

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

January 28, 2020

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

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

Selectman Coogan motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining, if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the government's bargaining. Also, conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel. Returning to open session, seconded by Selectman Santoro.

Chairman Packish Aye

Selectman Balboni Aye

Selectman Barmakian Aye

Selectman Coogan Aye

Selectman Santoro Aye

NO MINUTES

Selectman Barmakian motioned to return to open session, seconded by Selectman Santoro vote was

Chairman Packish Aye

Selectman Balboni Aye

Selectman Barmakian Aye

Selectman Coogan Aye

Selectman Santoro Aye

Public Announcements

At the Annual Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting, Oak Bluffs Annual Town Report, 2018 received Second Place Award for Towns with fewer than 4,999 citizens.

Department Head, Boards and Committee Updates

Report from the Highway Superintendent regarding tree trimming, bathroom renovations, hours, and ideas for lighting, cameras etc. for security near the bath house.

Highway Superintendent Combra said they had done a lot of tree trimming and cutting back brush this year. They need a new piece of equipment which would allow them to do more especially on the side roads.

The funds to renovate the Kennebec bathrooms will be available in April. Bathrooms at the Harbor need more lighting and cameras, with the “feed” going to the Police Department. The IT Director Travis Larsen should be involved.

Old/New

Request for a One Day Beer and Wine permit for Library Indoor Mini Golf, March 27, 2020. Oak Bluffs Public Library.

Selectman Balboni motioned to approve the one day beer and wine permit for the Library Mini Indoor Golf Event on March 27, 2020, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

Public Hearing: The Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street, Oak Bluffs, MA on a petition from Eversource Energy to request permission to locate poles, wires, cables and fixtures, underground cables, conduits and manholes, including the necessary sustaining and protecting fixtures, in, under, along and across the following public way or ways: Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, to install approximately 80’ of 6” underground conduit and cable in town road. To install 3 Joint Owned Poles labeled 9276/30.25- 9276/30.50 and 9276/30.75.

SELECTMAN BARMAKIAN MOTIONED TO TABLE THE REQUEST UNTIL THE PROJECT IS FINALIZED AT MVC, SECONDED BY SELECTMAN SANTORO.

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

Selectman Santoro motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Selectman Coogan

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

Request to discuss the Energy Commission mission statement, a Warrant Article for the Annual Town Meeting and a goal to replace using fossil fuel with renewal energy sources. Richard Toole.

Mr. Toole discussed building a Park & Ride at the Landfill with a solar roof. A private company could maintain the Park and Ride. The Town Administrator will look into it. Electric cars for the Police Department should be considered.

Selectman Balboni motioned to put 100% renewable energy Article on the Annual Town Warrant, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

Request to discuss the bottle by-law article proposed for the Annual Town Meeting. Plastic Free MV. Annemarie Ralph.

The Article was read aloud. The concerns are that the Article is difficult for businesses. A Hearing should be held to enlighten more people.

Request to discuss an RFP. Affordable Housing.

Three house lots are available for Affordable Housing. An RFP has been prepared.

Selectman Coogan motioned to authorize Town Administrator Whritenour to work with Selectman Barmakian in reviewing the RFP. It should be forwarded to Attorney Goldsmith for his review as well, seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was unanimous.

Discussion and possible vote on Owner's Project Manager for Town Hall Project.

Selectman Barmakian motioned to employ Atlantic Construction and Management, Inc. as the Owner's Project Manager for the Town Hall Project, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Selectmen's Update

The Selectmen commented favorably on the trip to the Massachusetts Municipal Association meeting.

Public Comment

Amy Billings suggested having a Selectman attend the Lagoon Pond Marina meeting in Tisbury, since Oak Bluffs owns half of Lagoon Pond.

Maura Mc Groarty suggested that Executive Sessions be held at the end of the meeting.

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 7:25 p.m., seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant