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Mopeds were in the line of fire during Tuesday night's Oak Bluffs selectmen's meeting with calls for tighter regulations and stricter enforcement of current laws.

A renewed push to regulate, and possibly outlaw, mopeds began this summer after a 19-year-old woman lost part of her leg in a moped crash in Oak Bluffs.

According to the Vineyard Gazette, no owners of moped rental businesses attended the hearing which featured strong statements against moped usage by several town officials and residents.

The town police chief is expected to moderate a stakeholder discussion about the issue in time to propose revisions to the town moped bylaw before the annual town meeting next April.

Oak Bluffs selectmen also heard from building inspector Mark Barbadoro Tuesday. Mr. Barbadoro updated the group on the Island Theatre, which a structural engineer declared dangerous under the state building code earlier this year. The theatre at the foot of Circuit avenue is owned by the Hall family; it has been vacant since 2012.

The Vineyard Gazette reports that the town has tried to work with the Halls to repair the 81-year old facility for over two and a half years. The most recent efforts went unheeded, forcing Mr. Babadoro to appoint a board of survey to issue recommendations for next steps.

The board will issue a formal report to the town this Friday.

Additional details on the selectmen's meeting, including decisions concerning Linda Jean's restaurant and an appointment to the Martha's Vineyard Commission can be found online at vineyardgazette.com.

Forty two (42) Aquinnah voters turned out Tuesday night for the continuation of a special town meeting and to consider seven articles. An earlier meeting had been postponed due to lack of a quorum.

According to the Vineyard Gazette, all but one of the articles passed unanimously. Among those items that were approved, voters agreed to spend \$55,000 on a long-planned wooden walkway over the dunes at Philbin Beach and approximately \$2,300 for equipment for a new member of the Aquinnah fire department.

The article seeking approval to borrow \$300,000 for projects at Aquinnah Circle sparked considerable debate and resulted in a dissenting vote.

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