

Board of Selectmen  
Sailing Camp Park  
June 23, 2009

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

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

**Town Administrator's Report**

There was a gasoline spill on Jim's Package store property near the harbor. Gasoline does not saturate the soil so action is minimal. DEP will continue to monitor it. It appears to be an issue with the delivery people. There is no immediate danger.

The state budget is in the process of being passed. In the budget, there is a proviso for an 2% local lodging tax and a ¾% increase in meals tax. The Finance Committee will review it and advise whether to place it on the warrant for a Special Town Meeting.

A discussion has been held with the Coast Guard, the hospital and the EMS concerning transport. The Coast Guard is not a medically certified transport organization, so the town cannot bill the insurance companies or medicare for transportation. An arrangement is being worked out so the town can provide this service but also be reimbursed.

The travel channel will be filming in Oak Bluffs on July 2,3,4, 2009 with a crew of five people.

Discussions have been held on "paper roads" and town non accepted roads.

Martha's Vineyard Commission has accepted the town's request for a temporary harbor fuel facility. The town has been working with the Wallaces to make sure they can get their facility functioning for the season.

**Selectmen's Update**

Selectman DiOrio said that the Energy Committee is preparing a vehicle purchase policy. An energy audit will be conducted on all public buildings.

Selectman Ross requested that the Selectman approve the land management agreement for Eastville beach. This would permit the Town to go forward with Tisbury and the State in the management of the beach.

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve the Land Management Agreement for Eastville Beach, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.***

Selectman Scott announced that the Seaview Waterfront Committee will meet at Inkwell Beach at 11:00 a.m. on July 2 (rain date July 3) and 6:00 p.m. August 17 (rain date August 18). An ad will appear in both papers.

Selectman Scott reminded the Board that she has continually asked for a cross walk from Our Market to Sunset Park.

Town Administrator Dutton reported that there had been noise complaints about the Game Room. Chief Blake was made aware of the situation.

Complaints have been received about dumpsters being used for the storage of dry goods in various neighborhoods.

Selectman Scott requested that a “summit” be held on Ocean Park including Wastewater Commissioners, Park Commissioners and DEP.

Chairman Coogan reminded the Highway Superintendent that the State needed to be notified to clear the sand from the state roads.

East Chop Beach Club has twenty moorings that predate the use of the harbor. The Town can collect a fee for the moorings. In answer to a complaint, the Inspector General’s office investigated and was satisfied with what they found. They turned the matter over to the Department of Environmental Protection, who is the licensing authority for moorings and inland waterways. In March, the DEP reported that they were quite content with the way the town was dealing with the moorings.

Chairman Coogan introduced Lloyd Hart who discussed the value of community gardens. Hopefully, two acres of land will be found in Oak Bluffs for a community garden.

**Public Hearing:** NSTAR petition to relocate one pole on Greenleaf Avenue off of private property.

*Selectman Ross motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Selectman DiOrion, vote was unanimous.*

*Selectman Ross motioned to relocate one pole on Greenleaf Avenue off of private property seconded by Selectman DiOrion. Vote was three in favor. Selectman Scott was opposed.*

### **Old/New Business**

Update on wireless communication initiative. Travis Larsen.

Mr. Larsen told the Selectmen that there had been some concern about the placement of equipment and antennas for the wireless communication initiative. As a result some adjustments have been made. The tentative plan would involve a short term borrowing of \$150,000 over five years.

Report and Update from the Joint Sengekontacket Committee. Duncan Ross, Chairman  
Selectman Ross reported that a 45 minute video about Sengekontacket Pond was being shown on MVTv and has been well received. Also, the NOAA grant is still considering the request for dredging, but has denied the request for funds for eel grass. An answer should be received by the end of the month.

Other members of the Committee also reported on the condition and problems of the pond.

Update on Master Planning update process and funding discussion, John Bradford, Planning Board Chairman.

Mr. Bradford explained that the Master Plan should be updated every ten years or so. It is an important piece of information when grants are being sought and gives goals and guidelines to the Planning Board.

Designation of Municipal Employee Status. Wastewater Commissioners and Conservation Commissioners.

***Selectman Ross motioned to grant Special Municipal Status to members of the Wastewater Commission and the Conservation Commission, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.***

Discussion and possible vote on changes to parking limits on Kennebec and Circuit Avenue. Roads and Byways Committee.

It was recommended to the Board that 15 minute parking be implemented on Kennebec Avenue during the day from the Reliable parking lot to DaRosa's.

One hour parking on Circuit Avenue be extended to the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank on the corner of Uncas Avenue. This would also be from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

***Selectman Ross motioned to accept these recommendations, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was three in favor, Selectman Scott abstained because she owns a building that would be affected.***

### **Accept Minutes**

June 9, 2009

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of June 9, 2009, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

### **Public Communications**

***Selectman Ross nominated Selectman DiOrio to be the representative to the school negotiating team, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was three in favor, Chairman Coogan abstained.***

The pedicabs will drive the Board of Selectmen in the Fourth of July parade.

Selectman Burton requested that children from Oak Bluffs ride their bikes in the parade, carrying signs that read "Proud to be from OB"

**Public Comment**

The Portuguese Feast parade is being held on July 19, 2009.

**Adjourn**

*Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiOrio.  
Vote was unanimous.*

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Administrator