

Minutes of June 25th, July 15 & 17th, July 29th approved.

Executive Session minutes of July 25th, July 29th approved and released to regular session.

Library

Library Director Ebba Hierta described her summer staffing plan. She told the board that the Library Trustees, Personnel Board and Finance Committee had all reviewed and/or approved them already.

Ms. Hierta reported that she had received Personnel Board approval to Re-Grade the Library Associate position to pay Grade 6 and asked for the Selectmen's consent. She said that the Finance Committee had already voted to allow the Library to use Reserve Funds to pay for the deficit that this would cause in her budget for FY 2009.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to authorize the summer staffing plan and the Re-Grade of the Library Associate position to Grade 6. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Personnel Board

Mr. Carroll reported on the resignation of the Personnel Board Administrative Assistant and his recommendation that Marina Lent be hired to provide temporary coverage for two months starting August 21st 2008. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to appoint Marina Lent a temporary Administrative Assistant to the Personnel Board for the two months. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

TriTown Ambulance

The summer staffing plan that was proposed to the Selectmen last month by the TriTown Ambulance Coordinator, as approved by the Tri Town Ambulance Committee, came back before the board with the endorsement of the Personnel Board. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve the summer staffing plan for the ambulance for this season. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Town Clerk

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to formally appoint Jessica Holtham Bradlee as Town Clerk and have the Chairman sign the notification to the Secretary of State. SO VOTED: By Acclamation. Mrs. Bradlee's first day at work was August 1st 2008 and she had attended 4 hours of training in the week preceding.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint Timothy R. Carroll as an Assistant Town Clerk. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Special Town Meeting

The Selectmen reviewed the draft requests for warrant articles for the September 22nd 2008 Special Town Meeting. The CPC requested a new funding cycle of the year round rental assistance program they have been running with the Dukes County Regional Housing Authority.

The Finance Committee Reserve Fund could be refunded the amount given to fund the re-grade of the Library Associate.

The Police Station could have an article to replace the failed window A/C units with two mini-splits at \$10,000.

The purchase of the Homeport was discussed. It was agreed to not make this article dependent on a subsequent override vote, but to hold an override vote at a future election. Mr. Carroll reminded the board that there could be a six month interest payment due on the Homeport purchase before the end of FY2009. It was discussed that the article at the STM should fund that payment if necessary.

The Highway Department proposed paving an additional mile of North Road, beginning at the West Tisbury town line. The Selectmen asked for the funding plan for that \$250,000 article. The Selectmen expressed concern that if it was started this fall, that the contractor should finish it this fall and not wait until spring to put the final coat on the road.

Middle Line Road was briefly discussed. It was agreed to hold open an article to address the potential for a funding gap and to complete the right-of-way changes anticipated.

The Highway Department responded to the request of the Selectmen to obtain a price to remove all the dead standing trees along the town roads. The quotes were approximately \$40,000. The disposition of the cord wood was discussed. Mr. Carroll suggested recovering some of the \$40,000 through allowing the contractor to sell the fire wood. The Selectmen discussed giving the cord wood away free to town residents. The Selectmen would want the wood delivered to a secure place that could be supervised and have the wood cut into four foot lengths by the contractor. They did not want the liability the public operating chainsaws on town property. The Board agreed to negotiate a discount with the chosen contractor or give the cordwood away free to residents if the discount was not substantial enough.

Dredging Windows

The Selectmen discussed the problems presented by the narrowing time frames during which dredging was being allowed by the DEP. It was agreed to cooperate with Falmouth and the other Cape & Island towns to try and open the window for dredging.

Data National Corporation

Mr. Carroll reported that the upgrade to the Tax Assessing and Collection software was half complete and requested permission from the board to pay half the quote. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to authorize ½ payment. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

MVLEC

The board discussed the changes Mr. Parker had asked Edgartown Officer Jamie Craig to make to the inter-municipal mutual aid agreement for the island police response team. They chose to wait until they have a copy of the corrected version before signing the agreement.

Nabs Corner Affordable Housing

The Selectmen discussed the special act authorizing the transfer of the Engley property. It was approved by the legislature on July 30th and is sitting on the Governor's desk awaiting his signature. Mr. Doty will speak to the Land Bank.

Wireless Zoning Bylaw

Mr. Parker reported that the Attorney General had approved our new zoning bylaw.

Homeport Restaurant

Mr. Parker presented a plan for the purchase of the property. The plan was to remove the building, use the parking lot, install a public comfort station using the existing septic system, provide water front access for kayaks and small boats (but no ramp), and create a water front park. Mr. Doty was in favor a viewing platform.

It was agreed that many people have many ideas for the use of this property, and that the Selectmen should take only one plan to the Special Town Meeting for their consideration.

The Selectmen discussed the health of the “green” pond.

Dredging

Conservation Officer Walton reported on dredging permits that had expired. He expressed his support of DEP making larger windows for dredging in Menemsha.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mr. Parker moved to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and not return to regular session. Doty – Aye Parker – Aye Fenner – Aye

Executive Session ended.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45 PM.

APPROVED As Written: 08/19/08