

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Remote Participation Only

July 14, 2020

Present: Chairman Jason Balboni, Selectmen Gail Barmakian, Gregory Coogan, Brian Packish, Ryan Ruley. Also present: Town Administrator Robert Whritenour, Executive Assistant Alice Ryan Butler.

Meeting called to order at 4:32 p.m.

Department Head Updates

Interim Fire Chief Greene reported that the ambulance had been very busy over the weekend. He also reminded people to stay hydrated during the very humid weather.

Old/New Business

Joint meeting with the Finance Committee

End of year transfers. Town Accountant Deborah Potter

Finance Committee Chairman Bob Gaffey called the Committee to order at 4:59 p.m.

Ms. Crossland motioned to open the meeting to discuss the End of Year transfers, seconded by Mr. Vrooman.

Town Accountant Potter read the list of transfers including the reason each one was necessary.

The Finance Committee voted to approve the Year End Transfers.

Selectman Coogan motioned to accept the Year End Transfers proposed by the Town Accountant Deborah Potter, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was:

***Chairman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Request for approval of Conservation Restrictions for ten acres of land in Oak Bluffs and a public trail easement across the land. Sheriff's Meadow Foundation, Adam R. Moore.

Adam Moore, Executive Director of Sheriff's Meadow presented conservation restrictions that would protect ten acres of land and provide a public trail connection to the Southern Woodlands. The area is near the Hidden Cove Community. The Selectmen agreed to study the plans and vote on it at a future meeting.

Request to making changes at the Flying Horses to accommodate the Covid 19 regulations. Meg O'Connor.

Due to Covid19, the Flying Horses will be closed this season. The constant cleaning this is required would very harmful to the paint on the horses. They are considering changes to the building apart from dealing with Covid19, but will return when plans are more firm.

Continued review of the Sunday street closure.

Selectman Ruley suggested that Kennebec Avenue should be revisited, it doesn't seem very busy. However, Chief Greene said it was busier than the week prior.

Chief Blake said there were no complaints about music. Bikes are a problem, which he will try to fix.

Appointments

Request for appointment to the Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority as the Disabled Commuters' Representative on the Advisory Board. Anne Sylvester.

Selectman Packish motioned to appoint Ann Sylvester to the Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Advisory Board for a one year appointment as the Disabled Commuter's Representative, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was:

***Chairman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Request for re-appointment to the Library Board of Trustees. Kathy Taylor.

Not available – postponed until next week.

Request for a new Common Victualler's license, Juice by the Sea.

Juice and limited lunch, take out and delivery.

Selectman Packish motioned to approve a permit for Juice by the Sea, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was:

***Chairman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Town Administrator's Report

(attached)

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Coogan reported that the Oak Bluffs Post Office is very disorganized. There is not much traffic in Town, but a lot of people.

Public Comment

Luke DeBettencourt said the Police Department does a great job on the Sunday closure. However, Community Policing in the evening takes a long time to reach the scene, for incidents like shoplifting and motorcycles parked in loading zones, etc.

Executive Session

Selectman Coogan motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, not to return to open session, seconded by Selectman Ruley. Vote was:

***Chairman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 6:58 p.m. seconded by Selectman Ruley. Vote was:

***Chairman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant