

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Sailing Camp Park

August 24, 2010

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

Meeting called to order at 4:00 p.m.

Minutes

July 27, 2010

Selectman DiOrio motioned to accept the Minutes of July 27, 2010, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to allow a marching band to march up Circuit Avenue from 9:00 p.m. to 9:20 p.m., Saturday, September 11, 2010.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to approve the marching band on Circuit Avenue on Saturday, September 11, 2010, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

Request for permission to rent three wheel limited use vehicles under a current license. Jason Leone.

Dominic Livotte, President of Panther Motors, represented Jason Leone. He explained how the rental operation would work and the safety of the scooter. The scooter would be limited to use on only a few roads. There would be penalties for failure to obey the rules. Rentals would be limited to people over twenty one for a period of four hours.

Research will be done on other towns that permit rental of these vehicles, safety records inspected etc. A decision may be made at the next meeting.

Discussion of the proposed Oak Bluffs Fishing Pier.

Belleruth Naperstak represented the North Bluff Neighborhood Homeowners Association. She explained the problems with the proposed location and suggested that a better location would be on the other side of the Steamship Authority. Six people spoke in favor of having the pier remain where it was proposed; six people spoke in favor of the pier but preferred that it be located on the other side of the Steamship authority. One person was in favor of the pier but had no opinion about where it should be placed.

The Police Chief and the Highway Superintendent were asked for their estimates on maintaining the pier.

The MVC will hold a public hearing concerning the pier at a time to be announced.

Cable Television Ascertainment Public Hearing. A public ascertainment hearing will be held on August 24, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. at Sailing Camp Park, Barnes Road, Oak Bluffs, MA. The purpose of the hearing will be to review the performance of the current cable television operator, Comcast during its current license term and to hear testimony on future cable-related needs and interests of the Oak Bluffs community. Interested parties are encouraged to attend and offer testimony on any cable-related matters.

Comcast was not represented due to the storm, several boats had been cancelled. There were no comments from the audience.

Selectman Burton reported that several people had asked her about the possibility of having the Hallmark movie channel.

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

Request for permission to allow Segway tours of Oak Bluffs. Kathryn B. Richardson, Brandon Associates.

Ms. Richardson explained that they were interested in providing Segway guided tours of Oak Bluffs, not renting the Segways per se. Each person taking the tour must undergo a half hour training and wear a helmet. Tours are approximately one hour and are limited to six people plus a tour guide.

Other communities that permit Segway tours will be investigated along with accident records before any decision is made. Also, where these tours will be conducted and where the tour office and training course will be located is important to the decision.

Appointments

Community Preservation Committee

Charles Rock

Selectman DiOrio motioned to re-appoint Charles Rock to the Community Preservation Committee for a period of three years, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Emergency Management Director

Peter Martell

Selectman DiOrio motioned to re-appoint Peter Martell as the Emergency Management Director for a period of three years, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Mr. Martell announced that Island wide, 21,235 people have signed up for “code red” the reverse telephone emergency notification system. Over 4, 000 have signed up in Oak

Bluffs. He further said that there are a number of storms in the Atlantic that are potential hurricanes.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Burton encouraged everyone to sign up for code red.

All of the departments and individuals involved in the fireworks, illumination night and the nor'easter storm were congratulated for their work.

Chairman Ross announced that the dredging will start on September 1, the sand will be distributed to the County, Inkwell and Pay Beaches (will be spread in the Spring) The disposition of the remainder of the sand is being negotiated. The possibilities are Edgartown, Cow Bay or a combination of the two areas.

Town Administrator's Report

Mr. Dutton reported that the library HVAC system will be evaluated during the first week in September by an independent engineer.

The children's librarian should be hired within the next two weeks.

The Oak Bluffs/Tisbury Joint Committee on Police met last week. Both Police Chiefs and Patrolmen Association representatives were present and the discussion was fruitful.

A meeting was held with the Board of Health to work on a plan for dealing with the departure of the BOH Administrative Assistant. It involves setting times for inspections, office work and availability to the public.

The CDC will be asked to offer suggestions to revise moped and auto rental regulations Also to gather information for a master planning process. Further they will be asked to update strategy so that the Town can continue to qualify for CDBG rehab funds. Rule changes by the DHCD might eliminate the Cape and Islands from being eligible for these funds. By consensus, Town Administrator Dutton and Selectman DiOrio were asked to attend a meeting in Worcester on September 8, 2010 to advocate for the Town.

Mr. Dutton has been working with the Hospital legal counsel and the Coast Guard to craft an Agreement so that Oak Bluffs paramedics can fly on Coast Guard transports. They currently do this however with an agreement the hospital will cover the costs incurred.

A Notice of Intent is being generated for the work on the "brick bathroom". A contract should be issued in approximately eight weeks time for the renovation work.

The MMA breakfast is October 1, 2010 in the Library Meeting Room.

Public Communication

Selectman Burton motioned to appoint Michael Huss part time as Deputy Shellfish Constable, Deputy Herring Warden and Assistant Harbor Master, seconded by Selectman DiOrio. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman DiOrio motioned to adjourn at 6:05 p.m., seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator