

Date: May 13, 2014

Date Minutes Approved: May 19, 2014

BOARD OF SELECTMEN MINUTES

Present: Shawn Dahlen, Chair; David J. Madigan, Vice Chair; and Theodore J. Flynn, Clerk.

Absent: -----

Staff: René J. Read, Town Manager, and C. Anne Murray, Administrative Assistant.

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 AM in the Mural Room at the Duxbury Town Hall.

II OPEN FORUM

No one was in attendance so nothing was brought forward.

Mr. Read did report that there are a total of 12 piping plover nests as of late yesterday afternoon.

III NEW BUSINESS

Discussion about a Signage Request from the Southeastern Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance

It was explained that the SE Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance had received some funding through the Duxbury Cultural Council for the Pine Fest event to be held this Saturday, May 17, 2014 from 10 AM – 8 PM at the Myles Standish State Forest. The organizers requested to put up 6-8 lawn signs to in Duxbury to notify the Duxbury residents of this free event. Under the Zoning Bylaws, Section 601.8 Exempted Signs item “7. Temporary signs erected for any charitable or religious cause or allowed by the Board of Selectmen.” Due to the timeframe of the event this could not be held over until the next regularly scheduled meeting.

As this was being discussed, a woman entered the room and not knowing if she was in attendance for this item of business she was asked and said she came for Open Forum. The Chair said the Board would re-visit Open Forum after this matter.

The Board briefly discussed signage in general and what might make sense in this particular case.

Mr. Madigan moved that the Board of Selectmen authorize the Southeastern Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance to place 6-8 lawn signs in the Town of Duxbury near the entrances of the Town to promote the Pine Fest on Saturday, May 17, 2014 or a substitute rain date, with the condition that the signs be removed no later than two (2) days after the event. Second by Mr. Flynn. VOTE: 3:0:0.

IV. OPEN FORUM REVISITED

Ms. Gale Willhauer, 90 Bow ST, asked the Board to intervene regarding the McLean's Way development project proposed for Bow ST to try to get Dr. Reinhalter to go back to his original proposal of 6-8 houses. She indicated that the neighbors were not opposed with that initial proposal, but they feel the current one will adversely impact the neighborhood. She mentioned that it was her understanding that the proponent is moving forward with a much larger development, i.e., more units, because of some actions taken by the Planning Board during its initial review.

The Board briefly discussed this matter during which the following points were mentioned:

- For clarification, Mr. Dahlen gave a brief overview of the process to date to clarify what the Planning Board's action was.
- The Selectmen pointed out that the Planning Board is an elected board. They do not answer to the Selectmen. The Selectmen have little influence on the Planning Board other than controlling the legal fees.
- The Selectmen suggested the proper channel would be to have the neighbors' attorney speak with Dr. Reinhalter's attorney to advocate on the neighbors' behalf to see if Dr. Reinhalter would consider re-applying to the Planning Board for the original proposal, if he knew the neighbors would be supportive.
- Mr. Flynn indicated that he would be willing to attend any further meetings regarding this matter.

VI ADJOURNMENT

At approximately 8:32 AM, Mr. Madigan moved that the Board adjourn. Second by Mr. Flynn.
VOTE: 3:0:0.

Minutes prepared by: C. Anne Murray

LIST OF DOCUMENTS FOR 05-13-14 SELECTMEN'S MEETING

1. *Agenda for 05-13-14 Selectmen's Meeting*
2. *OPEN FORUM: no documents*
3. **NEW BUSINESS: Signage Request from the Southeastern Massachusetts Pine Barrens Alliance:** Coversheet with summary of request and event and Zoning bylaw Section 601.8 Exempted Signs "7. Temporary signs erected for any charitable or religious cause or allowed by the Board of Selectmen."