



TOWN OF OAK BLUFFS
Oak Bluffs Select Board
Tuesday September 27, 2022, at 4:30 pm in person.
Oak Bluffs Town Hall

Present: Chair Ryan Ruley, Select Persons Jason Balboni, Gail Barmakian, Emma Green-Beach, Brian Packish.

Also Present: Town Administrator Deborah Potter, Assistant Town Administrator Wendy Brough, Executive Assistant Debra Alley, Police Chief Searle, Parks Commissioner Tony Lima.

4:30 p.m. Call Meeting to order

Public Announcements - none

Department Head, Committees and Commission Updates

Tony Lima (Park Commission Chair) advised Mark Rivers will be stepping down from the Recreation Director effective September 30, 2022.

Old/New Business

Vote to approve Select Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022

Select Person Balboni made a motion to approve the Select Board Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022, Seconded by Select Person Barmakian (5 - Aye)

Discussion and possible vote to approve and confirm polling location for State Election, assignment of police officers, re-appoint current election workers, voting by mail and approve early voting hours - Colleen Morris

Select Person Packish made a motion to confirm the polling location for the State Election as Public Library Meeting Room 56R School Street, Oak Bluffs, Seconded by Select Person Balboni (5 - Aye)

Select Person Packish made a motion to approve the In-Person Early Voting to commence Saturday October 22nd to Thursday November 3rd from 9:00 am - 1:00pm Monday to Saturday, no voting on Sunday. Friday November 4th hours 9:00 am - 4:00 pm, Seconded by Select Person Balboni (5 - Aye)

Discussion and possible vote to close Vineyard Ave for Halloween Monday October 31, 2022 - Guinevere Cramer

Select Person Balboni made a motion to close Vineyard Avenue on Monday October 31, 2022 for Halloween from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m., Seconded by Select Person Balboni (5-Aye)

Discussion and possible vote to approve changes to Police Department Policies and Procedures regarding Recruitment and Selection of Personnel (GO#2002-0707,) Training of Personnel (GO#2002-0709) and Reserve Officer Program (GO#2007-0411.) - Chief Searle

Deborah Potter (Town Administrator) asked for the documents to be updated to reflect Select Board rather than Selectmen.

Select Person Balboni made a motion to approve the noted changes to the Police Department Policies and Procedures regarding Recruitment and Selection of Personnel (GO#2002-0707,) Training of Personnel (GO#2002-0709) and Reserve Officer Program (GO#2007-0411.), Seconded by Select Person Barmakian (5-Aye)

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Discussion and possible vote to approve transfer of License “Your Taxi” - Diane Habekost / Chevar Gordon

Discussion about the location of the taxis will be kept (garaged) when not in use. Mr. Gordon is going to clarify once he has spoken to Tisbury Park n Ride or look at other commercial parking options.

Select Person Barmakian made a motion to approve the transfer of business license “Your Taxi” up to ten taxis from Diane Habekost to Chevar Gordon, Seconded by Select Person Balboni (4 - Aye, 1 - Abstain)
Select Person Packish abstained

4:51 p.m. Select Person Packish left the meeting

Discussion and possible vote to approve new business and entertainment application Bombay Indian Restaurant - 7 Oakland Avenue - Austin Grande

Select Person Balboni made a motion to approve the Bombay Indian Restaurant at 7 Oakland Ave with no outdoor dining, Seconded by Select Person Green-Beach (4 - Aye, 1 - Abstain)

Select Person Balboni made a motion to approve Entertainment License Monday - Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Seconded by Select Person Green-Beach (4 - Aye, 1 - Abstain)

Select Person Balboni made a motion to approved Entertainment License Sunday 11:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m., Seconded by Select Person Green-Beach (4 - Aye, 1 - Abstain)

5:00 p.m. Select Person Packish re-joined the meeting

Discussion and possible vote to approve Scallop Season Dates and approved locations - Shellfish Dept

Select Person Packish made a motion to approve the Scallop Season Dates and approved location as presented by the Shellfish Department, Seconded by Select Person Barmakian (4 - Aye, 1 - Abstain)
Select Person Green-Beach abstained

5:04 p.m. Select Person Green-Beach departed the meeting

Discussion and possible vote to appoint Shellfish Constable as per subcommittee’s recommendation

Select Person Balboni made a motion to appoint Donovan McElligatt as the Oak Bluffs Shellfish Constable, Seconded by Select Person Packish (4 - Aye, 1 - Abstain)

5:07 p.m. Select Person Green-Beach re-joined the meeting

Select Person Packish left the meeting

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Discussion on the status of the Altered Premise Application approved for The Alley (August 9, 2022) - Kelley Morris

Mr. Miller (Attorney for Kelley Morris) spoke about the difficulties of conducting a business with the limited capacity in the location of The Alley. Abutter and neighbors spoke about the noise levels; suggestions were made to improve sound proofing in the building and to work on improving relations and communications with the neighbors.

Question asked about the enforcement of the capacity numbers and parameters of the license. Advised to contact the Police Department.

Select Person Green-Beach made a motion to deny the initially approved altered premise application for The Alley, Seconded by Select Person Barmakian (4 -Aye, 1-Abstain)

5:42 p.m. Select Person Packish re-joined the meeting

Select Person Green-Beach departed the meeting

Discussion and possible vote to approve one day beer / wine and special event permit MV Oysterfest Waban Alley Park- September 29 - October 1, 2023 - Adam Epstein

Discussion about the different aspects of the event; 4 sessions per day with 1000 people per session.

The Parks Commission has given preliminary approval for the event, other departments have been asked to consider the impact this event will have on the abutters and the community. Concerns about the noise levels if refrigerated trucks are situated in the park 24 hours a day.

Larkin Stalling spoke on behalf of the OBA and there is resounding support for the event; it will help to extend the shoulder season. The Summer Camp and the MV Chamber of Commerce support Oak Bluffs holding this event. JB Blau spoke as the beverage consultant on the Beach Road Event and asked if there was any way to obtain conditional approval.

The Select Board would like Mr. Epstein to meet with Police Chief Searle and Fire Chief Wirtz to come back with a solid plan to cover all departments' concerns and ensure the success of this event.

This application has been delayed to the November 11, 2022, meeting

6:20 p.m. Select Person Green-Beach re-joined the meeting

Discussion and possible vote regarding hybrid meetings for Select Board Meetings

Richard Toole spoke in favor of having the option of hybrid meeting, it is important to have the option to have members of the public view presentations.

Discussion about the negative aspect of trying to manage the meeting, control the waiting room, chats, and comments; the staff levels needed to manage remote access.

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6:41 p.m. Chief Searle departed the meeting

Select Person Packish made a motion to approve and adopt a hybrid option for Select Board Meetings, Seconded by Select Person Balboni (5 - Ney)

6:45 p.m. **Select Person Packish left the meeting**

Acceptance of Donations

Select Person Green Beach made a motion to accept Oak Bluffs Business Association "Go Fund Me" Donation for \$21,509.73 to Oak Bluffs Fire Works Fund, Seconded by Select Person Barmakian (4-Aye)

6:48 p.m. **Select Person Packish re-joined the meeting**

Correspondence - none

Appointments

Discussion and possible vote to appoint to the Capital Improvement Committee for a three-year period Cameron Naron and Maura McGroarty

Discussion about the applicants, the strengths each applicant will bring to the Committee.

Chair Ruley - Naron, Select Person Balboni - Naron, Select Person Packish - Naron, Select Person Barmakian - McGroarty, Select Person Green-Beach - Naron.

Cameron Naron will be appointed to the Capital Improvement Committee for a three-year period (4 - Aye, 1 - Ney)

Discussion and Possible vote to appoint Philip Regan to the CCHDC for a three-year term

Select Person Balboni made a motion to approve Philip Regan to the CCHDC for a three-year term, Seconded by Select Person Packish (5 -Aye)

TA/ATA Report - attached

Select Board Update

Select Person Balboni noted he is still working with Deborah Potter on the Fire/EMS union negotiations, the Police Union negotiation will be starting soon.

Select Person Packish commented he sat in on Shellfish Constable interviews yesterday, there were two great applicants. Mr. McElligatt has a strong background in propagation. Select Person Packish feels we need to get a meeting together between McElligatt and the Shellfish Committee. Deborah Potter advised the employees potential start date is October 10, 2022.

The Family Sculpture has been approved by the Parks Committee; he would like to discuss locations for a spring installation.

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Chair Ruley advised he had been invited to the High School to attend a ceremony where Danielle Charbonneau was recognized as Massachusetts Teacher of the Year award. At the recent Harbor Committee meeting – they are looking to have an outside committee conduct an audit of the harbor to ensure it is being utilized to its full capacity.

Select Person Barmakian had attended a Shellfish Committee Meeting and advised it was very productive; they are working on three priorities. Looking forward to having a joint meeting in the near future with the Select Board.

Select Person Green-Beach had met recently with Phil Colarusso from the EPA about Eel grass in the lagoon; reminded her need to pay attention to the environmental implications project have.

Public Comment - none

Important Dates:

- October 11, 2022, Select Board regular meeting
- October 25, 2022, Select Board regular meeting
- November 1, 2022, Special Town Meeting
- November 8, 2022, Election Day

7:28 p.m. Select Person Balboni made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Seconded by Select Person Packish (5 - Aye)

Documents Attached

Meeting Sign in Sheet 09.27.2022
Meeting Minutes September 13, 2022
Town Clerk Documents
Police Department Documents
Your Taxi License Documents
Bombay Indian Restaurant Application
Shellfish Department – Scallop Season Document
Donovan McElligatt Application and Documents
The Alley – abutter emails and documents
OysterFest Application
Letters from Cameron Naron / Maura McGroarty
TA/ATA Report

Respectfully Submitted

Debra Alley – Executive Assistant
Approved at Select Board Meeting 10.11.2022

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