

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

January 22, 2019

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

Meeting called to order at 4:35 p.m.

Minutes

December 18, 2018

Postponed

Report on Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communication System. Sheriff Robert Ogden. Sheriff Ogden explained the communication system and the formula that would be used for payment from each town. He said he was willing to work with the towns to find a fair plan. The Tower that will be erected in Oak Bluffs will correct several problems and be of benefit to Oak Bluffs. The consensus is that the Board is generally supportive but needs more details. All six towns need to approve.

Request for re-appointment to the Steamship Port Authority. Robert Huss.

Selectman Coogan motioned to re-appoint Robert Huss to the Steamship Port Authority for a two year term, seconded by Selectman Packish.

Chairman Barmakian Aye

Selectman Coogan Aye

Selectman Packish Aye

Selectman Santoro Aye

The Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 22nd at 5:00 p.m. at the Oak Bluffs Library to discuss the FY19 Oak Bluffs regional CDBG grant including housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies along with any other proposed activities for the towns of Oak Bluffs and Tisbury. Residents of these towns are invited and will be heard. For additional information, please contact Alice Boyd, Grant Administrator at 508-430-4499.

Alice Boyd of Bailey, Boyd Associates explained the CDBG grant, which includes housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies along with other proposed activities. A total of \$40,000 can be spent per household. The loan does not have to be paid back unless the house is sold. There is no charge to the town for the grant.

Selectman Coogan motioned to submit anFY 19 CDBG grant for housing rehabilitation and childcare subsidies and to authorize the Town Administrator or Designee to sign the grant application and associated forms, seconded by Selectman Packish.

Chairman Barmakian Aye

Selectman Coogan Aye

Selectman Packish Aye

Selectman Santoro Aye

Selectman Coogan motioned to allocate \$25,000 of CDBG Miscellaneous Income as a contingency fund, seconded by Selectman Packish.

*Chairman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Santoro Aye*

Old/New Business

Request to raise the rates at the Harbor. Harbor Advisory Committee

The Harbor Advisory Committee endorses the increase in rates. Congratulations were given to The Harbormaster Todd Alexander for being awarded the “Boaters Choice Award” which means the marina is considered to be in the top 3% of marinas in the country.

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the \$.50 increase for all boats tied to the bulkhead (mooring rates will remain the same), seconded by Selectman Santoro

*Chairman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Santoro Aye*

Request permission to close the Ritz Café from February 18th to March 14th for cleaning and renovation. Larkin Stallings.

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the closing of the Ritz Café from February 18th to March 14th for cleaning and renovation, seconded by Selectman Packish.

*Chairman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Santoro Abstain*

Discussion regarding the formation of an MV Housing Bank using funds from the short term

Room Occupancy Excise Tax. MV Housing Bank Campaign Committee. Richard Leonard.

Mr. Leonard explained that they were asking for half of Oak Bluffs anticipated short term rental tax to help fund an Island wide Housing Bank. A lengthy discussion ensued. One concern is that none of the tax has been collected yet and also that there are other uses for this revenue. No one disputed the need for year round affordable housing. It was decided to continue the discussion.

Discussion and possible vote on moving the existing three parking permits for the three houses numbered 53,55,57 Kennebec Avenue to Ocean Park. Effective with 2019 renewal.

Houses do not have driveways.

Selectman Coogan motioned to move the three existing parking permits for three houses numbered 53, 55, 57 Kennebec Avenue to Ocean Park. Effective with 2019 renewal, seconded by Selectman Santoro.

***Chairman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Santoro Aye***

Appointments

Request to be appointed to the Affordable Housing Committee. Mark Leonard.
(postponed)

Town Administrator's Report

- Financial report
- Bikeway Committee Update
- Active Listening Conference
- Harbor Boater's Choice Award
- MMA Update

(attached)

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 7:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Packish.

***Chairman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Coogan Aye
Selectman Packish Aye
Selectman Santoro Aye***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant