

Board of Selectmen Meeting

**Remote Participation Only**

January 26, 2021 – Amended

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

**Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.**

**Department Head, Boards and Committee Updates**

Highway Superintendent update on parking issues.

Highway Superintendent Combra reported on the parking spaces near Offshore Ale. Their primary purpose is for short term parking while “take out” food is picked up. They are provided with signs and cones to indicate their function. However, they are not only for Offshore Ale, anyone may park there.

Parking at the LDO is a possibility, there is space for four companies. A chain link fence could be purchased for approximately \$15,000. The commercial parking near the Town Hall is not satisfactory. A plan is necessary for commercial parking, it is a good revenue source.

The flooding at “Hospital corner” was also discussed.

**Old/New Business**

Request for approval of the conservation restriction in Hidden Cove as proposed and ask the Land Bank Commission to maintain the trail as depicted on the attached map. Adam R. Moore, Sheriff’s Meadow Foundation Executive Director

There are two properties under conservation owned by “Hidden Cove” and restricted. The trails are available to the public. The Land Bank will be asked to maintain the trails. Also, Sheriff’s Meadow would like the two exits on Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road eliminated along with the trail to the pond across Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road. The Planning Board is satisfied with the plan and will give a report.

Harbor Advisory Committee Recommendations John Breckenridge.

1. Swimming and Personal Watercraft Regulations for Lagoon from Drawbridge to Lobster Hatchery.

As a result of a kite boarding incident, and the Hearing that followed, it was decided to prohibit personal water craft in this area. Buoys will be set out to indicate the area. Signs,

education, etc. will indicate a safer place for kite boarders. Swim buoys will indicate areas that are safe for swimming.

**Selectman Ruley motioned to authorize a work group consisting of Officer Jeff Labell and Joan Venable to discuss signs and appropriate placement, seconded by Selectman Coogan.**

**Vote was:**

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

2. Blue Water Classic Fishing Tournament

**Selectman Barmakian motioned to approve the Blue Water Fishing Tournament on July 13 to 18, 2021, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:**

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

USA Endurance Events – Discussion of 2021 Martha’s Vineyard Marathon, Lee Ann Yarbor, Race Director.

No decisions were made due to the Covid 19 virus.

Discussion and vote CVEC Letter of Intent

**Selectman Ruley motioned to approve the CVEC letter of Intent, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was:**

**Chairman Balboni Aye  
Selectman Barmakian No  
Selectman Coogan Yes  
Selectman Packish Aye  
Selectman Ruley Aye**

Discussion and possible vote on appointment to County Advisory Board

There were not volunteers for the appointment. Selectman Ruley, a member of the Edgartown Police Department is waiting for an opinion from the Ethics Commission. Selectman Packish will continue to serve.

Discussion and possible vote on Bike Path Plan – Selectman Coogan

Selectman Coogan reported on the plans for the bike path that would link two current bike paths together in a very dangerous area near the hospital. The Town has sent out letters to the abutters. The State has adopted the project and will complete the 25%

design construction on the state property right of way, some are on the Town easement. The project will start in the fall. Some of the affected abutters were present and had concerns.

**Town Administrator's Report**

Financial Update  
Budget Process Update  
Bikeway Plan  
Town Hall Construction Update  
(attached)

**Selectmen's Update**

Selectman Packish reported on the passing of Dennis Redican. He also reviewed some of the issues being discussed at the Martha's Vineyard Commission and would like to update the contract with Town Counsel.

**Executive Session**

*Selectman Coogan motioned to enter into Executive Session for the purpose of reviewing Executive Session Minutes and conducting contractual negotiations with non-union personnel seconded not to return to open session, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was:*

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Executive Assistant