

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

December 9, 2008

Present: Chairman Ronald DiOrio, Selectmen Gregory Coogan, Kerry Scott, Roger Wey.

Also present: Town Administrator Michael Dutton, Administrator Alice Ryan Butler.

Absent: Selectman Duncan Ross.

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

Accept Minutes

November 25, 2008

Selectman Coogan motioned to accept the Minutes of November 25, 2008 with the addition of the Management Letter, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Old/New Business

Energy Committee Report, Joe Alosso

Mr. Alosso reported that the Energy Committee was newly formed with the mission to assure that the town is working toward being energy efficient. All town buildings are having an energy audit done to assure lighting, heating, etc is energy efficient. They also have approached the steamship authority to eliminate the charge for bicycles on the ferries, thereby discouraging bringing cars to the Vineyard. A well attended energy fair was held on December 3, 2008, where information was provided for a more energy efficient house. A representative of TRI explained their home improvement program for people who meet the financial requirements.

Report from Bradley Square Project

Richard Leonard, Island Housing Trust

Robert Wheeler, Island Affordable Housing Fund

This project has been in the planning stage for about fifteen months, has had a number of hearings and been presented to the MVC (where it was unanimously approved) and the ZBA. It now appears that some of the neighbors, and business people as well as other residents of Oak Bluffs are concerned about some aspects of the project. The ZBA put the project on hold, so that the concerns could be reviewed. As a result of the concerns, there has been mediation with the Concerned Citizens Group and the project has been reduced in size. Selectman Scott asked that the Board of Selectmen conduct a Hearing so that the neighborhood could express their views.

Discussion and possible vote on use policy for Town owned vehicles

This policy was developed by the Community Development Committee and reviewed by the Finance, (took no action) Energy Committee. The Personnel Board did not feel that it was within their purview and gave only their personal comments. The Council on Aging Board of Directors felt that the policy was unfair to senior citizens. The vote on the policy will be taken at the next meeting.

Finance Director's / Town Administrator's Report, Michael Dutton

An Island wide GIS initiative is being started to buy software which will change how municipal entities are able to do planning work and operate. The IT manager Travis Larsen was able to secure some grant money for the project. This makes it possible for all of the entities to join together in a much more efficient system and paves the way for a lot of other coordinated services.

Selectman Coogan motioned to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding with the other towns and entities entering into this purchase (the County of Dukes County as licensee) of GIS software, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

By consensus the Selectmen agreed that the Annual Christmas party would be held December 17, 2008 from 4:30 – 6:00 p.m. in the Library meeting room.

Selectman Coogan motioned to authorize the Town Administrator along with the Harbor Master to negotiate with contractors to use the harbor for off loading materials for the big/little bridge project, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Wey motioned to nominate Doug Best to the Oak Bluffs Cable Advisory Committee, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Public Communications

Selectman Wey motioned to approve the Martha's Vineyard Multisport road race on February 14, 2009, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Selectmen's Update

The Martha's Vineyard Bank has donated \$2,000 for fuel assistance, also an additional \$1,300 was raised at the Thanksgiving Day race.

Public Comment

Renee Balter requested that attention be paid to improving the audio portion of the Selectmen's Meeting.

Compliments were given for the tree lighting ceremony and the decorations in downtown.

Mr. Lambert, speaking as the Chairman of the Concerned Citizens Group feels that the Bradley Square project is still too large. He also urged the Selectmen to hold Hearings.

Executive Session

Selectman Coogan motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing a Personnel issue and a Real Estate issue, not to reconvene in regular session, seconded by Selectman Scott.

Chairman DiOrio Aye

Selectman Coogan Aye

Selectman Scott Aye

Selectman Wey Aye

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator