

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Sailing Camp Park
June 22, 2010

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

Meeting called to order at 4:04 p.m.

Public Announcements

Rene Balter announced that the benefit concert scheduled for July 3, 2010 has been postponed to August 14, 2010.

Hearing: Entertainment License - Noise Complaint. Deon's Restaurant

The Hearing was opened, although there was no one representing the restaurant.

Chief Blake reported on what had transpired to result in a noise complaint. At 11:00 p.m. a "disk jockey" was playing loud music to very few patrons and the doors were open.

Due to this complaint and another complaint to be heard at the next meeting, Chairman Ross asked to convene a committee to review all of the regulations and policies pertaining to noise both entertainment and alcohol with the purpose of writing a by-law or policy to deal with the issue. He requested that Selectman Barmakian, Chief Blake, Officer James Morse and Town Administrator Michael Dutton serve as the Committee.

Eagle Scouts

Two prospective Eagle Scouts attended the meeting seeking suggestions for their Eagle Scout project. Also, to fulfill a requirement for a citizenship merit badge, they are required to attend three governmental meetings.

Selectman Burton as chairman of the joint Lagoon Pond Committee, suggested that the scouts could volunteer to help the Shellfish Constable remove the predator starfish from the pond, or help move baby shellfish around in the pond.

Selectman DiOrio suggested that a good project would be helping to implement the new Open Meeting Law. Among the changes is one that requires that all committee meeting notices and agendas must be displayed twenty four hours a day forty eight hours prior to the meeting. Perhaps the Scouts could make suggestions as to how this could be accomplished.

Minutes

May 25, 2010

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the minutes of May 25, 2010, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

June 8, 2010

Selectman DiOrion motioned to accept with amendments the minutes of June 8, 2010, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

June 8, 2010 – Executive Session

Selectman Coogan motioned to accept the Executive Session Minutes of June 8, 2010, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Request to open a new retail business, Megan's. Megan Shai

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the request to open a new business, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Request for a one day beer and wine license, and permission to sell tickets at David Healey Way for a benefit concert. Friends of Oak Bluffs and the Animal Shelter of Martha's Vineyard.

Selectman DiOrion motioned to approve a one day beer and wine license, for a benefit concert, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

The date of the concert has been postponed until August 14, 2010.

Request for permission to hold the Second Annual Martha's Vineyard Bicycle Challenge. Rotary Club of Martha's Vineyard.

Selectman Burton motioned to approve the Second Annual Martha's Vineyard Bicycle Challenge, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion and possible vote on Selectmen's Goals.

Each Selectman will prioritize ten of the goals and resubmit them at the next meeting.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman DiOrion complimented Jeannie Pierson on her work in collecting used cell phones for the Women's Support Group and in addition securing a \$2,500 grant from Verizon. He further complimented Police Chief Blake for his leadership and encouragement that fostered this accomplishment.

Selectman Burton reported on the meeting with Representative Madden, Division of Marine Fisheries and many interested citizens regarding the possible re-opening of the Lobster Hatchery as a shellfish hatchery. The Division of Marine Fisheries is willing to do a feasibility study. She also congratulated all of the graduates, both at the High School and the Elementary School. Also congratulations were given to the Community who provided so many scholarships to the students.

Selectman Coogan would like to review the taxi regulations at the Steamship Authority, to make it easier for people to locate taxis. Signage should be lowered, so that they are more visible. He also asked about the situation at the bridge, where it is possible to sit on the rail much too close to a lane of traffic. The Town Administrator and the County Administrator are following up to correct the problem.

Selectman Barmakian reported on the Harbor Fest and Summer Solstice. She also discussed the automobile parking in Sunset Lake Park that happened over the weekend.

Chairman Ross reported that the Park Commissioners had allowed parking in Sunset Lake Park. Blessing of the animals also took place in the park. He congratulated Selectman DiOrio on the creation of the new pharmacy and the affordable housing.

Chairman Ross suggested that the committee to research the joining of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs Police Departments consist of Selectman Greg Coogan, Sheila Bracy of the Personnel Committee and Town Administrator Michael Dutton. The Committee that would investigate other departments that might be joined consist of Selectman Ron DiOrio, Ellie Beth of the Personnel Board and Jim Westervelt, Community Development Council.

People Magazine has an article on the Campground in Oak Bluffs.

Town Administrator's Report

Town Administrator Dutton announced that Police Chief Blake has appointed five new special officers.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve the appointment of five new special officers, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

He will be meeting with the Highway Superintendent and engineers at MA DOT to review the Federal grant request for the North Bluffs Seawall to see what is eligible for funding.

There have been complaints about dredge spoils on Jetty Beach, which is being corrected.

The complaints about Inkwell Beach have to do with naturally occurring stones. These stones hold the sand, so they cannot be removed.

The Board of Health is formulating new regulations to deal with illegal dumping of household trash, which will allow the Health Agent to levy fines of up to \$300 per violation. The Police Department and the Harbormaster will enforce these rules. Illegal dumping costs the taxpayers of Oak Bluffs \$40,000 to \$50,000 per year.

There are new leaks at the library, an HVAC consultant is needed to evaluate and possibly revise the system.

There is an error in the Committee Appointment Policy Handbook. It is not against policy to appoint a person to multiple committees.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve the corrections to the Policy Handbook, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Dutton had a conference call with Buck Consultants, actuarial firm used by the County to review and establish our OPEB outstanding liabilities every two years. The town went to a lot of effort to reduce that liability, including having people transition to Medicare when eligible, reduction of high priced health plans, and reduction in eligibility for elected officials to avail themselves of health benefits. Unfortunately, each individual town is not reviewed separately in terms of what they were doing to reduce the liability. This is not acceptable and some alternative ways need to be explored to not make the cost of the study prohibitive and yet be able to reflect in the study the town's effort to reduce the liability.

The Finance Committee has sent out their calendar for setting the 2012 budget. This will include several joint meetings with the Board of Selectmen.

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 5:45 p.m., seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator