

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Sailing Camp Park

July 22, 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 Ross motioned to accept the Minutes of July 8, 2008, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report

Della Hardman Day is Saturday, July 26, 2008.

The next Summer Taxpayer's meeting is August 12, 2008.

There will be a meeting to discuss taxi issues next week and they will also be discussed at the next All Island Selectmen's meeting.

The Energy Committee has convened and will look at cost savings measures, vehicle usage, building utilities and the possibility of generating energy for town use.

The Emergency Management will meet next week to discuss the plans for the possibility of any hurricanes.

Selectmen's Update

The Holy Ghost Feast and parade were successful.

Katie Mayhew, West Tisbury will sing at the Festival Network concert.

Shark tournament was successful. However, the Humane Society did fly their plane with a banner despite being asked not to.

Kudos were given to the Highway Department, Police Department, and the Harbormaster for their performance during the tournament.

Cape Cod League held a baseball game on the Island.

MVC held a forum on transportation issues on the Island.

Selectman Scott motioned to rename the Beach Committee, to Seaview Waterfront Committee, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

A request was made to ask the Building Inspector to investigate overcrowded houses, especially seasonal rental houses.

Appointments

Energy Committee (1 year appointment)

Brian Hughes

Lorna Ashe

Selectman Coogan motioned to appoint Brian Hughes and Lorna Ashe to the Energy Committee, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Conservation Commission (3 year appointment)

Paul A. Strauss

Selectman Wey motioned to appoint Paul A. Strauss to the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Library Board of Trustees (3 year appointment)

Holly Nadler

Selectman Ross motioned to appoint Holly Nadler to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Presentations

Highway Superintendent Combra made a brief presentation about the work his department does not only in the summer but throughout the course of the year, including paving, reconstructing sidewalks, removing trash, plowing etc. He also explained that there are no lifeguards because although they were included in the override budget, the voters voted not to fund them.

Sgt Fisher represented the Police Department and stated that the summer is going well for the department. There were few events over the weekend despite the fact that it was the Monster Shark Tournament weekend and the weekend of the feast at the Portuguese American Club.

Finance Director Manzi announced that the bond rating went up to AA-. Our stabilization fund has a balance of \$1,285, 186. Motor vehicle and harbor receipts are on target. Health expenses are being explored and employees and retirees were encouraged to switch to lower cost plans, saving the town approximately \$100,000, also employees will contribute to GASBE 45 an unfunded liability that funds health insurance. New methods of enhancing revenue are being explored.

Public Comment

The audience consisting of a number of summer taxpayers among others commented on several issues. Among the issues, was the Festival Network, “the prevalence of private dumps in the town and the slowness of the town to clean them up” Boats parked on

public streets, the Moujabber property; litter, etc. on the streets, the necessity of a crosswalk near Your Market and parking at Nancy's.

Adjourn

Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Refreshments and socialization followed the formal meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator