

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Library Meeting Room
January 19, 2016

Present: Chairman Michael Santoro, Selectmen Gail Barmakian, Kathleen Burton, Gregory Coogan, Walter Vail. Also present: Town Administrator Robert L. Whritenour, Administrator Alice Ryan Butler.

Meeting called to order at 4:37 p.m.

Department Head Updates

Planning Board Chairman Brian Packish gave an update on work that the Planning Board has been involved in.

Minutes

January 5, 2016

Selectman Vail motioned to accept the Minutes of January 5, 2016, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Burton abstained.

Old/New Business

Lottery: sale of the house at 42 Richmond Avenue, conducted by Dukes County Regional Housing Authority. Philippe Jordi.

Mr. Jordi showed a short video "Truly Affordable" on the rehabilitation of the house at 42 Richmond Avenue. He further explained the qualifications necessary to apply for the lottery. The winners of the lottery were O'Neil Wilson his wife, Claudia Murillo and their son Alex. There were six alternates ranked according to their qualifications.

Request for acceptance of \$350 for the Niantic Park donation fund. Amy Billings

Selectman Vail motioned to accept the \$350 donation for Niantic Park, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion of Trash Awareness Program (TAP) a trash awareness initiative beginning with the downtown area. Christine Todd.

Ms. Todd discussed all of the problems with trash. People using the barrels for household trash, overflowing barrels, cigarette butts on the sidewalks etc. Plans are being made to correct these issues, e.g. hiring an employee whose job was devoted to dealing with trash, getting business owners involved, dealing with trash left in the woods and sofas left on the sidewalks rather than paying to take them to the transfer station. Also, purchasing a gum removal machine to clean the sidewalks.

Suggestions for changes to the Information Booth. Christine Todd, OBA

Ms. Todd also suggested extending hours at the Information Booth with the request that the Town pay more than the \$15,000 they currently do.

Final plans for the Martha's Vineyard Music Festival, August 6, 2016. Erin Bayer Santos.

Ms. Santos explained the changes that had been made to the Festival: it will now be one day (August 6) the hours will be Noon until 8:00 p.m., with a limit of 3,000 attendees.

Selectman Vail motioned to grant a one day beer and wine license with the proviso that the tent serving beer and wine be segregated, and all fees be paid in advance including Police details, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion and possible vote for a letter of support for an EPA grant.

Selectman Barmakian explained the request for an EPA grant is a regional effort to install a Permeable Reactive Barrier for Lagoon Pond. Tisbury is also participating in the project.

Selectman Burton motioned to approve the letter of Support for an EPA grant, seconded by Selectman Vail. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Coogan abstained explain that he is in favor of the project but needs additional information.

Town Administrator's Report

(attached)

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Coogan reported that he would attend the MMA conference and would meet with our State Representative. Also, that the budget process is progressing.

Chairman Santoro announced that the new website is "up".

The next two BOS meetings are February 9, and 23rd, 2016.

The decision on the new Library Director will be made on February 9, 2016.

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Administrator