

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

January 27, 2009

Present: Chairman Ronald DiOrio, Selectmen Gregory Coogan, Kerry Scott, Roger Wey.

Also present: Town Administrator Michael Dutton, Administrator Alice Ryan Butler.

Absent: Selectman Duncan Ross.

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Selectman Coogan motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss contract negotiations with the intention of returning to regular session, seconded by Selectman Scott.

Chairman DiOrio Aye

Selectman Coogan Aye

Selectman Scott Aye

Selectman Coogan motioned to re-enter regular session, seconded by Selectman Scott.

Chairman DiOrio Aye

Selectman Coogan Aye

Selectman Scott Aye

Minutes

January 13, 2009

Selectman Coogan motioned to accept the Minutes of January 13, 2009, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Roger Wey entered the meeting.

Preliminary Report from the Finance Committee

Town Administrator Dutton presented the report. A shortfall of about \$300,000 is predicted in the 2009 budget. At least some of it will be covered by "turnbacks". There are also four properties, taken for non payment of taxes that are eligible for auction. All departments will be notified that all expenditures over \$500 will now need to be approved either by the Town Administrator or the Finance Director.

Except for the school, the Town Administrator has met with all departments regarding the 2010 budget. A meeting with the school is scheduled for Thursday morning. The shortfall is now \$500,000. Every effort is being made to avoid layoffs.

Town Administrator's Report

The Governor has made more cuts in the budget. This will cost Oak Bluffs about \$10,000. It will not affect Chapter 70 money.

A lease agreement has been signed for the property in Edgartown next to the transfer station.

February 13, 2009 is the next meeting for the Cape Cod Selectmen's Association.

Town Counsel announced that all appeals have been dismissed in the Moujabber property.

Harvey Beth has resigned his position as Library Trustee.

Patrick King has requested that his property be included in the Health Care overlay district. This will be discussed February 10, 2009.

Articles for the Annual or Special Town Meeting are due on February 13, 2009.

Selectmen's Update

All of the Selectmen commented on the Massachusetts Municipal Association workshop they had recently attended.

Town Administrator Michael Dutton has been credentialized by ICMA.

It was suggested that Parking Solutions be contacted again to discuss a parking plan and fees.

Public Hearing: Pursuant to MGL, Chapter 12, the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street regarding an application for a transfer of a seasonal all alcohol license from Irie Bites, Inc dba Zapotec to Cybele Peper, Inc dba Zapotec at 14 Kennebec Street, Oak Bluffs, MA 02557. This application is on file in the Selectmen's office for review Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Selectman Coogan motioned to close the Hearing, seconded by Selectman Wey. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Wey motioned to transfer the Seasonal All Alcohol license from Irie Bites dba Zapotec to Cybele Peper dba Zapotec, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Old/New Business

Report from the Seaview Waterfront Committee

Selectman Scott reported for the committee and stated that they needed to have better communications, both within the committee but also with the Board of Selectmen.

The Seaview Waterfront Committee does not take votes, but tries to arrive at consensus. At the moment, there is \$4M available for the North Bluff, with no input from the Board of Selectmen as to how it should be used. The Town Administrator should be the point person in deciding what group should apply for what.

It was suggested that since currently the Town does not have the resources to do these projects, emphasis should be put on prioritizing them for when funding is available. Some of our current bonds should be retired, before we acquire more.

The Town Administrator will keep track of all of the projects and grant applications in Town and the dollar amounts.

All contracts are signed by the Town Administrator by authority of the Board of Selectmen.

All committees will be asked to report once a year, so that the Board can be aware of what they are working on.

Discussion and possible vote on the Town Vehicle Policy.

Selectman Scott motioned to accept the Town Vehicle Policy, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to hold the 18th Annual “Tour of the Vineyard” on May 2, 2009 to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Selectman Wey motioned to approve the 18th Annual “Tour of the Vineyard”, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator