

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Sailing Camp Park

June 9, 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 5:00 p.m.

Minutes

May 26, 2009

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of May 26, 2009, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Scott abstained.

May 26, 2009 – Executive Session

Selectman Ross motioned to accept the Executive Session Minutes of May 26, 2009, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Scott abstained.

Town Administrator's Report

The hearing process and the LUPC process for having fuel in the harbor has been completed. The vote of the MVC and the written report should take place on June 11, 2009. The request is for two 1500 fuel tanks for a period of two years, to ensure fuel on the harbor this summer. Private entities are also making plans to provide fuel.

There was a fuel spill on Dukes County Avenue on June 5, 2009 of about 2 ½ gallons. The Fire Department responded and “boomed off” the catch basins and absorbed and chemically treated the spill in an effort to contain it and keep it from entering the marsh.

Roads and By-ways Committee will meet at 3:00 p.m. on June 10, 2009 in the Town Hall.

There is a \$500,000 shortfall in the 2010 budget, due in part to a reduction in State aid. During the month of July, in an effort to save money, the Personnel Board and the Finance Committee will assist in the re-organization of employees and departments.

The Planning Board has been asked to begin to update the Master Plan. One of the most important functions of the Master Plan is that it allows the Town to be eligible for grants through the State.

The Finance Committee has begun its summer schedule. They are focusing on the possibility of a local option to tax meals and lodging.

Over the course of the summer, there will be some physical re-organization of the offices, both the Building Inspector's office and that of the Board of Health will move upstairs. Due to the vault, the Clerk's office will remain on the lower level.

The vehicle policy has been signed and will be enforced starting July 1, 2009.

The Planning Board has been asked for guidance on “paper roads”.

The ABCC has sent down decisions on four restaurants that served under age patrons.

Selectmen’s Update

Selectman Scott complained about the open dumpsters. The Highway Superintendent said that the Board of Health is formulating regulations concerning the matter.

Selectman Scott read a statement concerning an article that appeared in the MV Times the previous week. It concerned the Seaview Waterfront Committee which she chairs. Selectman Scott refuted the charges concerning unauthorized expenditures, the number of people at the meetings and the lack of minutes.

Selectman DiOrio reminded the Board that Summerfest and Harbor Fest will both be celebrated on June 20, 2009. Circuit Avenue will be closed for a period of time. It was suggested that closing Circuit Avenue from time to time over the summer might be a good idea.

Selectman Burton said that her office hours are on Mondays, 1:00 to 2:00 p.m. at the Senior Center. She will be attending a workshop for new Selectmen on June 13, 2009.

Selectman Ross announced that MVTV is running a 45 minute program on “Save Senge”.

Old/New Business

Report from the Highway Superintendent, Richie Combra

Superintendent Combra listed a number of the projects his department has been working on including the sidewalk on Nashawena, the paving of a section of West Avenue in conjunction with the Water District, repairs to the bath house, Kennebec bathroom, the fence and drainage at the Town beach, enclosures for some of the trash containers, sidewalks at the Harbor, a drainage system at the Fire Station, line painting, crosswalk painting, lawn mowing, replaced street signs, maintenance of grounds at the school and cemetery, sweeping streets etc.

Presentation and request for one day beer and wine license. Possible Dreams Auction.
Selectman DiOrio motioned to grant the one day beer and wine license for the Possible Dreams Auction, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Hearing: Denied taxi driver application. Daniel Kaeka

Mr. Kaeka had been found guilty of driving negligently, the case was continued without a finding for nine months. If there is no moving violation within that period of time, the charge is expunged from the record.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to overturn the denial of his application for a taxi license, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion of Sea View and Waban/Alley Park Project.

Mr. Dutton explained that the Town must provide a 50% match to the \$299,000 Federal grant (but administered by the state Department of Conservation and Recreation) that has been awarded to the Town. The funds will be used to repair the brick bathroom near the ferry terminal, replace the snack shack and correct drainage issues in Alley Park. He suggested several sources of funds including state highway, shellfish department, CPA money, Selectmen's professional services, etc.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Town Administrator's recommendations for matching the grant, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Review of the Livery and Taxi regulations

The Selectmen were asked to review the regulations and make suggestions. They were asked to especially concentrate on the rules involving insurance and where and how long livery vehicles can park. Rates will be discussed at the next meeting. Selectmen were also asked to consider whether listing a website on a taxi constituted advertising.

Discussion of Special Municipal Employees, Zoning Board of Appeals and the Energy Committee.

The Town Administrator explained the reasoning for "Special Municipal Employees" especially in a small town.

Selectman DiOrio disclosed that he is a member of the Energy Committee.

Selectman Ross motioned to grant "Special Municipal Employee" status on members of the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Energy Committee, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was four in favor, Selectman DiOrio abstained.

SELECTMEN'S GOALS – 2009

1. Focus on finances, avoiding overrides. Concentrate on level funding for 2011. Research new sources of revenue, e.g. industrial park, increasing fees for licenses, permits and fines. Work with other towns to avoid duplication of services and eliminate costs.
2. Make better use of the web site, listing all agendas, minutes, calendars etc. Work toward better communications using a monthly or quarterly newsletter.
3. Continue to work on improving Sengekontacket Pond.
4. Improve master plan, open space plan, capital improvement, etc.
5. Create policies and procedures for all committees and boards. Determine qualifications for membership.
6. Work with the moderator to make town meetings more accessible. Consider offering transportation for the elderly, child care and changing the day and the time.

7. Improve the appearance of the Town. Review and enforce by-laws to make sure owners are responsible for the repair/removal of derelict houses. Clean alleyways and monitor open trash containers.

Adjourn

Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Burton.

Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator