

Board of Selectmen Meeting

**Remote Participation Only**

August 11, 2020

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

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

**Old/New Business**

Exit briefing on the FY19 Audit. Powers & Sullivan, LLC

Todd Jurszyk and Jim Powers represented the company. They congratulated Accountant Deborah Potter, Town Administrator Bob Whritenour and the Finance team for the third year of improvement. The 2019 audit shows a marked improvement. There is no material weakness. The Management letter has only two comments pending resolution, one is almost resolved, the need for separate accounts and School Activity needs an external audit report.

**Public Hearing:** The Board of Selectmen has been requested by the Roads & Byways Committee to hold a Public Hearing on August 11, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. to discuss the large amounts of heavy commercial trucks travelling Pennsylvania Avenue from Barnes Road to the Oak Bluffs Transit Station. The Roads and Byways Committee has voted unanimously to put a gate at the intersection of Pennsylvania and Alpine Avenue. Please send all correspondence via email to [abutler@oakbluffsma.gov](mailto:abutler@oakbluffsma.gov) or Board of Selectmen, P.O. 1327, Oak Bluffs, MA **Hearing will be Remote Participation Only.**

Chairman of the Roads and Byways Committee, Michael Santoro presented the discussion of heavy commercial trucks travelling along Pennsylvania Avenue from Barnes Road to Transit Station. The Committee presented the solution to put a gate at the corner of Alpine and Pennsylvania Avenue. This was met with opposition and other suggestions for solving the problem, e.g. signage, speed bumps, talking to truckers, traffic tickets, cameras, etc.

**Selectman Coogan motioned to close the Hearing, seconded by Selectman Ruley. Vote was:**

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

It was decided that the summer is not the best time to make any changes. More information is needed.

**Selectman Packish motioned to engage in a public campaign and increase signage, work with Bruno's, Chief Blake, revisit the problem in September or October, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:**

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

**Discussion on Oak Bluffs energy.** Update on Green Communities, Bill Cleary. Cape Light Compact Update, Maggie Downey.

Maggie Downey provided slides to emphasize her points and goal of helping the town save money. The goal is to achieve 20% savings in five years. Richard Toole, Oak Bluffs representative to the Cape Light Compact was thanked for his contribution. By consensus, the Board agreed to support a Zoom Meeting with Department Heads to further explain their goals.

Request for a Mobile Food License for a truck to be parked in front of the older part of the Portuguese American Club. Hours 11:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Phillip McAndrews "The Offshore Food Truck. Josh Aronie

They have been in business since 2014. All businesses have been affected by Covid19, which includes the Portuguese – American Club.

**Selectman Packish motioned to approve a Mobile Food License for Josh Aronie to be located at the Portuguese American Club, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:**

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

Continued discussion on the Sunday Street closure.

The owners of Seaweed's requested that Circuit Avenue be closed five nights per week during August and September. Owners of several businesses on Circuit Avenue indicated they could not support it because it would not be good for their business. It was determined that other ways to encourage business would be explored. Also, ways to access Adam Cummings building when the street is closed, and a space for "pick-up" at Giordano's pizza.

### **Appointments**

Request for appointment to the Cable Advisory Board. Skip Finley.

**Selectman Packish motioned to appoint Skip Finley to the Cable Advisory Board, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:**

**Chairman Balboni Aye  
Selectman Barmakian Aye  
Selectman Coogan Aye**

**Selectman Packish Aye**  
**Selectman Ruley Aye**

Request for re-appointment to the ZBA. Peter Yoars.

**Selectman Coogan motioned to reappoint Peter Yoars to the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Selectman Ruley. Vote was:**

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

Request for two members for the Steamship Authority – Vineyard Long Range Transportation Task Force and one on the Steamship Authority Working Group Michael Santoro.

**Selectman Ruley motioned to appoint Michael Santoro as one member to the Steamship Authority Vineyard Long Range Transportation Task Force and the Steamship Authority Vineyard Working Group, seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was:**

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

Request for reappointment to the Library Board of Trustees. Kathy Taylor

**Selectman Coogan motioned to re-appoint Kathy Taylor to the Library Board of Trustees, seconded by Selectman Ruley. Vote was:**

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

### **Selectmen's Update**

Selectman Coogan – stay healthy, wear your mask.

Selectman Packish – Streetscape Committee meeting , phase two will work through the construction plans.

### **Public Comment**

Christine Todd said the lights on Circuit Avenue would be installed by Donaroma on Wednesday.

### **Adjourn**

**Selectman Coogan motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., seconded by Selectman Packish. Vote was:**

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