

Minutes

Select Board

August 24, 2021

Present: Chair Brian Packish, Select Persons Jason Balboni, Gail Barmakian, Emma Green-Beach, Ryan Ruley. Also present: Town Administrator Deborah Potter, Executive Assistant Alice Ryan Butler.

**Call meeting to order 4:31 p.m.**

### **Public Announcements**

Kyle Williams asked to speak, but was denied because his subject matter was inappropriate for Public Announcements.

### **Old/New Business**

Overview of the Healthy Aging Martha's Vineyard survey. Cindy Trish, Executive Director  
Ms. Trish thanked the Select Board for Oak Bluffs response to the survey. Of the 2500 responders, 599 were from Oak Bluffs. An informational slide show was shown regarding the results of the survey. Additional information will be mailed out next week.

Discussion and possible vote on the request for a Filming Permit for August 26, 2021.  
Buckingham Television, Inc.

### **Withdrawn**

Request for an Entertainment License. Sarah Brown's

**Closed due to lack of Staff.**

Discussion of the MVC Support Letter for Hazard Mitigation Plan Update prior to vote at September 14, 2021 meeting. Dan Doyle

Mr. Doyle reviewed the plan and announced that there is now significant grant money, \$110,000. Town Administrator will add additional suggestions and keep the Select Board informed.

Discussion and possible vote on the County American Recovery Plan Act of 2021.

They are requesting letters of interest for projects that could benefit from the Recovery Plan Act. There are specific restrictions, but Christine Todd, Dukes county Commissioner and Director of the Oak Bluffs Business Association advised that all requests be sent.

**Appointments**

Historic Commission – Re-appointments

Renee Balter

**Withdrawn**

Susan Thompson

***Select Person motioned to re-appoint Susan Thompson to the Historic Commission, seconded by Select Person Green-Beach. Vote was:***

- Chair Packish Aye***
- Select Person Balboni Aye***
- Select Person Barmakian Aye***
- Select Person Green-Beach Aye***
- Select Person Ruley Aye***

Personnel Board

Brian C. Smith

***Select Person motioned to appoint Brian C. Smith to the Personnel Board, seconded by Select Person Balboni. Vote was:***

- Chair Packish Aye***
- Select Person Balboni Aye***
- Select Person Barmakian Aye***
- Select Person Green-Beach Aye***
- Select Person Ruley Aye***

Cottage City Historic District Committee

Jo-Jo Lambert, Planning Board Representative

***Select Person Balboni motioned to appoint Jo-Jo Lambert to the Cottage City Historic District Committee as representative of the Planning Board, seconded by Select Person Barmakian. Vote was:***

- Chair Packish Aye***
- Select Person Balboni Aye***
- Select Person Barmakian Aye***
- Select Person Green Beach Aye***
- Select Person Ruley Aye***

Council on Aging

Mark Hanson

Not present. Next Agenda

### **Town Administrator's Report**

- Department Reports
- Financial Report
- Grant Updates
- Seaport Grant/North Bluff Project
- Rapid Recovery Program Update

(attached)

### **Select Board Update**

Select Person Barmakian suggested that Liz Durkee take pictures of the beaches after a storm. She furthered suggested that the storm was not severe enough to warrant the SSA closing for two days.

Select Person Green-Beach reported that she had attended the Lagoon Pond meeting along with representatives from Tisbury.

Chair Packish thanked the many people, Fire, Police, EMTs, Highway Department who worked during the storm.

### **Public Comment**

Kyle Williams from the "Long Talk" attempted to explain their side of what happened at the previous meeting. He said his group is not who they were portrayed to be. The Select Board's issue was that the group had not applied to the Park Commission for permission to use Waban-Alley Park and just latched on to a group that had asked permission, thus adding an additional 400/500 people to the original event. The Select Board's concern had nothing to do with the group itself. Racism was never a part of the concern. It was the fact that the regulations for use of the park were ignored and the large amount of people present without the proper amenities.

Richie Smith, vice Superintendent of Schools spoke in favor of the "Long Talk" program urging everyone to consider being involved.

Christine Todd Dukes County Commissioner suggested the "Long Talk" invest in our Community year round not just the summer.

### **Adjourn**

***Select Person Balboni motioned to adjourn at 5:54p.m., seconded by Select Person Barmakian. Vote was:***

***Chair Packish Aye  
Select Person Balboni Aye  
Select Person Barmakian Aye  
Select Person Green Beach Aye  
Select Person Ruley Aye***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Executive Assistant