

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

February 11, 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 4:35 p.m.

Public Announcements

Dr. Lew complimented the Board on the work that is being done on the North Bluff, especially the reclaiming of the beach.

Minutes

January 14, 2020

Selectman Coogan motioned to accept the Minutes of January 14, 2020, seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was unanimous.

February 1, 2020

Selectman Santoro motioned to accept the Minutes of February 1, 2020, seconded by Selectman Balboni. Vote was unanimous.

Old/New

Request for an increase in fees for the Parking Clerk

Current Processing Fee - \$2.00 raise to \$2.50

Current Notice Fee - .99 raise to \$1.50

Current Commission Rate – 15% raise to 17%

Selectman Barmakian motioned to increase the Processing Fee to \$2.50, the Notice Fee to \$1.50 and the Commission Rate to 17%, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.

Town Administrator Whritenour was asked to research the process to increase the price of traffic violation tickets, and how it can be approved.

Public Hearing: Pursuant to MGL Chapter 138, Section 12, the Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 56R School Street regarding an application for a Change of Class for Sweet Loretta dba The Sweet Life Café located at 63 Circuit Avenue, 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.

One person spoke in favor of the request.

Selectman Coogan motioned to close the Hearing, seconded by Selectman Balboni. Vote was unanimous.

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the Change of Class for Sweet Loretta dba The Sweet Life Café, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was unanimous.

Continued discussion and possible vote on the proposed warrant articles pertaining to plastic bottles and polystyrene. Plastic Free MV, Oak Bluffs Association.

Attorney Luke DeBettencourt and Christine Todd representing the Oak Bluffs Association outlined their ideas for a more comprehensive by-law to deal with the ban on plastic. Their Action plan would take effect in March of 2021 and attack the management of plastic from many angles including educating the public. It would be organized by an appointed Committee. They invited the Students from Plastic Free MV to join with them to resolve the problem.

The students preferred their own plan to eliminate plastic by eliminating for sale water and soda bottles less than 34 ounces. Their plan would also take effect in March, 2021.

Selectman Coogan motioned to put both Articles on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant and let the public decide, seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was unanimous.

Preliminary discussion on reviewing business policies and applications.

Packets of Town Business policies and applications were given to the Selectmen for review. Next meeting they will be discussed and corrected if necessary.

Town Administrator's Report

(attached)

Selectmen's Update

Selectman Barmakian announced that a Joint meeting with Wastewater, Planning Board, and Board of Selectmen will be held on March 3, 2020.

Selectman Balboni announced the passing of Earl Peters a long time member of the Shellfish Committee.

Selectman Santoro the issue of using turf on some of the High School playing fields. It is currently being discussed by the Planning Board and will eventually be sent to the Martha's Vineyard Commission.

Selectman Coogan remarked on the Website competition at the MMA meeting and suggested that maybe the Town should consider being part of the competition.

Chairman Packish reported on the meeting held at the Fire Station. The Fire Chiefs from Edgartown and Tisbury have offered their support. Members of the Fire Department and EMT's will "step up" to help with this transition time.

Adjourn

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 6:40 p.m., seconded by Selectman Balboni. Vote was unanimous.

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant