

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Sailing Camp Park

September 14, 2010

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

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

Minutes

August 24, 2010

Selectman Burton motioned to accept the Minutes of August 24, 2010, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was three in favor, Selectman Coogan abstained.

Post hurricane debriefing. Peter Martell

Emergency Management Director Peter Martell reported on the preparations for hurricane Earl that reached the Island on September 3, 2010. Every effort was made to keep residents informed of what was happening, where shelters were located and what time they would open, estimated arrival time of the storm etc. Code Red proved to be a very effective method of keeping the public informed. At a meeting of all of the Island Emergency Management Directors after reviewing all of the most current information, it was decided to close all roads and businesses at 2:00 p.m. on Friday and remain closed for 24 hours since the storm was predicted to arrive between 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Shelters were opened at noon on September 3, 2010. The Emergency Center was located at the Fire Station. NSTAR pre-positioned twenty five trucks and one hundred crews to the Island prior to the storm.

Unfortunately, Edgartown changed the hour of road closing to 8:00 p.m. and neglected to notify the rest of the Island, resulting in confusion and frustration. Several restaurants complained of lost business due to the early closing.

Selectman Barmakian complimented the volunteers involved in the preparation for the storm and questioned why several things were done the way they were.

The Island was spared the full brunt of the storm. As a result the preparations that were made were questioned and in some instances criticized. Every effort will continue to be made to improve communications. However, there is no way to stop rumors and gossip. The preparations will be evaluated and changes made where necessary. The lessons learned will be applied to the next emergency.

Continued discussion on Request for Permission to rent 3-wheeled limited use vehicles under a current license. Jason Leone.

Panther Motors provided Police Chief Blake with a list of towns/cities who rent Scoot Coupes. Research done by the Police Department indicated that six of the ten towns reported that they did not have them. The other four had negative comments.

Mr. Leone requested that the request be tabled until his Attorney could be present.

Request for increase in sub inspection fees for wiring, plumbing and electrical services.
Selectman Coogan motioned to increase the sub inspection fees for wiring, plumbing and electrical services to \$60, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Burton reported that she had attended the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management meeting regarding wind development in the waters around Martha's Vineyard. They have agreed to move the turbines twelve miles off the shore, which is an improvement over the three miles that was planned originally. There is a meeting September 16 at MVRHS at 5:30 p.m. to discuss the Rhode Island Special Area Management Plan.

Selectman Barmakian said that of the designated 1000 "best places in Massachusetts," nineteen of them are on the Island and five are in Oak Bluffs. The five are the African American Trail, Sengekontacket Pond, gingerbread cottages, flying horses and Ocean Park.

Chairman Ross was very complimentary of Emergency Management Director Peter Martell and his efforts in preparing for the Hurricane.

Town Administrator's Report

(attached)

Public Communication

ABCC has notified that both the Island House and Jimmy C's Pan Pasta have been cited for serving underage patrons and will have Hearings in Boston.

A number of complaints have been received concerning excessively loud music being played both at the Sand Bar and Nancy's in the evening. Some changes may be made to the current regulations.

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 5:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator