

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

February 23, 2010

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

Meeting called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Town Administrator's Report

(Attached)

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Burton reported on receiving a letter from the coordinator of the Federal Mineral Management Service regarding the area being considered to house the commercial the wind towers. She also spoke of an idea she brought back from the MMA conference, which is to construct small "art sheds" at the harbor, where artists could work and sell their work and/or have art shows. It would not be a large financial investment if the High School industrial arts class built the sheds.

Selectman Scott expressed concern about using public land for the "art sheds". In the absence of an Animal Control Officer, Chief Blake has directed that his officers would deal with any incident concerning animals.

Chairman Coogan announced that the Finance Committee will hold hearings on March 4, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 10:00 a.m.

Old/New Business

Discussion of the emergency notification proposal

Emergency Management Director Peter Martell and IT Manager Travis Larsen reported on the proposal. They have explored implementing reverse 911 to be used in cases of emergencies. After investigation, they decided on the "Code Red" program which has a three year contract. The fee for the whole Island would be \$12,520 per year. (\$3,027.86 for Oak Bluffs). All of the towns on the Island are in favor of the program, which would be administered by the Sheriff's Department.

Selectman Ross motioned that the Board support the system and that it be included in the Annual Town Meeting budget, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to hold St. Patrick's Day Road Race, March 28, 2010. Patrick Parker

Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve holding a St Patrick's Day road race on March 28, 2010, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to replace a sign for the “Arts District” Don McKillop
Selectman Ross motioned to approve replacing a sign for the “Arts District”, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion and possible vote on licensing fuel storage tanks at the hospital. Joe Forns.
Mr. Connie Bulman, project manager, represented the hospital. After discussion, no action was taken. Will be further discussed at next meeting.

Discussion and possible vote on Native Island Bus Tours.

Discussion and possible vote on Castaway Coach.

Discussion and possible vote on Martha’s Vineyard Transport.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to deny the application of all three businesses, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion and possible referral of Wind By-laws to the Planning Board.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve referring the Wind by-law to the Planning Board, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Request to hold Harbor Festival and Summer Solstice on June 19, and Tivoli Day on September 18, 2010. Also, the possibility of closing Circuit Avenue one night each in July and August. Renee Balter.

Selectman Ross motioned to approve the request to hold Harbor Festival and Summer Solstice on June 19, 2010, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Ross motioned to continue the discussion of closing Circuit Avenue once night each in July and August, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Scott abstained.

Adjourn

Selectman Ross motioned to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator