

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

February 9, 2010

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.

Chamber of Commerce update. Nancy Gardella

Ms Gardella asked for support for an Islandwide tourism fund. She requested 20% of the occupancy tax or approximately \$40,000. The money would not be used for expenses but only for marketing.

Old/New Business

Present proposed revisions of Floodplain Overlay District Zoning By-law. Oak Bluffs StormSmart Coasts Team. Liz Durkee, Joan Hughes, Adam Wilson.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to refer the zoning by law for the Floodplain Overlay District to the Planning Board, the advertising should a large ad, plus notification on the web site and personal notification, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.

Approval of alternative two as proposed by CLE Engineering

CLE Engineering submitted three possibilities for the North Bluff Sea Wall. 1. do nothing, 2. rehabilitate the sea wall to an elevation of 12.5 feet, (2 feet above the current sea wall) 3. rehabilitate the sea wall to an elevation of 14.5 feet. The consensus of the Board, the Conservation Commission and the Engineer is number 2.

Selectman Ross motioned to choose number 2, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

The recommendation from Representative Delahunt is to incorporate all waterfront projects into one grant.

Vote to withdraw request on the Copeland District

Town Counsel Rappaport sent a letter commenting on both Copeland District and Cottage City Historical Commission. A committee will be formed to continue discussing the two groups and try to avoid duplication of their efforts.

Selectman Scott motioned to withdraw the request to refer the Copeland District to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for dissolution, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Update on brick and clay bathroom. Architect Stephanie Mashek
Park Commissioner Nancy Phillips reported that the renovation of the brick and clay bathroom is a joint project with the Park Commission, the Historic Commission and the Board of Health. It is funded by the Community Preservation Act.

Ms. Mashek detailed repairs that would be done to the bathroom to make it more functional and also handicapped accessible.

When the project will be completed is of utmost importance. Having it done before the summer season is critical.

Continuation...

The Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 in the Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street on a petition from NSTAR to install one new pole 130/.5 on Oak Bluffs Avenue, relocate one pole 130/1 approximately 18' from existing location, to install approximately 75 feet of underground cable and conduit from pole 6/12 to handhole 6/H12 on Lake Avenue and to relocate pole 58/10 approximately 12 feet from existing location, relocate pole 130/3 5 feet from existing location, relocate pole 130/2 – 10 feet from existing location, and to install underground cable and conduit from 130/1 thru splice box 130/H1 and 130/H2 to splice box 130/H3, approximately 250 feet

Town Administrator Dutton discussed his meeting with NSTAR, Verizon, Comcast, MA Department of Transportation, etc. requesting that the lines that were being installed be buried. Mr. Dutton was informed that every property owner would have to be notified about the burial and agree to the expense of from \$5,000 to \$30,000 per property. The work would not be started until every owner agreed to the expense. This would seriously delay the project. The companies did agree to bury whatever lines they could.

Selectman Ross motioned to endorse the burial of any lines possible in the Lake Avenue project, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Scott voted no.

Discussion and possible vote on rates and residential slips in the Harbor. Todd Alexander

Harbormaster Alexander explained the new program of making available six slips for Oak Bluffs residents.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the program of making available six slips for Oak Bluffs residents, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Ross motioned to accept the new rates for Oak Bluffs Harbor, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Continued discussion of the request to open a seasonal commercial kitchen at Surfside Motel. Elena Mercurio

Postponed

Request for a new business license. Hertz Corporation. Michael Addams

There is a special permit for this property issued to Anne deBettencourt. It limits to twelve the number of cars that may be rented by the business.

There was an extensive discussion of whether ZBA needed to grant permission to transfer the Special Permit from Ann deBettencourt to the Hertz Corporation. The 2007 ZBA decision required that any changes be referred to them. The Building Department will review the Special Permit.

Selectman Ross motioned to grant the request for a new business license for Hertz Corporation at 31 Circuit Av, ext. limited to twelve automobiles,(the old license should be surrendered), the business should be reviewed and the automobiles stickered by the Building Dept., seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to hold the 19th annual “Tour of the Vineyard” bike race. MV Boys and Girls Club.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to permit the “Tour of the Vineyard” bike race, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to hold Memorial Day 5K Road Race, Tivoli Day – NAACP Road Race, Columbus Day Road Race, Thanksgiving Day Road Race. Roger Wey.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to permit the Memorial 5K Road Race, Tivoli Day-NAACP Road Race, Columbus Day Road Race and the Thanksgiving Day Road Race, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to hold a parade along Wing Road for the opening day of Little League. Jamie McNeeley.

Selectman Ross motioned to permit the parade for opening day of Little League, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Minutes

January 26, 2010

Selectman Burton motioned to accept with corrections the Minutes of January 26, 2010, seconded by Selectman Scott. Three voted in favor. Selectmen Coogan and Ross abstained

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Town Administrator’s Report

(attached)

Selectmen’s Update

Selectman Burton reported that she attended the Minerals Management Task Force Meeting in Buzzards Bay.

Selectman Ross reminded the Board that they had been invited to take a tour of the YMCA at 3:30 p.m. on February 17, 2010.

Selectman DiOrio announced that the Town was a recipient of a Grant for \$48,000, to be used to retrofit all of the lighting in town buildings. In addition, the town is applying for a grant for approximately \$145,000 for solar panels. The town is also in partnership with Edgartown to get funds for rehabilitating houses. The Selectman would like a review of all properties with tax exempt status to be sure that they are still eligible.

Selectman Scott asked for a list of electrical expenses to repair the Town Hall.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to permit the Mini Singers to conduct a fund raiser (selling candy) in the Mall on February 13, 2010, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Public Comment

The dredging permit has been granted, and the town is now awaiting a letter from the Wampanoag Tribe declaring that there are no artifacts in Sengekontacket Pond. It is possible that the dredging could start in September.

Board of Health member Trish Bergeron commented on employee parking at Town Hall, the condition of Town Hall and the necessity for a translator to communicate with people whose first language is not English.

Selectman Scott asked to delay the choice of a weathervane for the bandstand until the summer residents return. She feels that they prefer a whale.

Adjourn

Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 8:35 p.m., seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator