

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Sailing Camp Park

September 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 5:00 p.m.

A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Billy Norton.

Accept Minutes

August 25, 2009

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of August 25, 2009, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report

The Special Town Meeting will be held on October 20, 2009.

Selectman Ross motioned to hold the Special Town Meeting on October 20, 2009, subject to the Town Clerk's availability, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

There will be a warrant article concerning the local option excise tax. This tax will be on meals and accommodations. There will be a hearing prior to the Special Town Meeting. The Finance Committee will review.

The Beach Road bridge work will start this week. One lane will be closed for the winter.

The Lake Avenue project will begin again after Columbus Day.

A copy of the Island plan is available in the Selectmen's office.

An ambulance from Bristol, Rhode Island was on Island last week, so the Fire Department could inspect it. The Department needs a new ambulance to replace one in the fleet.

11,000 people visited the library in August.

An artifact presumed to be Native American was found in Sengekontacket Pond near where dredging is planned. If the presumption is accurate, dredging could be held up for as many as 180 days.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Scott asked if the affected employees had been notified of their layoffs? Three have been notified and two more will be notified tomorrow. Selectman Scott also said that she did not feel that the process had been well handled.

A question was raised about the ownership of the property on the harbor occupied by the Sandbar and Grille. Town Administrator explained that the Assessor's map was incorrect and that some of the land belongs to the state. The state licenses that property.

Now that Corey Kupersmith is working again on his property, any changes need to be referred to MEPA and the MVC.

Selectman DiOrio reported on the ground breaking at Bradley Square that was attended by over 200 people including Governor Patrick.

Selectman Ross said that he and the Town Administrator attended a workshop on regionalization at Holy Cross College. 137 out of 351 cities and towns were represented, suggesting that there is a lot of interest in regionalization.

He also discussed the dredging in Sengekontacket Pond. The finding of possible Native American artifacts could delay the dredging as much as one year. There is a meeting scheduled with the Tribe to discuss the issue.

Selectman Burton discussed an article on regionalization in the MMA newsletter.

She also discussed the request from the Aquinnah Board of Selectmen to sign onto a letter requesting the MVC to use its powers to protect our waters and land from the development of commercial industrial windfarms. This will be explored further at the All Island Selectmen's meeting on September 16, 2009. Selectman Burton offered to draft a letter combining the suggestions of the interested groups and will e-mail it to the Selectmen for their comments.

Chairman Coogan inquired about the "puddle" near the East Chop Beach Club. The Conservation Commission is checking their grant application from last year for this project, hoping to determine what was lacking. The town is also hoping to solve the problem locally, considering the recontouring of East Chop Park.

Selectman Burton will contact Tisbury to form a committee regarding Lagoon Pond.

Old/New Business

Discussion of Lagoon Pond water quality. Wastewater Superintendent, Joe Alosso
Mr. Alosso spoke of the Wastewater Department's efforts to help the water quality in Lagoon Pond. The Hospital, Ice Rink, High School, YMCA, elderly housing, community services have either been tied in to the sewer system or will be. The pipe being installed to handle the sewerage from the Edgartown/Vineyard Haven Road area will go down County Road because it is not conducive to the use of grinder pumps that would be

necessary if it were used on Barnes Road. The 250 homes that are between the hospital and the fire house will also be hooked up to the sewer system.

A Committee will be formed with Tisbury to work together on the water quality of the Pond.

A group of people from the Beach Road neighborhood questioned the financial formula used to tie into the sewer system.

It was suggested that the Selectmen write to the Board of Health and urge them to mandate that anyone with a cess pool must be tied in to the sewer system. The Board of Selectmen agreed to send a letter to both the Board of Health and the Waste Water Commission, urging that they mandate people with cess pools tie into the sewer system when possible.

The Waste Water Commissioners will continue to explore the financial formula for the Beach Road area.

Discussion of the Copeland Plan DCPC. Renee Balter.

Renee Balter explained why the Copeland Plan DCPC is a duplication of services within the Cottage City Historic District and should be referred to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. The referral would prompt the MVC to hold a Hearing and then return the matter to the town for a vote at Town Meeting.

Selectman Ross motioned to refer the matter to the Martha's Vineyard Commission, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was three in favor, Selectmen Burton and Scott abstained because they are both on Committees involved.

Discussion of plans/changes for next season.

The following is a list of problems that the Selectmen will attempt to solve before next season.

East Chop "pond"

Outdoor amplification

Noise problem at the Game Room, move games or close doors.

Implement "no smoking" policy in parks, beaches and Post Office Square.

Ban driving while using cell phones or "texting"

Impose penalties on properties where work is started and not completed

Finish the old library

Storage trucks in neighborhoods

Oversized houses on small lots

Noise complaints

Lifeguards

Handicapped access at the Inkwell

Improvement to the waterfront

More visibility for crosswalks

Create a crosswalk from Sunset Lake to Our Market
Signage – more user friendly – “contaminated” signs at shellfish areas are confusing
Parking area at Nancy’s

Public Communications

Selectman DiOrio motioned to permit Sail MV to host races at Eastville Beach on September 19, 2009, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Ross motioned to refer the zoning issue concerning hospital parking to the Planning Board, for a hearing and recommendation, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

Tivoli Day – September 19, 2009

Adjourn

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator