee will be formed consisting of Selectmen Ross, Scott and Wey along with Town Administrator Dutton, Highway Superintendent Combra, Construction Engineer Bob Gowan and representatives of the construction company to deal with neighborhood complaints.

Selectman Wey motioned to close the staging yard from 7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m., seconded by Selectman DiOrio.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to form a Committee of the Board of Selectmen, Town Administrator, Highway Superintendent, Project Engineer to regulate the hours of the staging yard and to continue to look for other staging areas, temporarily the hours of the yard will be from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Appointment

Local Inspector

James Dunn

Selectman Ross motioned to appoint James Dunn as Local Inspector for a one year term scheduled to expire on June 30, 2008, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report.

Selectman Coogan motioned to open the outside waters on October 13, 2007 for recreational permit holders and for commercial permit holders on October 15, 2007, to open Sengekontacket Pond on October 20, 2007 for recreational permit holders and for commercial permit holders on October 22, 2007, to open Lagoon Pond for recreational permit holders on November 3 and for commercial permit holders on November 5, 2007, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Sengekontacket Pond will be open for quahogs on October, 2007.

Liz Durkee, Conservation Commission has applied for a hazardous mitigation grant.

Sharon Jackson has passed the Board certification as a municipal assistant collector.

Mr. Farrell, MRI (classification and compensation study) will be here on October 1 and 2, 2007

Selectmen's Update

The Coast Guard gave high marks to Sgt George Fisher and Peter Martell for their handling of the cruise ships.

The Dennison House will now be called Bradley Square for the original Minister of the church, the new construction will be called the Della Hardman building.

Council on Aging open house will be held on September 29, 2007 12:00 to 2:00 p.m.

Columbus Day road race will benefit Affordable Housing.

A party for all employees and volunteers will be held at the Sailing Camp on October 4, 2007 from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Parking and Traffic Committee Report

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the recommendations of the Parking and Traffic Committee for crosswalks and signage in the Veira Park area, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Accept Minutes

July 10, 2007

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of July 10, 2007, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

August 21, 2007

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of August 21, 2007, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was four in favor. Selectman Ross abstained.

Public Communications

Selectman Wey motioned to request that Town Counsel investigate the transfer of a parcel of land from the Town to ADV Realty Trust, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Adjourn

Chairman Scott motioned to adjourn at 7:10 p.m., seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator