

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Library Meeting Room

February 26, 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 4:34 p.m.**

### **Public Announcements**

Planning Board Chairman Ewell Hopkins announced that the Master Plan Committee will hold a Public Hearing on March 6, 2019 to discuss the second draft of the Master Plan.

### **Department Head, Boards and Committee Updates**

Principal Assessor David Bailey reported on the "PILOT" (payment in lieu of taxes) program for exempt organizations. He recommended that Oak Bluffs get outside professional help to prepare the policy. Assessor's Department does not have enough staff to do it. Chairman Barmakian suggested the Department begin the process before hiring an outside firm.

### **Old/New Business**

Request to hold the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Sullivan Run/Walk for Health and Fitness 5K Road Race around East Chop on Sunday, August 18, 2019. Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

Postponed

**Public Hearing:** Pursuant to MGL Chapter 40A, Section 11, the Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, February 26, 2019 at 5:00 p.m. in the Library Meeting Room, 56 School Street to hear a request for a Special a permit for a Home Business, Creative Stone Works, Inc., 138 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs, MA

### **Selectman Packish recused himself**

The Zoning Board of Appeals continued their decision based on the decision of the Board of Selectmen.

Mr. Almeida explained that he only parks three trucks on his property, but he does landscape his own property. He also showed pictures showing where he put a fence and planted arborvitae. He will bring in the registrations for the three trucks to provide their weight.

One of the abutters reported that trees were cut which destroyed the greenbelt. The stumps piled up, providing an unwanted view into the Almeida's yard.

Another neighbor asked that if the permit is granted, could it be withdrawn? The permit will have conditions that if ignored, the permit can be withdrawn.

***Selectman Coogan motioned to continue the Hearing until March 12, 2019, seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was unanimous.***

Request to place two donation containers in public places to collect funds to aid in the beautification of the Town. Friends of Oak Bluffs, Duncan Ross.

It is important that if approved, this is not be viewed as precedent setting. The Town Administrator will draw up a license to permit it.

***Selectman Coogan motioned to approve two milk jugs placed in specific places to collect donations for the Friends of Oak Bluffs, after being reviewed by the Highway Superintendent and the Board of Selectman, seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was unanimous.***

Request to close Dukes County Avenue from Warwick to Masonic (Art District) on July 6<sup>th</sup>, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, and September 7 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Art Stroll. Holly Alaimo.

***Selectman Santoro motioned to approve the closing of Dukes Count Avenue from Warwick to Masonic Avenues on July 6<sup>th</sup> (rain date July 7), August 3<sup>rd</sup> (rain date August 4<sup>th</sup>), September 7<sup>th</sup> (rain date September 8) from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. for the Art Stroll, seconded by Selectman Balboni. Vote was four in favor, Selectman Packish abstained.***

Request for a sidewalk on Masonic Avenue joining Wing Road and Dukes County Avenue for the enhancement of the Martha's Vineyard Center for the Visual Arts. Holly Alaimo.

Referred to Roads and Byways Committee.

Request for a new retail business license, 47 Circuit Avenue. Arrowhead Collection, LLC. Samantha Gargiulo.

A retail store selling life style products for the beach, hiking etc. Inspirational clothing.

***Selectman Santoro motioned to approve Arrowhead Collection, Inc., seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was unanimous***

Review and approve correspondence to the State regarding 3% tax for Housing Bank.

The letter was read and reviewed.

***Selectman Santoro motioned to approve the sending of the letter regarding 3% tax for the Housing Bank, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was unanimous.***

Roads and Byways Committee request discussion and possible vote to approve four way stop at the intersections of Munroe, Putnam and Mass Avenues.

The signs have already been installed

***Selectman Coogan motioned to install the four way stop signs at the intersection of Munroe, Putnam and Mass Avenues, seconded by Selectman Balboni. Vote was unanimous.***

Roads and Byways Committee also requests discussion and possible vote to approve a second handicap space (or a drop off loading space) at Ink Well Beach.

The decision was postponed to allow for more discussion.

**Ballot Question:** To see if the Town will vote to appropriate, borrow or transfer from available funds the sum of \$376,040 to be paid to the Martha's Vineyard Regional School District to fund the Town's share of feasibility study and schematic design work in connection with possible new construction of and/or renovations to the High School located at 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road, Oak Bluffs Massachusetts such feasibility study and schematic design work to include, but is not limited to, the hiring of architects, engineers, and an owner's project manager; such sum is to be in addition to the sums paid by the Town pursuant to the Regional High School Assessments under the FY2019 and FY2020 budgets for the School District; and such sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee for the District; or take any other action relative thereto.

***Selectman Coogan motioned to approve the ballot question, seconded by Selectman Santoro. Vote was unanimous.***

**Ballot Question Wording:**

Question 1.

Shall the Town of Oak Bluffs be allowed to assess an additional \$376,040 in real estate and personal property taxes for the purpose of funding the Town's share of the feasibility study and schematic design work in connection with possible new construction of and/or renovations to the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School located at 100 Edgartown-Vineyard Haven Road in Oak Bluffs for the fiscal year beginning July first, 2019.

Yes\_\_\_\_ No\_\_\_\_

Presentation of draft Annual Town Meeting Warrant for review and questions.  
Postponed until March 12, 2019

**Town Administrator's Report**

- Budget Update – Finance Committee
- Financial Policy Manual
- Town Hall Update
- Oak Bluffs School Service Learning Program
- Filming Permit Regulation

(attached)

**Selectmen's Update**

Selectman Balboni would like the street lights along pay beach reduced in number, or the bulbs reduced in intensity.

Selectman Santoro inquired about the progress in sharing a Building Inspector with Tisbury and also the date of the next joint meeting with Tisbury.

Chairman Barmakian commented on meeting with the children at the Oak Bluffs School in regard to their suggesting ways to solve problems in Oak Bluffs, e.g. the "puddle" on County Road, the litter (nip bottles) etc.

**Adjourn**

***Selectman Santoro motioned to adjourn at 6:50 p.m., seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was unanimous.***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Executive Assistant