

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Library Meeting Room
January 13, 2009

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

December 9, 2008

Selectman Coogan motioned to accept the Minutes of December 9, 2009, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Ross abstained.

Finance Director's Report

Town Administrator Dutton started the report awaiting Mr. Manzi's arrival. There is a shortfall in the 2009 budget. The investment income is down about \$85,000; the licensing income is down \$158,000 and the motor vehicle income is down \$93,000. For a total of \$336,607.

Finance Director Manzi reiterated what Mr. Dutton had already explained.

The Finance Committee will analyze the numbers and try to arrive at a solution for the deficit.

Town Administrator's Report

The lease for the Water Department property is available for signature.

The engineering report on Ocean Park will be available soon.

MMA Conference is January 23, 24, 2009.

The Town submitted a list of seventeen "shovel ready" projects to the State at their request, these are projects that could be started within 180 days and completed within two years.

The final budget for the High School has been received.

The Town has been working with Rep. Tim Madden and liaison Nell Coogan on filing the GASB45 legislation.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Ross discussed the Roadside memorial on East Chop with the suggestion that memorials on Town property be removed after thirty days. Another suggestion was to plant something to acknowledge the memorial.

Chairman DiOrio congratulated Laurie Perry Henry on being elected President of the NAACP.

He also reported that construction was started on the old library, with a new roof and the removal of the siding. A bid process will be utilized for the actual construction work, the hope of keeping the work local. An RFP will be sent out for the pharmacy.

Public Hearing: FY2009. CDBG

Alice Boyd of Bailey Boyd explained the Grant for the rehabilitation of houses. To be eligible for the grant, one must live in the house year round and be within certain income guidelines. It is a no interest loan that is forgiven after fifteen years. The Town was asked to be part of a pilot project for a “green” rehabilitation project.

Selectman Wey motioned to support the CDBG ‘green grant’ for housing , seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Old/New Business

Request for one day beer and wine permit, January 20, 2009. Dreamland Garage Building for a pot luck Inaugural event. Oak Bluffs Association.

Selectman Ross motioned to grant a one day Beer and Wine permit for the January 20, 2009 Inaugural Event, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Request permission to be closed from February 1 to February 12, 2009 for yearly maintenance. Slice of Life.

Selectman Ross motioned to grant permission for “Slice of Life” to be closed from February 1 to February 12, 2009, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Request to open new retail business “On Kennebec”. Nancy Giordano.

Selectman Ross motioned to approve the new retail business “On Kennebec”, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Appointments

Request to be appointed as an alternate to the All Island Cable Advisory Board. Michael Perry.

Selectman Wey motioned to appoint Michael Perry as an alternate to the All Island Cable Advisory Board, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Request for appointment as Oak Bluffs representative to the Martha’s Vineyard Commission.

M. Casey Sharpe

David Wessling

Selectman Ross motioned to appoint M. Casey Sharpe as Oak Bluffs representative to the Martha’s Vineyard Commission, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Request for appointment to the Capital Improvement Plan Committee. Steve Auerbach.

Selectman Ross motioned to appoint Steve Auerbach to the Capital Improvement Plan Committee, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Request for re-appointment to the Steamship Authority Port Council. Robert Huss.

Selectman Wey motioned to re-appoint Robert Huss to the Steamship Authority Port Council, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Public Communications

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the following road races

Memorial Day May 24

Columbus Day October 11

NAACP September 12

Thanksgiving Day November 26

Seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

It was decided to get more information on the letter from Kingston requesting support on Green Energy Initiatives as an amendment to the Community Preservation Act.

On the petition from some owners on Gull Landing to maintain their road, it was decided to determine the town's obligation to maintain "unaccepted" roads. In the meantime, the Highway Superintendent will do some maintenance.

Public Comment

Park Commissioner Nancy Phillips discussed the possibility of making the bandstand handicapped accessible, so that anyone with a handicap could be part of the band.

Adjourn

Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m., seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator