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

Present: Warren Doty, Jonathan Mayhew, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Russell Smith, Jennie Greene, Matt Mayhew, Seth Karlinsky, Brian Cioffi, Perry Ambulos, Richard Williams, Stephen Broderick, Tim Broderick, Remy Tumin.

Minutes: Mr. Fenner moved to approve minutes as amended, Mr. Mayhew seconded.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Public Hearing:

7:35 pm Selectmen opened hearing for applications from Tim and Stephen Broderick for oyster growing grant in Menemsha pond. Both Tim and Stephen Broderick would be locating their grants along down the same line following Everett Poole and Donald Poole and John Armstrong grants.

At 7:41 pm hearing was closed. The discussion turned to the permit process and what would happen next. The Broderick's were clear about their next steps in the permitting process and thanked the Selectmen for their help. Mr. Fenner moved to grant Stephen Broderick and Tim Broderick each 100 x 600 foot grants. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Wind Turbines:

Bureau of Energy Management is meeting in Road Island on the 10th of this month at Richard Williams University at 10:30 am. This will be a joint meeting of Massachusetts Department of Energy and Road Islands Department of Energy. The Governors of these States signed a mutual agreement to explore the waters in the area between Nomansland and Block Island for numerous wind turbines. Mr. Doty will attend this meeting along with other Vineyard representatives. Mr. Doty stated that the meeting is open to the public.

Hunting Permission:

The Selectmen's office received two written requests to have permission to hunt on Chilmark town property. Jeff Day and Brian Murphy have both applied to hunt for the 2010- Deer Season. Mr. Fenner moved to grant the two applicants hunting permission. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Budget Discussion with School Committee Member:

Chilmark's newest school committee member Perry Ambulos has been attending the budget meetings since his elected position started. Mr. Ambulos reported to the Selectmen that there has been talk of a large budget short fall for the schools, approximately \$300,000. Mr. Ambulos was reassured by the Selectmen that the Chilmark School is a central part of our town. State aide will drop from anywhere from 4-10%. There is a school budget public hearing scheduled for 5:00 pm December 13th at the West Tisbury School. Chilmark Finance Advisory Committee member Richard Williams has been attending these meetings as well. Mr. Doty thanked Mr. Ambulos for his comments.

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Tea Lane Farm:

Mr. Fenner reported for the Tea Lane House Committee: they reviewed four different plans prepared by Elise Elliston. After these plans have been reviewed with committee a single plan will be created. The next scheduled TLF meeting with Ms Elliston will be 10:30 am. December 15th.

Insurance:

The Fine Arts coverage on the Library housed town owned art will stay as is. There is a \$600.00 increase for this year for no change in the Fine Arts coverage. Mr. Fenner would like to be sure that the replacement coverage that the library has for the books covers our book, media... collection. Library director Ebba Hierta estimated that the cost to replace the materials is \$504,000.00. Mr. Carroll said the coverage is for \$500,000.00 to replace materials.

Selectmen discussed Fire Engine insurance coverage: that the coverage should stay at cash value instead of changing to replacement coverage.

Middle Line Road:

Update given by Mr. Doty; "Progress on the building of the Rental duplex units is slow." Mr. Mayhew would like to know if we are making the dead wood on the site available for the public. Chief Cioffi said he would do a survey of the dead wood in the area of Middle Line Road town property and get back to the selectmen with results of the survey.

Budget Hearings:

Mr. Carroll gave the Selectmen an updated draft of the budget hearing schedule. Mr. Carroll pointed out that this said the hearings start at 6:30 but the meeting will begin so the Selectmen and Finance Advisory Board can approve minutes from the previous meetings. This schedule is still in progress.

NSTAR Utility Polls:

NSTAR has asked that the Selectmen set a standard for poll placement off of the Towns paved roads. The Selectmen decided that 24" should be the standard.

Cape Light Compact:

The Selectmen have agreed to give authorization to execute municipal competitive electric supply to Margaret Downey. Mr. Fenner moved to make Margaret Downy proxy for the town. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Menemsha Boathouse fire:

There is no public report in yet from the investigation teams about the cause of the Menemsha fire.

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Pier Connector update:

During the survey of the area of the proposed new pier connector the existing pier was found to be 5' onto the USCG property. The town is seeking an easement prior to rebuilding of the pier. The bids for the project are due by 4:30pm December 14, 2010.

Mr. Carroll said that there is a Selectmen's meeting scheduled for 6:30pm December 16, 2010 to review and decide who will be awarded the contract of the pier connector project.

Seaport Council:

Mr. Carroll is in the process of reestablishing contact with the Seaport Council to get on the agenda for their spring meeting to ask for more financial help in the re building of the west dock. Mr. Carroll was told by someone from the Seaport Council that the FY12 budget was already decided and that unless another project already on the agenda fell through we won't be included. Mr. Carroll asked that the Selectmen ask around for some political influence on this.

Rescue 21 Peaked hill:

The USCG tower used for emergency communication has a lease from the town of Chilmark. A review of the lease and paperwork connected to the property revealed that the electric usage for the tower was over \$450.00. This amount exceeds the rent collected which is \$400.00 per month. USCG offered to take responsibility for the electric bill and offer \$100.00 per month for landscaping: plantings to be replaced and established.

The new lease is for 10 years. Mr. Fenner would like to review other terms. Mr. Doty recommended postponing decision till next board meeting.

DAS / NSTAR:

Das has paperwork for the Selectmen to sign giving NSTAR easement to the DAS hub at the landfill area. Mr. Fenner moved to sign easement paperwork. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.
SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Comfort Station:

Seth Karlinsky DBA Smith Property Care presented the Selectmen with his off season improvement proposal. Option #1 total\$ is \$8,650.00 and option 2 total is \$ 6,050
After reviewing both options Mr. Fenner moved to choose option #2 for its painting and white panels priced at \$2,900.00 .Option # 2 for windows priced at \$400 and option #1 for the walkways priced at \$2,500.00.with an addition of \$ 400.00 door work and \$250.00 patch shingle. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Selectmen decided to postpone light choice for more information as well as the toilets for men's and Lady's rooms.

Personnel Board: With research and information gathered and delivered by Richard Williams of the Finance Advisory Committee the personnel board recommends the COLA to be set at 2.6%

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Personnel Board: Holiday hours are recommended by the Personnel Board to have a ½ day Thursday before Christmas or ½ Monday on the 27th. Mr. Fenner moved to approve of the holiday plan. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Personnel Board will hold a public hearing about the bylaws December 16, 2010 at 7:00 pm.

Harbor Department:

The Harbor Department requested guidance in the matter of transferring the Martin mooring and slip permits. The Martins request that the permit be in wife's name as they are ending the marriage. Selectmen see no problem in this transfer, as it was in their names jointly.

Police Department:

Police chief Cioffi presented a mutual aid emergency response pact for the Selectmen to sign. Mr. Fenner moved to sign mutual aid paperwork. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Chief Cioffi asked the Selectmen to appoint Matthew Bradley as a special police officer.

Mr. Fenner moved to appoint Matthew Bradley special police officer for the town of Chilmark.

Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3Ayes**

Tri Town Ambulance:

Mr. Mayhew reported that the meeting with Tri Town committee went well. Robert Bellenger has agreed to become assistant chief instead of the chief position. Mr. Mayhew moved to appoint Mr. Bellenger as Assistant Chief to the Tri-Town Ambulance with the 6 month probation applied to new hire in this position. Mr. Fenner seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Fenner moved to advertise for the position of Tri town Ambulance Chief. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chairman Doty called to adjourn the meeting and move to executive session: Police Department Labor Contract discussion. Roll Call Mr. Fenner: Aye, Mr. Mayhew: Aye and Mr. Doty: Aye
9:46 moved to executive session

