

Chilmark Select Board February 6, 2024 5:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairperson Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Marie Larsen. Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Angie Grant, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Police Chief Sean Slavin, Jeffrey Maida, 2 news reporters. MVTV videographer

Minutes:

Draft Minutes from 1/2/2024 Select Board meeting were reviewed. Ms. Larsen said she was not present at that meeting. Mr. Malkin moved to approve as written. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Abstain** *M. Larsen was not present*

Joint Meeting (FinCom & Select Board) Budget Hearing minutes from 1/23/24, 1/24/24, 1/25/24, 1/29/24 and 1/30/24 were reviewed. Mr. Malkin moved to approve as written, Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Harbormaster – permission to locate a shed next to the Comfort Station:

Mr. Malkin said this has been in the works to move forward since Dennis Jason was the harbormaster. Mr. Malkin said this is proposed to be placed to the north of the Comfort Station. Mr. Malkin said this needs to come to us as land owners then it will need to go to the permitting boards for review and approval. Mr. Malkin moved to approve. Ms. Larsen asked if there was an alternate place for this stuff. Mr. Malkin said this is the plan to contain the items that are there already to store out of the weather. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Vineyard Transit Authority - A Grant: Summer service, Menemsha Shuttle, Early service to Parking Lot for employees of Menemsha and Bealebung, connection of Routes 4 & 5

Angie Grant was present to discuss the needs and how to accomplish them. There was discussion of utilizing an electric “baby bus” but that the charge would not hold the entire day and swap out –charge plan would need some work. Ms. Grant is encouraged that the staffing will be accomplished for seasonal drivers. Ms. Grant will work on a plan and have some figures and schedule by April 2024.

Tabor House Shuttle Parking Lot – trash and debris accumulating. Tree trucks & fish truck. Town trailers & storage boxes. Proposal to lock the gate, remove storage box and relocate trailer:

Mr. Carroll discussed the condition of the area and it was determined that the area should be locked once debris is removed and the tree trimming is complete within 4 weeks.

Fire Chief – Monthly report & updates:

Chief Bradshaw was present for this report. Chief Bradshaw said the 2 cars at the Tabor lot are part of our drill so after next week that will be cleared out of there. Tanker taskforce drill using turbo draft.

Plotting all of the sources through I AM Responding so we will have this mapped out.
3 persons did wild land certification. Tim Carroll has instruction license at this stage which is great. Received the fire fighter safety grant for 3 sets of turnout gear.

121 still off island for the final recall for the electronic emergency break.

The wiring was never zip tied so when responding through brush disconnected so now reconnecting.

Doug Bardwell will be reconnecting this to ensure connection for the radio. Short term rental inspections process outlined. Chief Bradshaw said each unit must have at least 1 inspection a year. 421 units takes 1 hour for inspection. Mr. Malkin recommended having written procedures for the inspection process with a checklist. Chairperson Rossi thanked Chief Bradshaw for the communication. Chairperson Rossi said the alarm fee program needs legal review. Chief Bradshaw said he is talking to legal counsel about this. Mr. Malkin urged the need to look to cost containment in fire department.

Town Clerk – Presidential Primary Warrant to call election. Appoint Election officers:

Town Clerk Christy submitted written requests for these items.

Mr. Malkin called the primary election. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Malkin moved List of officials as recommended by town clerk.

Fire / EMS Building Committee – Legal release, final meeting Feb. 14, 2024:

Mr. Carroll supplied the document that legal counsel reviewed. Mr. Malkin moved to sign. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Chair Rossi signed Mr. Carroll witnessed.*

Town Administrator

- Engagement Letter from new Auditors

Mr. Malkin moved to authorize engagement. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

- Advertising for ZBA & Registrar-due Feb. 16, 2024

Mr. Carroll said we have had response from our advertisement for ZBA but not registrar yet.

- Peaked Hill Pasture RFP – Authorize hiring a high-level review of the document with Town Counsel and new Consultant

Chairperson Rossi said there is funds from the MFAHT to cover this expense. Mr. Malkin moved to approve. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

- Notify state of Animal Control Officer appointment – C Murphy

No action needed

Items not anticipated by the chairperson at time of posting agenda:

With Police Chief present he gave a brief report on what the department is working on.

Ms. Larsen said Post Master Lee has had difficulty with parking in the post office. School pickup time is at same time as post office truck needs to be able to park. Make back part a yellow painted loading zone restriction. Select Board agreed to direct Highway department to do that. Drainage problem with rains we have been getting lately going over budget for Tea Lane maintenance. Runoff (water berm) needs to be rebuilt.

AT 5:49 PM Chairperson Rossi declared Select Board will move Executive Session, And to Not return to regular session.

3.) To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

a.)At the time the executive session is proposed and voted on, the chair must state on the record that having the discussion in an open session may be detrimental to the public body's bargaining or litigating position.

Roll Call: Bill Rossi: Aye, Marie Larsen: Aye and James Malkin: Aye others present: Town Administrator Tim Carroll, Police Chief and Legal Counsel.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 02/20/2024

Documents:

- Draft minutes from 1/2/24, 1/23/24, 1/25/24,
- Fire Chief monthly (January 2024) report
- Overhead-shot of Comfort Station to illustrate location of desired shed for Harbormaster request
- State warrant for the Presidential Primary
- Town Clerk request to appoint recommended Election Officers and Deputy Warden 01.19.2024
- Auditor's letter of engagement with Chilmark for remainder of contract
- Vineyard Gazette legal ads: Select Board public hearing on changes to waterways rules and regulations. Zoning Board of Appeals vacancy notice
- Advertisement and posting of Middle Line Apartment rental opening / vacancy application open
- Non-binding ballot question proposed by School Superintendent about field turf
- CLC- participation and invitation to address DPU on public energy issues
- NETRA Energy disclosure label 01.22.2024

