

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Library Meeting Room  
May 12, 2009

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

**Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.**

**Executive Session**

*Selectman Ross motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing Real Property, returning to regular session, seconded by Selectman DiOrio*

*Chairman Coogan Aye*

*Selectman Burton Aye*

*Selectman DiOrio Aye*

*Selectman Ross Aye*

Selectman Scott late for meeting.

**Accept Minutes**

April 28, 2009

*Selectman Ross motioned to accept the Minutes of April 28, 2009 with correction, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.*

*Selectman Ross motioned to accept the Executive Session Minutes of April 28, 2009, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.*

**Town Administrator's Report**

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve the request to open a hot dog stand "Dinghy Dogs", seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.*

The Town Administrator is working on a pamphlet for new Board and Committee members concerning ethical issues.

Providing fuel at the harbor this summer will likely trigger a DRI. The MVC has been notified and will be asked to do a fairly rapid review process.

The town is prepared for the swine flu, should it prove to be a pandemic.

The draw bridge is on schedule.

The repairs to the big and little bridges are on hold for the rest of the summer. They should be completed by next summer.

The Board of Selectmen meetings will be held at the Sailing Camp from June 9 to the end of September.

### **Selectmen's Update**

There was a request to have the "construction signs" on Lake Avenue removed for the summer.

Selectman Scott expressed pleasure at the progress on the Moujabber property.

The Animal Shelter in Edgartown is in need of volunteers.

Questions were asked about the \$299,000 matching grant from the National Park Service. It will be matched from Town funds, CPA money and "in kind work".

A facilities manager has been hired to oversee the venues for small events.

It was requested that a protocol be developed to deal with housing development.

A pandemic plan is being developed in case of such an emergency.

There is a major shortfall for local aid in the state budget.

Selectman Ross reported that there is a one hour program on MVTv regarding "Save Senge". It not only outlines what is currently being done, but how people can participate.

The CDC Committee is working on identifying new sources of revenue.

Plans are being made to develop a drop off site for fluorescent bulbs at the re-cycling center.

Secretary Aloisi will speak at the Whaling Church on Thursday, May 14, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.

### **Old/New Business**

Goals for the year, Board of Selectmen

Will be discussed at the next meeting.

Request for permission to hold a Tour of Martha's Vineyard Bicycle Challenge, October 17, 2009. MV Rotary Club

***Selectman DiOrion motioned to approve the request for the Tour of Martha's Vineyard Bicycle Challenge, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

Discussion and possible vote on sale of tax title property.

The Town Administrator showed a film of all of the available properties owned by the Town. It was determined to sell two of the properties and put the proceeds into the stabilization fund. Selectman Scott is opposed to selling any town owned property at this time.

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to auction two properties (7/223 and 7/208) for no less than 90% of the assessed value, seconded by Selectman Ross. The vote was four in favor, Selectman Scott voted no.*

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to appoint Michael Dutton as custodian of the property, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.*

#### **Appointments**

Request to be appointed to the Library Board of Trustees. Robert V. Huss

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to appoint Robert V. Huss to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.*

#### **Public Communications**

*Selectman Ross motioned to nominate Allan A. deBettencourt as the Veterans' grave officer, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.*

*Selectman Ross motioned to permit Featherstone Center for the Arts to hold their Flea and Fine Arts Market on eleven Tuesdays from June 23 to September 1, 2009, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.*

#### **Public Comment**

Amy Billings presented the Selectmen with a petition to send the Noyes Building application to the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Selectman DiOrio refuted the need for referral by stating the many Committee/Commissions that had reviewed the plans, abutters had been notified and the fact that it had been reviewed three times at Town Meeting.

Selectman Scott disclosed that she was speaking as an abutter to the Noyes Building, not a public official, when she addressed the Board concerning the Noyes Building. She read a letter advocating sending the Noyes Building application to the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

#### **Adjourn**

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Administrator