

Town of Chebeague Island
Minutes of Special Board of Selectmen Meeting & Executive Session
March 2nd, 2011, 6PM at the Island Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the current status and future disposal of the Deborah Lee during the regular business meeting, and to hold an executive session to discuss the proposed right of way change to the Blanchard Parking Lot and the associated Pogy Shore development on Cousins Island.

Present: David Hill, John Martin, Chris Rich, Mark Dyer and Eric Dyer.

Absent: Donna Damon

1. Meeting called to order at 6:14PM.

2. Public Comment:

Mark Dyer: Discussed the following items:

- Snow removal around the Town's mail box. Mail delivery person could not get to mail box.
*Town Clerk will contact Post Office.
- Resident could not get to the beach on Jenks Road as it was only plowed half way to the beach.
*Town Administrator will contact Public Works.
- Float at Chandlers Cove should be shoveled off.
*Town Administrator will contact Public Works.
- The old float at Stone Wharf needs to be secured.
*Town Administrator will contact Public Works.
- The Town's white explorer. Has it been repaired yet?
Town Administrator advised the antifreeze leak has been repaired, but now the battery needs to be replaced.
Mr. Dyer asked that the Town sell the vehicle.
- Heavy Load Posting of roads.
Town Administrator advised the posting will go up this week.

John Martin: Stated that he is impressed by the plowing of the roads this winter. The Public Service Crew has done a great job. It's not an easy job, thank you to the crew.

3. To have the Board of Selectmen discuss and possibly act on matters relating to the current status and future disposal of the Deborah Lee.

Eric Dyer: I would like to defer to Claire for the history. She has done a tremendous amount of work on this and I appreciate what she has done. I would like her to give the back ground and her thoughts on it. Then move into what my recommendations may be.

Claire Ross: What exactly are you looking for?

Eric Dyer: Give a summary and history of the vessel from the fire to how it got here. The current disposal options that you are looking at. You are more familiar with it than I am.

John Martin: What was the tow time from where the boat was to where it is right now?

Claire Ross: Not long.

John Martin: Would it be fair to say that it would not take long to move it if the tide was right to another location?

Claire Ross: Yes. The Coast Guard will want to know exactly where it is.

Chris Rich: Not long with the right tide.

Claire Ross: Right now my recommendation to you is to preserve the Town's position by issuing a thirty (30) day notice. When the owner receives it he has clear notice. What I understand today is that the EPA was expecting a letter from the owner of the boat for the location for disposal of the boat. It's been in a holding pattern since last Thursday. I was hoping to get this permit because the expense of taking this apart due to the fact that it is hazardous waste and has to be treated that way. My recommendations if to keep working with the EPA and have the owner do the same. I am working on this so that we do not inherit the cost of disposing of the boat.

David Hill: What are the requirements from the EPA?

Claire Ross: All the steel super structure needs to come off. The batteries have been removed.

David Hill: The two options I hear is 1) treat it as hazardous waste or 2) haul it out to sea.

Claire Ross: Yes. The EPA is working on the dumping of the boat.

David Hill: If the steel super structure needs to be removed who will do that?

Claire Ross: It is up to the owner of the boat.

Ernie Burgess: Maybe the Town could help with the boom truck.

Eric Dyer: I think the thirty day dead line makes sense. The proposed letter is to get the thirty day notice out there. We need to look at the needs of the owner and other residents. My recommendation is move ahead with the letter. I know there is a chance of moving it to a different location, but I think we should avoid that.

Ernie Burgess: If you send the letter he will have no options. You will be forcing the owner into something that may not work. I would like to recommend something that would not force the owner into something that he cannot pay for that we move the boat with our town waters. The process of the permit could take time. If it is put some where shallow and we can pump it out and anchor it bow and stern it should be fine until we know more.

Chris Rich: I agree with Ernie. It seems to be the only realistic option. It could take longer than thirty days to get a permit.

Claire Ross: We should work to maintain a good relationship with the owner of the boat.

Ernie Burgess: It has always been that if someone had trouble with their boat we all pitched in and helped. I would hate to see anyone forced into a situation they cannot get out of.

David Hill: Is there anyway to protect our interest, but leave the door open to not having a drop dead date?

Eric Dyer: We could just change some wording and set a date set by the Harbormaster. That could be a compromise.

Claire Ross: I agree with Ernie the spirit and culture of the island.

Chris Rich: I agree with that.

Mark Dyer: The letter gives almost sixty days from the date. We are asking that the boat be moved away from the Stone Wharf. I think that if anyone leaves a boat for a long period of time is unrealistic. I would like to see an effort but there is public access and safety we have to consider. As far as the infrastructure if we use town equipment we need to look at the insurance risk before we do that. I would not have problem with it, but I need to know the insurance part. If we reworded the letter that it said something like we are notifying you that your boat needs to be removed from the Stone Wharf by April 30th to another location set by the Harbormaster.

David Hill: I would like a motion to request the Town Administrator draft a letter something like you just described and circulate the letter for our signatures.

Mark Dyer: Motion to have the Town Administrator draft a letter within description discussed. No second was made.

John Martin: The letter is too hard for me. We should do something to help. It may mean helping in moving the boat.

Chris Rich: I agree with John. This needs to be a cooperative thing not work with deadlines.

David Hill: Do we have anything in the ordinances that we have to work with as far as time frames.

David Hill: Maybe a motion to rewrite the letter to make it more cooperative.

Eric Dyer: Having David and Tom do this is a tremendous risk. I do not know the capacity of the boom truck and would like to talk to both of them. Maybe we should consider having a truck come out rather than put anyone or thing at risk.

David Hill: Maybe we should ask the Town Administrator to research the lifting capacity, talking to the insurance company and the crew. Then draft a new letter.

David Hill: Thank you to Eric and especially Claire for all your hard work.

4. Adjourn business meeting:

Mark Dyer: Motion to adjourn at 7:17PM

John Martin: Second

Vote: Unanimous.

Respectfully submitted by Susan Campbell, Town Clerk

Executive Session:

Mark Dyer: Motion to enter into Executive Session in Pursuant to
MRSA 405.1.B

John Martin: Second

Vote: Unanimous

John Martin: Motion to exit Executive Session

Mark Dyer: Second.

Vote: Unanimous