

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Library Meeting Room
October 28, 2008

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

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

Minutes

October 14, 2008

Selectman Scott motioned to accept the Minutes of October 14, 2008, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Presentation by the Wastewater Commission

The Wastewater Commission explained that there is a problem with the leaching fields in Ocean Park and they are dealing with it. Through a series of tests, they are eliminating some possibilities of what the difficulty is.

Concern was expressed that with the passage of time, opportunities might have been lost to get redress from the original engineers and/or installers of the system.

Wastewater Superintendent Alosso asked for permission to consult with Town Counsel concerning the issue.

Selectman Ross motioned to permit Superintendent Alosso to consult with Town Counsel about the Ocean Park leaching field contracts, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Presentation by the Seaview Waterfront Committee.

Joan Hughes, Chairman of the Conservation Commission introduced Engineer Carlos Pena, Coastline Engineering, who presented a slideshow on the affected area, along with his suggestions on how the problem could be resolved. The affected area includes North Bluff to Farm Pond. The most reasonable way to deal with the problem is to do it as a whole, rather than sections. He recommended doing it in stages, first the upkeep of what currently exists, then the permitting and lastly the coastal banks and sea walls. The cost for the project would be approximately \$5M.

Old/New Business

The Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 28, 2008 at the Oak Bluffs Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street to accept oral and/or written commentary regarding the issue of tax allocation among the property classes: residential, open space, commercial/industrial and personal property. The Board of Assessors will be in attendance to provide relevant tax rate information.

Assessors' Chairman Jack Law spoke for the Board of Assessors and recommended that a 20% residential exemption be granted. The tax burden would be shifted from the residents to the non residents. After a brief discussion, wherein the Selectmen indicated their dislike of the suggestion, a vote was taken to close the hearing.

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

Selectman Ross motioned not to accept the residential exemption, but to establish a residential factor of "1", not to grant an open space discount, not to grant a small business exemption, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Request for a new business, Buckley's Gourmet Catering.

Using the commercial kitchen at Masonic Hall. There are no employees.

Selectman Ross motioned to approve the request for a new business, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Three voted in favor. Selectman Scott abstained.

Discussion on closing Town Hall the Friday after Christmas.

Town Hall will be open the day after Christmas, however, employees will be allowed to take a vacation day. If Town Hall is closed, the Town must grant a day off or time and a half pay to all public service employees who work that day. It is a considerable unbudgeted expense to the town.

Town Administrator's Report

Budget process is in the works.

The Auditors will be at the November 25, 2008 meeting. At that time the budget will be reviewed as well.

The GASB45 work was presented at the All Island Selectmen's meeting. A draft warrant will be available for all of the towns and municipal entities within the next few weeks.

The Moujabber application was approved by the ZBA with conditions. They are currently in a twenty day appeal period.

An auto use policy is available for review

As a result of the Classification and Compensation study, updated job descriptions are available for all employees.

Alice Boyd will conduct a housing rehab hearing at the November 25, 2008 meeting.

VFW parade is on November 11, 2008 at 10:45 a.m. It starts in the Our Market parking lot.

The County Manager has notified the town that MIG Corporation has submitted a letter of intent to start the "big" and "little" bridge construction projects on November 17, 2008.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Ross reported that he and Conservation Agent Durkee gave a presentation on Sengekontacket at the Hidden Cove Association. The Save Senge Committee received a check for \$2,000 from the Gottesman Foundation.

Concern was expressed that Red Bull drinks were passed out last summer to children in playgrounds. The All Island Selectmen's Committee will discuss this at their next meeting.

Also, there was a reminder to stop using plastic grocery bags.

Chairman DiOrio announced that there are two petitions that will be on the next Special Town Meeting warrant, one to see if the town will vote to rescind \$400,000 CPA funds allocated for Bradley Square Affordable Housing, one to see if the town would permit all restaurants to close for business from 1:30 a.m. to 5:00 a.m.

The next Selectmen's meeting will be November 12, 2008, 5:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room.

Public Communications

A copy of the complimentary letter about Council on Aging Assistant Director Rose Cogliano will be sent to her and also put in her Personnel File.

Public Comment

Selectman Coogan reported that ground lighting had been installed at the Mikos property, and solar lighting on the house. Also, he had been unable to get any information from the delivery companies. Mrs. Barr offered to bring a copy to the office.

Adjourn

*Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 6:55 p.m., seconded by Selectman Coogan.
Vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator