

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Library Meeting Room  
May 26, 2009

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

**Meeting called to order at 5:02 p.m.**

### **Accept Minutes**

May 12, 2009

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of May 12, 2009, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.*

May 12, 2009 – Executive Session

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept and make public the Executive Session Minutes of May 12, 2009, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.*

After clarification by the Town Administrator, the matter was re-voted.

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept but not make public the Executive Session Minutes of May 12, 2009, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.*

### **Town Administrator's Report**

There is a meeting on June 4, 2009 at the Martha's Vineyard Commission for a proposed harbor fuel facility.

Work on the "big" and "little" bridges has been suspended for the summer. The barge in Lagoon Pond will be removed for the summer.

The Roads and By-ways Committee will meet on June 10, 2009.

The Town has received a \$65,000 matching grant from DCR. It will be used for engineering on the North Bluff.

Next meeting, there will be a discussion on taxi and livery regulations.

There are Board and Committee openings that will be advertised.

The Planning Board will be asked to make some revisions to the Master Plan.

There has been a request to make ZBA members Special Municipal Employees.

The Finance Director is working on revenue estimates for 2009 revised and 2010. We are anticipating substantial cuts from the State. There will likely be a Special Town Meeting to reduce the budget.

### **Selectmen's Update**

Selectman Burton will hold office hours from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. every Monday morning at the Senior Center.

Selectman Ross said that signs would be put up on Lagoon Pond Road indicating private property. This is for the benefit of the people shellfishing in the Lagoon so they can distinguish private from public property.

Friends of Oak Bluffs should be thanked for all of the planting they did last week, as well as the Crosslands who donated the plants.

Selectman DiOrio reported that travel to the Island had improved 5/6%.

Chairman Coogan reported that fluorescent bulbs at the landfill.

The National Park Service grant, a two year matching grant administered by the Department of Conservation and Recreation. The Town is identifying the town matches to the engineering portion of the grant. A spread sheet will be available for input from the Selectmen.

### **Old/New Business**

#### Update from Police Chief Erik Blake

Chief Blake listed the number of grants the Police Department has received. The grants have been for the prevention of underage drinking, child passenger seats, Community Policing, bike helmets and drug prevention. The grants approximate \$716,000 plus 75 bike helmets. The Department has been accredited since 2003, and they are currently applying for re-accreditation.

The alcohol inspections are currently underway. Officer Morse will conduct two sessions on alcohol law, liability and service training in the next few weeks.

The summer officers are currently doing their 120 hours of unpaid training. Thirty-two people applied for ten positions.

Public Safety Day will be held on June 13, 2009 in Alley Park.

#### Request to open a new business. Maggie's Salon

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to allow a new business, Maggie's Salon, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

#### Request to hold the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sullivan 5K run/walk for health and fitness. Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

***Selectman Ross motioned to approve the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Sullivan 5K run/walk for health and fitness, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.***

County Manager Russell Smith displayed a sample of the material that will be used to repair the parking lot at Eastville Beach. There may be short closures at the beach while these repairs are made.

#### Discussion of Selectmen's Goals

Selectman DiOrio – focus on finances and budget, avoid overrides, increases, and level fund 2011. Look for other sources of revenue, not depend on property tax.

Appearance of the town. Deal with derelict houses, etc.

Make better use of the web site, put Committee, Commissions' agendas, minutes, etc. on line.

Selectman Ross – continue to work to improve Sengekontacket Pond with dredging and education.

Alternative finances – continue to explore industrial park, take a serious look at the fees for licenses, permits and fines, etc.

Selectman Burton – improve communications by using the website. Start a monthly or quarterly newsletter to be posted on line, but also hard copies in the library, Senior Center and the Post Office, etc. Post monthly calendars for all committees and Boards. Promote inter-departmental communication.

Improve planning, e.g. master plan, open space plan, capital improvement.

Create policies and procedures and goals for all Committees and Boards.  
Determine qualifications for committee members.

Work with moderator to make town meeting more accessible by offering transportation, change of day and time and also volunteer child care.

Chairman Coogan – budget, make town more efficient to avoid layoffs.

Continue to work on Sengekontacket Pond.

Work more closely with other towns to avoid duplication of services and eliminate costs.

Request to open Lagoon Pond for shellfishing May 30, 2009 from Lagoon Pond Road to the Lobster Hatchery. Close Lagoon Pond for shellfishing from Sailing Camp Park to the sand point south of Sailing Camp Park.

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to open Lagoon Pond for shell fishing from Lagoon Pond Road to the lobster hatchery May 30, 2009 and to close the Pond from Sailing Camp Park to the sand point south of Sailing Camp Park, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

#### **Executive Session**

***Selectman Ross motioned to enter into Executive Session, not to return to regular session, seconded by Selectman DiOrio.***

***Chairman Coogan Aye***

***Selectman Burton Aye***

***Selectman DiOrio Aye***

***Selectman Ross Aye***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Administrator

