

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Sailing Camp Park

July 8, 2008

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

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

Minutes

Selectman Scott motioned to accept the Minutes of June 10, 2008, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Scott motioned to accept the Minutes of June 3, 2008, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Ross abstained.

Selectman Scott motioned to accept the Executive Session Minutes of June 3, 2008, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Ross abstained.

Town Administrator's Report

Fourth of July parade was successful.

The Oak Bluffs Fire Department assisted at the fire in Tisbury on July 4, 2008 that damaged the Bunch of Grapes bookstore and destroyed the Moxie Restaurant.

Chief Forend is making plans for a practice session on Circuit Avenue should there be a fire there.

The Finance Director and the Town Administrator have been meeting with other Town Treasurers and Finance Directors to deal with Gasbe 45. The plan is to have a combined fund that could accept contributions.

Applications for the Senior Tax Workoff will be accepted until July 11, 2008.

Karen Achille is filling in as temporary Children's Librarian until September 15, 2008.

The final Lake Avenue design has been submitted to MA Highway.

The receipts at the Harbor are holding steady after a slow start in May

The town is working with the Wallaces to be sure there is fuel service on the harbor this summer.

The intown transit bus is running, it provides service to offsite parking mostly to people who work downtown.

There is a resident homesite for sale. The town has not yet requested an appraisal. The current owner has a qualified buyer. The matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

Selectman's Update

Selectman Ross reported that the brochures on "Saving Senge" are available. He also congratulated Katie Mayhew, a 16 year old West Tisbury girl who was selected to sing with the Boston Pops at their esplanade concert. She may also sing at the Boston Pops on August 10, 2008 at Ocean Park.

Selectman Scott reported that no one is in favor of portable bathrooms at the beach.

Selectman Scott motioned to add a second bridge to the universal access walkway at the beach, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was universal.

By consensus, the Board requested that the fence at the beach be repaired for safety reasons.

Selectman Scott received an invitation to vend at the Festival Network (which she will not accept) and questioned whether they had received permission to have vendors other than food and drink.

Chairman DiOrio requested that a thank you letter to the Dukes County Charter Commission for the work they did on the study. He also complimented the OBA for the Harbor Fest, Summer Solstice and the Fire Works.

Oak Bluffs has taken steps to fund Gasbe 45.

Selectman Coogan said that the draw bridge was a hazard for pedestrians and people on bikes. There is confusion about where they should be. Many of them ride in the wrong direction.

David Grunden's job description should be changed. (it has been referred to the Personnel Board)

Old/New Business

Ratification of Police Contract. (3 year contract)

Selectman Ross motioned to ratify the two Police contracts, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Hearing: Request for a Hearing to overturn a denial for a taxi license. Gary Buckley
Mr. Buckley was not present.

Selectman Ross motioned to sustain Sergeant Fisher's recommendation, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Hearing: Request for a Hearing to overturn a denial for a taxi license. Charles Morgan Mr. Buckley was not present.

Selectman Ross motioned to sustain Sergeant Fisher's recommendation, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion of taxi rates.

After a brief discussion, Chairman DiOrio said he would schedule a Public Hearing to discuss taxi rates.

Request for a change of manager. Holy Ghost Association.

Selectman Scott motioned to name Charlene Alley as the manager of the Holy Ghost Association, Inc., seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to open an art gallery. Nye Gallery.

Selectman Ross motioned to permit the opening of the Nye Gallery, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Request for a one day beer and wine license for Ocean Park. Martha's Vineyard Festival.

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve a one day beer and wine license for the Martha's Vineyard Festival, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Scott disapproves of the surcharge on tickets. Chairman DiOrio will investigate.

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve a one day beer and wine license for the Summer Taxpayer's Meeting, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was four in favor. Selectman Wey voted no.

Request for permission for the 20th annual Sullivan Run/Walk, August 23, 2008.

Selectman Wey motioned to permit the Sullivan Run/Walk on August 23, 2008, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Request to use Eastville Beach on July 19, 2008 to launch rowing races. Sail MV

Selectman Ross motioned to approve using Eastville Beach on July 19, 2008 to launch rowing races, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion on the policy for Seasonal Stationary Peddler's License.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to get the input of the Park Department and the Beach Committee. Also, the women who ran the original snack shack should have an opportunity to open a stand, should there be one.

Appointments

Water Resources Core Group

Terry Appenzeller

Selectman Wey motioned to appoint Terry Appenzellar to the Water Resources Core Group, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Energy Committee (One year appointment)

Joe Alosso

Selectman Coogan motioned to appoint Joe Alosso to the Energy Committee, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Community Development Council (three year term)

Terry Appenzeller

Rene Balter

Priscilla Sylvia

James Westervelt

Nancy Phillips

Iona Pressley

Richard Westcott

Alison Shaw

Selectman Coogan motioned to re-appoint the above list of names to the Community Development Council for a three year term, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Beach Task Force

Mark Wallace – Planning Board

David Wilson – Historical Commission

Selectman Coogan motioned to appoint Mark Wallace and David Wilson to the Beach Task Force, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Lagoon Pond Drawbridge Committee

Selectman Ross motioned to appoint Robert Ford to the Lagoon Pond drawbridge committee, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Chief Blake said that late bar closings had not proven to be a problem, it was not a burden for the Police Department.

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator