

Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Library Meeting Room  
March 23, 2010

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

**Meeting called to order at 5:00 p.m.**

**Old/New Business**

Request for a street license for a sight seeing/tour business. Ronald Minkin

Mr. Minkin explained his reasons and need for a street license.

*Selectman Ross motioned to grant a street license to Ronald Minkin for a sight seeing/tour business, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.*

Discussion and vote on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and Budget.

Town Administrator Dutton read and summarized the Articles on both the Special and the Annual Town Meetings.

The FinComm suggested that the \$3,500 for Reverse 911 and the \$12,000 for the information booth be written as separate Articles.

There was a discussion concerning the lack of consistency in awarding stipends to elected officials. It was decided to research the issue further.

*Selectman Scott motioned to put the \$3500 for reverse 911 on the budget as a separate article, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous*

*Selectman Ross motioned to tie the \$15,000 designated for the information booth to the proposed hotel tax increase – no second – no vote.*

*Selectman Ross motioned to accept the Warrant for Special Town Meeting and Annual Town Meeting as written, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.*

*Selectman Burton motioned to accept the budget as written, seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.*

**Accept Minutes**

February 23, 2010

*Selectman Ross motioned to accept the Minutes of February 23, 2010, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.*

March 9, 2010

*Selectman Ross motioned to accept the Minutes of March 9, 2010, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.*

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

Town Counsel is reviewing the title work on the property in Edgartown that is being considered for purchase by Oak Bluffs and Tisbury.

Sarah Lolley has passed the MA Assessors Course III, with distinction.

The Town has received a 2010 E-Government award, with distinction from Common Cause for our website. Oak Bluffs is the only town on the Island to receive the award with distinction. Congratulations to Travis Larsen, who spearheaded the improvements.

*Selectman Ross motioned to approve the closure of Seasons from March 22, 2010 to April 2, 2010 for annual cleaning, seconded by Selectman Scott. Vote was unanimous.*

The bid process on the brick bathroom has been delayed due to issues requiring Conservation Commission approval. They are not willing to issue a NOI, until there is a plan in place to stabilize the bluff. There are also issues with the electrical service.

Discussions continue with Tisbury with regard to joining the Martha's Vineyard Refuse District.

The Insurer for the Town inspected the Skate Park and found a number of safety issues. They will send a report on their concerns.

The USDA grant will require substantial reporting.

The auto car rental renewals require additional regulations and may be a concern for the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

### **Selectmen's Update**

There is a Public Hearing March 24, 2010 at 5:00 p.m. regarding Dukes County Avenue and Seaview Avenue.

Highway Superintendent Combra reported on the repairs to Alley Park and dredging at the "little bridge".

Selectman Scott noting that it was her last meeting as a Selectman, thanked the Board and the Town for the opportunity to serve.

Selectman Burton taught a class to the Oak Bluffs eighth grade on local government.

Thirty five students from MVRHS recently attended the Model United Nations program in New York. The trip was due to the dedication of Teacher Cindy West.

Selectman Ross reported that Sengekontakt Pond will be open to shell fishing this Summer. Should it rain more than  $\frac{3}{4}$ " in a twenty four hour period, the pond will be closed for five days.

Chairman Coogan spoke about the possibility of eliminating some unnecessary street lights.

Condolences were conveyed to John Gibson's family on his untimely death.

***Selectman Ross motioned to appoint Robert Blythe to the Council on Aging Board, seconded by Selectman Burton. Vote was unanimous.***

Chairman Coogan thanked Selectman Scott for her years of service to the Town.

**Adjourn**

***Selectman Scott motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ross. Vote was unanimous.***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Administrator