

## Board of Selectmen Meeting

### Library

December 8, 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 5:02 p.m.**

#### Exit interview on the Audit. Powers and Sullivan

Jim Powell and Todd Jerzyk reported on the audit. A review of the documents revealed that the “report was clean” and managements financial statements and all of the disclosures and adjustments that need to be made are in accordance with generally accepted accounting procedures and nothing of significance is materially misstated. In the Management Letter, there were no significant deficiencies. However, there are some areas that can be improved, and the Selectmen will make sure they are addressed.

### **Minutes**

#### November 10, 2009

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of November 10, 2009, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.*

#### November 19, 2009

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of November 19, 2009, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Scott abstained.*

#### November 30, 2009

*Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of November 30, 2009, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Ross abstained.*

### **Town Administrator’s Report**

(See attached)

Joe Alosso, Wastewater Superintendent addressed the transfer of the Wastewater Discharge Permit, explaining why it had originally been held by the Board of Selectmen and why it was more commonly in the purview of the Wastewater Commission. It has been referred to Town Counsel for his opinion. The issue will be explored more fully at the January 12, 2010 meeting.

The Town Administrator’s annual evaluation will be alternated with a less formal evaluation by the Chairman.

The Energy Committee has applied for a \$150,000 grant and is confident it might be awarded to them. Joe Alosso, Matt Rodenbaugh and Michael Dutton are responsible for having filed it in record time.

### **Selectmen’s Update**

Selectman Scott congratulated Mark Crossland for all of their work for the Town. Department Heads have the authority to close at noon on the day before Christmas, but it must be posted on the door to their office, several days in advance.

Grants being sought by the Park Commissioners will be discussed at the January 12, 2010 meeting.

The Building Inspector has no purview over the rebuilding of the SSA terminal. However, there are no changes in the plans.

The parking at Nancy's Restaurant will be on the January 12, 2010 Agenda.

The Emergency Plan for the Town will be discussed at the December 22, 2009 meeting.

The tree lighting was enjoyed by all who attended. The decorations in town were also complimented. The individuals and committees who organized them were recognized and thanked.

Selectman Ross announced that Oak Bluffs will host the All Island Board of Selectmen in the Library Meeting Room on January 14, 2010.

Coastal Zone Management notified the town that they are conducting a study that may take up to six months on Sengekontacket Pond before it can be dredged. This means that the "window of opportunity" for dredging the pond this year is closed. Dredging is unlikely before next fall. Efforts will be made to find additional sources of income to fund the dredging.

Chairman Coogan discussed the joint meeting the Board held with the Finance Committee regarding the budget for the next fiscal year.

### **Old/New Business**

The Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street on a petition from NSTAR to install one new pole 130/.5 on Oak Bluffs Avenue, relocate one pole 130/1 approximately 18' from existing location, to install approximately 75 feet of underground cable and conduit from pole 6/12 to handhole 6/H12 on Lake Avenue and to relocate pole 58/10 approximately 12 feet from existing location, relocate pole 130/3 5 feet from existing location, relocate pole 130/2 – 10 feet from existing location, and to install underground cable and conduit from 130/1 thru splice box 130/H1 and 130/H2 to splice box 130/H3, approximately 250 feet.

Karen Corriveau represented NSTAR. Due to the placement of the poles on Lake Avenue the discussion revolved around putting the wires underground. MA Highway does not have the funds to put them underground and it is not the responsibility of NSTAR to pay to do so. There was some confusion about what was represented on the drawings.

It was decided to approach MA Highway again about putting the wires underground.

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to continue the hearing, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.***

Request to open Oak Bluffs Harbor for recreational permit holders on Saturday, December 12, 2009. Their limit is ½ bushel of hard and/or soft shell clams  
***Selectman DiOrio motioned to open Oak Bluffs Harbor for recreational permit holders on December 12, 2009, with a limit of a ½ bushel of hard and/or soft shell clams, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

To open Oak Bluffs Harbor for commercial permit holders on Monday, December 14, 2009. Their limit is one (1) bushel of littlenecks, one (1) bushel of cherrystones and two (2) bushels of chowders.  
***Selectman Ross motioned to open Oak Bluffs Harbor for commercial permit holders on December 14, 2009 with a limit of 1 bushel of littlenecks, 1 bushel of cherrystones and 2 bushels of chowders, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.***

#### **Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Office Administrator