

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Sailing Camp Park

September 22, 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 5:05 p.m.**

**Accept Minutes**

September 8, 2009

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept with corrections the minutes of September 8, 2009, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

**Town Administrator's Report**

The funds for the Fire Museum have all been donated, over \$50,000 in cash and \$50,000 in "work in kind". The dedication will be sometime in April or May.

The work at the bridges is on-going. There will be only one lane of traffic on Beach Road all winter.

Lake Street project will start after Columbus Day. The town will be more flexible with the starting and ending hours each day, since we don't have a commuter rush hour issue.

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to change the daily hours for the Lake Street project, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

The Town's domain name has been changed to oakbluffsma.gov.

The draft Island plan is available in the Selectmen's office.

Highway Superintendent Richie Combra reported on the Ocean Avenue sidewalk. Friends of Oak Bluffs paid for the entire project; however, the Town did contribute some labor.

Tisbury/Oak Bluffs solid waste District has requested that we use the payment made in lieu of a performance bond that was initiated when the contract was signed with Bruno's. It amounts to about \$25,500 for Oak Bluffs and could be used for tipping fees.

***Selectman Ross motioned to use the \$25,500 available funds, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.***

Mr. Combra provided a draft plan for correcting the sidewalk problem at Nancy's Snack Bar. It will be discussed in full at the next meeting.

### **Selectmen's Update**

Selectman Scott commented on the Vineyard Energy Project on Vineyard power. She asked that they be invited to a Selectmen's meeting.

A discussion on the reorganization of Town Hall will be held at the next meeting. Selectman Scott suggested that the cost of the rehab be included as well as the cost of an elevator and the necessity of installing one.

Mr. Dutton stated that there are no adversarial Union issues concerning the "lay-offs". However, it is possible that one of the Union positions will be "bumped".

Selectman DiOrio complimented the Oak Bluffs Association on Tivoli Day.

He also announced that the Affordable Housing Committee met and will enter into a contract with TRI for site management of the restoration of the Old Library. The project will go out to bid in mid October. Construction should start by the beginning of December. The project will cost approximately \$900,000. Selectman DiOrio would like to submit a Warrant Article to transfer \$225,000 from the Resident Homesite Committee to the restoration of the old library.

The All Island Selectmen's Committee will have a presentation on October 7, 2009 on the flu season and the impending Swine flu pandemic. Selectman DiOrio requested that the Board of Health and the Health Agent give a presentation on the same subject at the next Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Selectman Ross reported on Billy Norton's funeral and the pageantry provided by the Fire Departments on the Island. Priscilla Sylvia, member of the Friends of Oak Bluffs said that they will place a bench and a tree in his honor at the Fire Museum.

Selectman Ross said that Shellfish Constable Grunden met with representatives of the Wampanoag Tribe earlier in the day. The Barnstable dredge is no longer available due to an excessive amount of commitments. The Edgartown dredge is still a possibility. There will be a meeting on September 24, 2009 with the Army Corp of Engineers. If that meeting is successful, a meeting will be held with the Edgartown Board of Selectmen.

Selectman Burton spoke with the Tisbury selectmen regarding Lagoon Pond. They are enthusiastic about forming a Lagoon Pond Committee. She also reported that the Wastewater Commissioners have funded an engineering and cost estimate study for the approximately 250 homes between the hospital and the Fire House.

Chairman Coogan would like to meet with the Planning Board at the next meeting (10/13/2009) to discuss the Island Plan.

He also suggested that the Board write to Senator O'Leary concerning the Ocean Plan.

**Hearing:** The Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at Sailing Camp Park on a petition from NSTAR to install one new pole and anchor on Dudley Avenue, Oak Bluffs. Plans are available for review in the Selectmen's Office, Town Hall Monday through Friday.

The request was explained. Selectman DiOrio said that wherever possible, he would like all electrical wires, etc. underground.

***Selectman Ross motioned to close the Hearing, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.***

***Selectman Ross motioned to grant the request, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was four in favor. Selectman Scott was opposed.***

### **Old/New Business**

**Request to hold bike marathon for the Pan Marathon Challenge. Vineyard Pedicab.**  
The marathon will go from Oak Bluffs to Edgartown to Aquinnah and return to Oak Bluffs on October 4, 2009. The proceeds will be donated to the Dana Farber Cancer Fund.

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve the marathon, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

### **Annual report on the "state of the rat". T.J. Hegarty**

Mr. Hegarty thanked the Board and the Finance Committee for their support. He outlined the number of calls he had made since July, and announced that there will not be any mosquito spraying this year. He also stated that no one is ever refused service due to an inability to pay.

### **Request to open Sengekontacket Pond and Lagoon Pond for scallops. Shellfish Committee.**

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to open Sengekontacket Pond and outside waters for scallops on October 17, 2009 for recreational permit holders and October 26, 2009 for commercial permit holders. Lagoon Pond to open on October 31, 2009 for recreational permit holders and November 2, 2009 for commercial permit holders, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

### **Discussion of Public Hearing on the draft Ocean Management Plan. (Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 6:00 p.m. at the Katherine Cornell Theatre)**

***Selectman DiOrio motioned to sign and send a letter to the MVC supporting the DCPC, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

### **Discussion of the Warrant for Special Town Meeting, October 20, 2009**

It was proposed to add an additional Article to the Warrant requesting that \$225,000 be taken from Resident Homesite and added to Affordable Housing to finish the old library.

The rest of the Articles were read and commented on by the Selectmen.

**Public Communication**

Selectman DiOrio agreed attend the Personnel Board meeting to discuss salaries for the School and the Town.

**Public Comment**

Selectman DiOrio suggested that the suggestions made at the last meeting for improving the Town be given to the various committees for their input.

**Adjourn**

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Administrator