

MINUTES

Select Board

Remote Participation Only

April 27, 2021

Present: Chairman Jason Balboni, Selectmen Gail Barmakian, Emma Green-Beach, Brian Packish, Ryan Ruley. Also present: Acting Town Administrator Wendy Brough, Executive Assistant Alice Ryan Butler.

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

Public Announcements

Peter Hermann, Post Commander of the VFW passed away.

Attorney Sean Murphy also passed.

Department Head, Committees, Commissions Update

Ewell Hopkins announced that ground has been broken for a sidewalk near the Skate Park, that will provide access to the YMCA and the bus stop.

He also said that Adylberg 3 had been withdrawn as a challenge to applicability and would not qualify. ZBA will now take over.

Streetscape is ready to present their work to the Planning Board. The conceptual design is a great success.

Old/New Business

Reorganization of the Board of Selectmen

Selectman Brian Packish was nominated by three Selectmen. Selectman Gail Barmakian was nominated by two Selectmen. Selectman Packish will be the new Chairman. Selectman Ryan Ruley was nominated as vice-Chairman.

Appointments

Recommendation from the Shellfish Constable for the appointment of part-time Deputy Shellfish Constable Marco Petricone and seasonal Shellfish Deputy Constable Michael Stenz.

Postponed until the next meeting.

Public Hearing: The Oak Bluffs Board of Selectmen will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 27, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Remote Participation Only regarding an amended license to store flammable and combustibles at Martha's Vineyard Hospital, One Hospital Road, P.O. Box 1477, Oak Bluffs, MA. This application is on file in the Selectmen's Office, Oak Bluffs Town Hall, 53 School Street, Oak Bluffs, MA.

Acting Fire Chief Schilling said that he was "cleaning" up the licenses to store flammable and combustibles at the Martha's Vineyard Hospital. All of them have been permitted.

Selectman Ruley thanked the Chief for his work.

Selectman Ruley motioned to close the Public Hearing, seconded by Selectman Barmakian

Chairman Packish Aye

Selectman Balboni Aye

Selectman Barmakian Aye

Selectman Green-Beach Aye

Selectman Ruley Aye

Selectman Ruley motioned to accept the amended license, seconded by Selectman Barmakian

Chairman Packish Aye

Selectman Balboni Aye

Selectman Barmakian Aye

Selectman Green-Beach Aye

Selectman Ruley Aye

Discussion and possible vote on a request from USCG for permission to access Town Land for the sampling of lead contamination around East Chop lighthouse.

It was suggested that the Coast Guard test all of the land surrounding the lighthouse. However, it is not legal for them to test beyond what they own.

Selectman Barmakian motioned to give permission to the Coast Guard to access Town Land to sample for lead contamination around East Chop Lighthouse, seconded by Selectman Ruley.

Chairman Packish Aye

Selectman Balboni Aye

Selectman Barmakian Aye

Selectman Green-Beach Aye

Selectman Ruley Aye

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

Selectman Barmakian was not pleased with the fact that the State will not accept responsibility. She said that Attorney Goldsmith has the same concerns. The Town has an easement with the Hospital, it was questioned whether that could be kept. Derrick Roma, MassDOT, said the State would not interfere with the Hospital path, but would remove the sign. Standard language would not be changed. Selectman Barmakian is not willing to give up all claims, perhaps there could be a side agreement. More discussions will be held with the planners, engineers and project manager.

Request for Board of Selectmen approval of the deed transfer of the Prospect Avenue and Eastville Avenue properties to Habitat for Humanity. Affordable Housing Committee
Chairman Packish motioned to approve the deed transfer of the Prospect Avenue and Eastville Avenue properties to Habitat for Humanity, seconded by Selectman Ruley.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Southern Tier Housing Project FRP Update . Jenn Goldson
A video presentation. Ewell Hopkins, Chairman of the Planning Board suggested that more public input is necessary.

Request for a new business, Island Fashion at 12 Circuit Avenue, Ext. Simone daSilva
Selectman Ruley motioned to approve the request for a new business, Island Fashion, seconded by Selectman Barmakian.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Request for a new business, Stephanie Wolf Designs, 37 Circuit Avenue. Stephanie Wolf
Selectman Barmakian motioned to approve a new business, Stephanie Wolf Designs, seconded by Chairman Packish.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Request for permission to hold a Memorial Day Weekend Artisan Show. Portuguese -American Club.

Chairman Packish motioned to approve a Memorial Day Weekend Artisan Show at the Portuguese American Club, seconded by Selectman Ruley.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Request for permission to provide a takeout food service at the Portuguese-American Club
Maura Martin & Austin Racine

Chairman Packish motioned to approve a takeout food service at the Portuguese-American Club for Maura Martin and Austin Racine, seconded by Selectman Ruley.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Request for Alteration of Premises for outdoor dining
VFW

Selectman Green-Beach motioned to approve an Alteration of Premises for the VFW, seconded by Chairman Packish.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

The Alley

**Chairman Packish recused himself
Postponed – they do not serve food.**

Lobsterville

Selectman Barmakian motioned to approve an Alteration of Premises for Lobsterville, seconded by Selectman Ruley.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green- Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Holy Ghost Association

Chairman Packish motioned to approve an Alteration of Premises for Holy Ghost Association, seconded by Selectman Barmakian.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Lookout Tavern

Chairman Packish motioned to approve an Alteration of Premises for Lookout Tavern, seconded by Selectman Barmakian.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Request for a new business license for a mobile retail vending truck. Miles Campbell

No motion was made for approval. No one was in favor.

Request to discuss street closures, outdoor dining, outdoor entertainment and other Covid19 related matters. OBA, Christine Todd

No requests were made to close the streets or for outdoor music. There are too many uncertainties. If requests are made, they will be dealt with on an individual basis.

Acting Town Administrator's Report

(Attached)

Selectmen's Update

Harbor Advisory Meeting, May 5 at noon. Selectman Ruley cannot attend, Chairman Packish will take his place.

Peter Hermann and Betty Hoyle Daniels both passed away.

Selectman Balboni thanked the Board and the employees for their help while he was Chairman.

The SSA was thanked for the vaccine clinic.

Adjourn

Selectman Green-Beach motioned to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., seconded by Selectman Barmakian.

***Chairman Packish Aye
Selectman Balboni Aye
Selectman Barmakian Aye
Selectman Green-Beach Aye
Selectman Ruley Aye***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler
Executive Assistant