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Town of Chilmark Board of Selectmen September 7, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Chairman Warren Doty called meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Present: Frank Fenner, Warren Doty, Jonathan Mayhew, Timothy Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Wayne Iacono, Dennis Jason, Steve Broderick, Brian Curry, Remy Tumin, Steve Myrick, Frank Yeomans, Jane Slater, Brian Cioffi, Steven Liss, Nis Troey, Vern Gifford, William Smith, Robert Di Tolla, Joe Green, Jason Olsen,

Minutes:

August 17th minutes correction of "Commander Latanzi reported from investigating officer Gifford" needs to say just investigating officer, Gifford is not investigating officer. With that correction Mr. Fenner moved to approve minutes Mr. Mayhew seconded.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Special Legal Counsel:

Designate all special legal counsel as Special Municipal Employees. Mr. Fenner moved Mr. Mayhew seconded. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Bulkhead Lease:

To approve lot # 9 and sing lease. Mr. Fenner moved to approve Mr. Mayhew seconded. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

7:35 pm Public Hearing:

Chairman Doty opened Public Hearing for American Tower Under ground fiber petition.

American Tower representative was not available so Mr. Doty asked Executive Secretary Tim Carroll to summarize the petition. Mr. Carroll said that this petition was to be included in the pole petitions that it is to tie in the fiber strands to complete the connection. Regularly the fiber would go along the electric lines but in this area there are no electric lines in place. Mr. Yeomans Had a question on the actual area were this was to happen? Mr. Carroll gave specifics along Tabor House Road to North Road. 7:38 pm Public hearing closed.

Mr. Fenner moved to grant American Tower license for underground petition. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

US Coast Guard:

Commander Vern Gifford introduced the USCG representatives and the Investigative team. Will Smith is the representative for the Civil Engineer Unit working on the demolition, clean up and rebuilding of the Menemsha Boat House and docks. Chief Olsen is the Menemsha Station chief. Robert di Tullio is investigating officer concerning the fire at the boat house. Also present is special agent Joe Greene.

USCG Demolition Process:

Will Smith started updates with information about the demolition. The demolition project was granted to AGM Marine the same company that the Town of Chilmark has hired. The demolition is scheduled to start September 15, 2010. The maximum time for this demolition is 60 days.

Mr. Doty asked what condition the site will be left in. There will not be any site building work done till summer of 2010 at the earliest. Mr. Fenner would like to remind the USCG that summer is the heavy traffic time of year for cars and pedestrians and recommended that if the construction start is that far off anyway maybe to plan the start in the fall of 2010.

The first project the Coast Guard wants to start after the debris removal is a temporary wooden pathway built to the floating docks.

Mr. Carroll would like the USCG to address removal of the under ground bunker as it is not necessary, abandoned in place and filled with sand. Mr. Smith will look into this.

Mr. Doty asked for a description of the process for the design of the new facility. Civil Engineer Smith described the process will begin with hire of designer for the building contract. This will be part of the FY2012 budget.

Will Smith said the USCG would follow exactly the process set out by the Massachusetts Historical Commission. The commission protects important historical and archaeological assets. The USCG will send them their scope of work and plans, and there will be a comment period. Local conservation commission's can forward a request to review those plans.

Mr. Doty would like the design plans to be reviewed by Chilmark community here in Chilmark. Civil Engineer Smith said that he will not be doing that part of the project. A formal request to the USCG is needed to hold a local meeting and review.

Mr. Doty said consider this a formal request then. Mr. Smith recommended a written request be sent to the USCG.

Mr. Carroll asked for confirmation that the wave wall will not be removed during the demolition and clearing part of the USCG project. The Towns plan will have a new wave wall, so until then we need the USCG section to remain in place.

Mr. Smith confirmed the wave wall will remain.

Report from Robert Di Tolla of the USCG of the continuing investigation of the fire at Menemsha Docks: Mr. Di Tolla stated he can not answer questions that relate to the on going investigation's day to day proceedings.

Lease for slips to the USGC:

Mr. Mayhew expressed his disagreement with giving lease to the USCG until they make progress of some sort in the clean up, restoration plans and finalize the fire investigation.

Harbor master Dennis Jason strongly suggests that we move forward to bring the 47' rescue boat back to Menemsha. Mr. Fenner moved to review and sign if all find it in keeping with changes wanted. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Na (Mr. Mayhew)**

Tea Lane Farm:

Ross Adams introduced himself and a proposal in writing for the Tea Lane Farm property. The Selectmen thanked Mr. Ross for his proposal. Selectmen are planning on keeping this a Town owned asset but hope he will submit interest when plan for the farm is in place.

Special Town Meeting Warrant:

Mr. Fenner would like wording in Article #1 to be receives not may receives. Mr. Carroll will call the Bond council about this wording. With financial updates finalized, Mr. Fenner moved to approve the warrant and call the Special Town Meeting for September 27, 2010. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Emergency Management:

This was a review of the Hurricane Earl response. Emergency Management head Bill Smith said they planned for the worst and hoped for the best. With a great shelter arrangement setup in case of power outages for persons in need of oxygen or nebulizers. The Community Center was this Shelter manned by Red Cross organizers and Emergency Management Team. Some citizens reported that the Code Red automated calls made them worry others reported the message from Executive Secretary Timothy Carroll was reassuring

C.C. Municipal Health Group:

Review of letter sent to Town Treasurer of reconsideration of coverage for adult children under age of 26. Selectmen took no action at this time.

Block Grant / Community Development:

Christine Flynn created letter for the Selectmen to sign concerning the block grant / community development for housing and home improvement grants needed for the Town of Chilmark. Mr. Fenner moved to sign letter. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**, signed

Pole on Menemsha cross road:

Mr. Fenner noticed that the pole had not been moved back and that wires were now attached to the pole that should have been moved back 2 feet from roads edge.

Mr. Carroll responded that NStar will move pole back. Wires were attached to pole for hurricane preparedness.

Mr. Fenner moved to adjourn. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft Minutes respectively submitted by Dilly DeBlase