

Board of Selectmen Meeting

Remote Participation Only

March 23, 2021

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.

Minutes

February 9, 2021

Selectman Barmakian motioned to accept the Minutes of February 9, 2021, seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was:

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

Public Announcements

League of Women Voters are meeting at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2021.

Department Head Updates

Selectman Packish announced that "Streetscape" held a meeting with a lot of valuable information. There will be a Public Hearing on April 5 from 5:00p.m. to 6:00p.m.

Old/New Business

Review and possible vote on the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Oak Bluffs and the Oak Bluffs Superior's Association of M.C.O.P. Local #268.

Selectman Ruley motioned to accept the Memorandum of Agreement between the Town of Oak Bluffs and the Oak Bluffs Superior's Association of M.C.O.P. Local #268., seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:

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

Review and possible vote to extend Employment Agreement between the Town of Oak Bluffs and Erik Blake, Director of Public Safety until June 30, 2021.

Selectman Ruley motioned to extend the Employment Agreement between the Town of Oak Bluffs and Erik Blake, Director of Public Safety until June 30, 2021 until June 30, 2021, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was:

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

Review and possible vote to extend the Letter of Agreement between the Town of Oak Bluffs and John Schilling, Civilian Technical Advisor.

Selectman Packish motioned to extend the Letter of Agreement between the Town of Oak Bluffs and John Schilling, Civilian Technical Advisor, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:

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

Review and possible acceptance of the notice that Town property will be affected by the roadway improvement on Beach Road for the shared use path.

Postponed until meeting on April 13, 2021. Selectman Barmakian will do research.

Request for a letter of support for the MVC Action grant application for the Martha's Vineyard and Gosnold Climate Action Plan. MVC, Liz Durkee

Selectman Coogan motioned to approve sending a letter of support to the MVC regarding an action grant application for the Martha's Vineyard and Gosnold Climate Action Plan, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was:

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

Review and possible vote for an Amendment to the License for the Skateboard Park. Nick Briggs.

The Amendment is an update to the skate park lease from the Regional High School. It allows them to include a concrete entrance path to the Ice Rink parking lot. Also the ability to work with the VTA to create a sidewalk linking Community Services to the bus stop and around the park.

The Selectmen asked several questions regarding the Amendment to the Skate Park including If it had been reviewed by Town Counsel, safety supervision, and the inclusion of the Highway Department.

Selectman Ruley motioned to approve the Amendment to the License for the Skateboard Park, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:

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

Review and possible vote on the Renewal of Alcohol licenses for Seasonal businesses.

The Alley, Coop de Ville, Farm Neck, Fishbones, Giordanos, Jimmy Seas, Linda Jeans, Lobsterville, Lookout Tavern, Nancy's, Noman's MV, Oyster Bar 02557, The Pawnee House, Red Cat, Sandbar, Seasmoke, Seaweeds – Farship LLC, Vineyard Wine & Cheese.

The Selectmen motioned and approved the Renewal of Alcohol licenses for the above listed Seasonal businesses. Vote was:

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

Request for a letter of support for the preservation of Nantucket Sound. Eric Steinhilber, Save Our Sound.

Selectman Barmakian motioned to approve a letter of support for the Preservation of Nantucket Sound, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:

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

Town Administrator's Update

“Down to the last meeting” “Enjoyed the last ten years” “All projects are in a good place”

The Selectmen thanked Mr. Whritenour for his years of service and dedication. “The Town is in a better place”. They wished him well, and told him he would be missed.

Executive Session

Selectman Coogan motioned to enter into Executive Session to conduct strategy sessions in preparation for negotiations with non-union personnel, returning to open session, seconded by Selectman Barmakian. Vote was:

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

Selectman Coogan motioned to return to open session, seconded by Selectman Ruley. Vote was:

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

Selectman Ruley motioned to approve the Employment Agreement between the Town of Oak Bluffs and The Acting Town Administrator, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:

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

Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 6:21 p.m., seconded by Selectman Ruley. Vote was:

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

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant