

Board of Selectmen Meeting
Library Meeting Room
January 8, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 4:05 p.m.

Budget Workshop Session

Town Administrator Whritenour gave a power point presentation on the budget. (Attached) He further discussed the budget line by line. The budget is balanced but very tight and will take a team effort to get through the year.

Government Finance Officers Association has awarded the Town of Oak Bluffs with a Distinguished Budget Presentation Award.

Public Hearing: Pursuant to MGL Chapter 138, Section 12 the Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street regarding an application for a Transfer of License from Lola's Place, Inc. d/b/a Lola's to Nomans MV LLC d/b/a Nomans located at 15 Island Inn Road, Oak Bluffs, MA. This application is on file in the Selectmen's office for review Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Selectman Santoro recused himself.

Doug Abdelnour, Jr. said that they planned to open for breakfast, lunch and dinner, closing before 10:00 p.m. It would no longer have the night club atmosphere, but be more of a family friendly restaurant. They would downsize in the fall with a smaller staff etc. Instead of six bars, they would maintain one.

Selectman Coogan motioned to close the hearing, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the Transfer of License for Nomans MV LLC d/b/a Nomans, seconded by Selectman Balboni. Vote was unanimous.

Request to hold a photo session from September 25 to October 3, 2019. LLBean

The original plans for the photo shoot have been modified. The concern is about overnight parking for the 34 foot motor home that will be used as a dressing room etc. while on location. It was suggested that the parking lot for tour busses located near the "campgrounds" could be used. The Police Department will be contacted for further advice.

Old/New Business

Request for an extension of Cottage City Oyster's license and an expansion of the species to be cultured. Cottage City Oyster. Dan Martino.

The State allows 25 year licenses. Cottage City is only asking for five years extension. They would also like to increase the species they are allowed to harvest.

Selectman Santoro motioned to extend the Cottage City Oyster license to 2013, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Santoro motioned to approve the expansion of species for Cottage City Oyster's license, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Request for a new street lamp at the corner of County Road and Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. Robert Gatchell.

Both the Highway and Police Departments will investigate this request. It might be that just a light bulb needs replacing. The intersection needs more light.

Request to discuss the town's approach to the "puddle" on County Road. Kerry Scott.

Ms. Scott read a statement. Highway Superintendent Combra reviewed all that has been done to alleviate the situation until a permanent repair can be done in the spring. Pumping outside of the protective zone for the well has been the most successful. The current drainage system has failed. Plans are underway for a more permanent repair as soon as the weather permits.

Request to discuss a change to Labor Day Weekend for the Vineyard Triathlon. Jen Passafiume. Due to the large crowds on Labor Day weekend, both the Selectmen and the Police Department preferred that the event remain scheduled for the prior weekend.

Selectman Santoro motioned to deny the change to Labor Day weekend for the Vineyard Triathlon, subject to approval by the Fire, Police and Parks Department. The event will be held on August 31, 2019, seconded by Selectman Packish. The vote was unanimous.

Appointments

Request for appointment to the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council. Dr. Marianne G.A. Goldsmith.

Selectman Coogan motioned to appoint Dr. Marianne G.A. Goldsmith to the Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council, seconded by Selectman Balboni. Vote was unanimous.

Request for re-appointment to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Gail Barmakian

Selectman Santoro motioned to reappoint Gail Barmakian to the Martha's Vineyard Commission, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator's Report

- Human Services Requests
- Sheriff's Request
- Regional High School Request
- Grant Application – East Chop Bluff
- Land Bank letter

(attached)

Minutes

December 11, 2019

Selectman Balboni motioned to accept the Minutes of December 11, 2019, seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was four in favor, Chairman Barmakian abstained.

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Balboni reminded the Board that they planned to discuss permits for photography etc., year round restrooms, summer check list and consider parking enforcement year round.

Selectman Packish reported that the masterplan was in draft form and available on the website and in the Library. Hearings will be held shortly.

Selectman Coogan reminded that the next joint meeting with Tisbury would be at 4:00 p.m. on January 15 in Tisbury. The meeting on January 22 would be in Oak Bluffs.

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m., seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant