

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Town Hall

November 19, 2009

Present: Chairman Gregory Coogan, Selectmen Kathleen Burton, Ronald DiOrio, Duncan Ross. Also present: Town Administrator Michael Dutton, Administrator Alice Ryan Butler. Absent: Selectman Kerry Scott.

Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Town Administrator's Report

The Harbormaster and the Harbor Management Committee are working on proposed rules for the six slips near the bath house that will be leased to Oak Bluffs residents on a lottery basis.

H1N1 vaccinations have been scheduled for all schools other than Oak Bluffs and the Regional High School. The seasonal flu clinic went well, however they did run out of vaccine. More is expected.

Bids for the Noyes Building are due November 24, 2009.

Two bids were open for the Wastewater project, one was for piping and another for the pump station, both came in substantially lower than expected.

A discussion was held with the Army Corp of Engineers concerning dredging the Oak Bluffs Harbor Channel. The project should be completed by June; unfortunately, the dredge they will be using can only carry the spoils out to sea. The positive news is that the Corp will remain a life long partner in dredging the harbor.

The Conservation Commission is working with CLE Engineering and Kevin Mooney of the DCR planning the North Bluff Seawall improvement. A seawall with a boardwalk is being planned.

The Board of Selectmen will be in a joint meeting with the Finance Committee on December 3 to discuss the budget for next year.

Mashek, McClain Architect firm was chosen to do the work on the brick and clay bathroom.

Brian Hughes was elected Chairman of the Energy Committee. We are eligible for a \$150,000 grant. Projects being identified include solar panels for either Town Hall or the Police Department.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Burton discussed the Massachusetts Mineral Service Task Force meeting she had attended. The purpose is to participate in the process associated with energy projects in Federal waters.

The Island delegation also attended a meeting with Secretary Bowles where the regulatory powers of the Martha's Vineyard Commission concerning the Island waters around No Man's land was restored. There is still concern about the waters around Cuttyhunk.

Selectman Burton also attended the first joint (with Tisbury) Lagoon Pond meeting.

Selectman Ross announced that Chief Blake was elected Vice-president of the Massachusetts Police Chiefs Association.

He also announced that Michael Johnson of the National Marine Fishery Service has filed for a ten day extension on the dredging by the Army Corp of Engineers. The foreman of the Edgartown dredging has quoted a price of \$11 per square yard for the sand, which is the same price that Cow Bay is paying. At that rate, the cost for the project would exceed the amount voted by the Town. The Board will reply to the quotation.

Selectman DiOrio reminded everyone that the Committee on Hunger would provide Thanksgiving dinner for needy families for a \$25 donation. Reliable Market is providing the dinners.

There is a Hearing on November 24, 2009 concerning the donation of \$30,000 for the rental assistance fund. The funds remain from the CDBG grant.

There is also a Hearing on the same night for the new CDBG grant.

Bids for the old library are due on November 27, 2009 at TRI.

Chairman Coogan said that the All Island Selectmen need a member from Aquinnah and West Tisbury for the Solid Waste Committee.

The Oak Bluffs Christmas tree lighting is on December 2, 2009.

Old/New Business

Update on the Park Department. Commissioner Nancy Phillips

Commissioner Phillips said that "Possible Dreams Auction" would like to start advertising for their event. As a result, she would like to decide on an area for the tents so they would not interfere with the waste water beds. The DEP would like a management agreement between the Board of Selectmen, the Wastewater Department and the Parks Commission concerning Ocean Park.

Wastewater Manager Joe Alosso explained that when the discharge permit was issued, it was to the Board of Selectmen. When it is renewed, it should be to the Wastewater Department.

Selectman Ross motioned to grant permission to hold the Possible Dreams Auction and Della Hardman Day in Ocean Park, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Phillips said that storm water is affecting Niantic Park and has for many years. A survey was done using CPA money. Funds may be available through the Stimulus Fund but more engineering would need to be done before that fund could be approached. An additional \$9,000 from CPA will be used for preliminary engineering, which is the first step in applying for grant funds.

Waban Park and the nearby streets are affected by storm water. There are funds available for this project. CLE Engineering has done a preliminary engineering study. The Conservation Commission, Carlos Pena from CLE Engineering and the Park Commissioners will “brainstorm” about the problem to see if there are solutions.

Discussion and possible vote on the 2010 CDBG grant

Selectman DiOrio motioned to endorse the filing of the application for The Community Development Block Grant, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion and possible vote on the \$30,000 rent shortfall for the Regional Housing Authority

Selectman DiOrio motioned to support donating \$30,000 from the CDBG grant to the Regional Housing Authority to ease the rent shortfall, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Public Communication

Selectman DiOrio motioned to request that the Chairman conduct the Town Administrator’s evaluation in a less comprehensive manner then present it to the Board, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

A banner will be hung on the Police Department at the proper time to advertise a basketball tournament in the summer.

The Auditors will be on the December 8, 2009 agenda.

Adjourn

Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 6:45 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator