

Present: Chairman Bill Rossi, Jonathan Mayhew, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Edie Prescott, Jennifer Christy, Ann Wallace, Jim Feiner, Marina Lent, Patrie Grace, Andy Goldman, Rosalie Hornblower, Marie Mercer, Stan Mercer, Connie Taylor, Emma Green-Beach, Isaiah Scheffer, Julie Schmidt, Onnie Palmer, Andy Palmer, Jessica Roddy, Linda Coutinho, Clarissa Allen, Steve Lewenberg, Rick Karney, Joan Malkin, Alex Elvin and Lynn Christoffers

At 7:00 PM Chairman Rossi called meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from November 18, 2014 were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes as presented. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Housing Committee Non-Award of Preference Points:

At 7:02 PM Chairman Rossi opened hearing for Patrice Grace appeal. And Julie Schmitt will follow.

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At 7:19 PM Chairman Rossi closed Ms. Graces' hearing.

Mr. Mayhew moved to affirm the decision of the housing Committee and denied the appeal from Ms. Grace. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTYED: 3 Ayes**

MEP reps arrived, Dr. Brian Howes, Ronald Samimy along with Matt Poole

At 7:25 PM Chairman Rossi opened hearing for Julie Schmidt.

Chairman Rossi said that Ms. Schmidt's assets / savings threshold is what disqualified her application.

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At 7:38PM Chairman Rossi closed the hearing.

Mr. Mayhew moved to affirm the recommendation from the Housing Committee and not add Ms. Schmitt to the lottery. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Massachusetts Estuary Project:

Dr. Brian Howes of UMASS/ Dartmouth discussed the process needed to continue the project and discussed the draft of report on Chilmark Pond. Dr. Howes said that there are new regulations, to continue this process the DEP requires the Town of Chilmark to request the MEP to continue prior to them giving us the report. Discussion ensued. Mr. Doty moved to accept the report, to move to the next level. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Massachusetts Estuary Project Continued...

Discussion turned to scheduling a 1 & ½ hour workshop in mid-January 2015. Mr. Carroll will be confirming with Ronald Samimy on day and time.

Extensive discussion ensued about nitrate levels in Chilmark Pond and the cleansing of Chilmark Pond through openings. Dredging was discussed to bring in more water volume.

Mr. Lewenberg discussed the opening of the pond schedule. He said the association schedules openings three times a year. Unfortunately a very important spring time opening for the health of the pond after heavy rains is not possible due to piping plovers and endangered species.

MV Commission Executive Director Search:

Joan Malkin the Chilmark representative on the Martha's Vineyard Commission spoke about the process of finding an Executive Director for the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Ms. Malkin said all are invited for public forums at the Martha's Vineyard Commission office at 33 New York Ave in Oak Bluffs December 10, 2014 at 5:00 and December 11th at Noon.

Joan Malkin said that she is interested in being re-appointed the Chilmark representative on the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Mr. Doty moved to appoint Ms. Malkin to the Martha's Vineyard Commission. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Shellfish Mussel Grant Public Hearing:

Mr. Carroll said our Shellfish Constable Isaiah Scheffer noticed that the ad in the paper for posting the deadline for Mussel Grant applications was listed as December 28, instead of November 28 so this will be rescheduled to the January 6, 2014 Board of Selectmen instead of tonight. Mr. Carroll stated that the Selectmen have received in writing from Mr. Gale that he returned the grant to the Town of Chilmark.

Source of funding & effective date for Town Clerk & Maintenance Supervisor Grade Increases:

Chairman Rossi said Town Treasurer Melanie Becker researched and has provided a figure of \$ 3,563.56 to fund increases to Treasurer, Accountant, Town Clerk and Maintenance Supervisor for a reserve fund transfer. The reserve fund transfer will be brought to the FinCom for approval. The increases to Town Clerk and Maintenance Supervisor will start in January.

Linda Coutinho a member of the FinCom asked why this was not done within the budgeting plan for the next fiscal year. Chairman Rossi said that the Human Resources Board recommended the pay increase start in a timely manner as the Treasurer and Accountant pay increases did.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Mayhew moved to increase the Clerk and Maintenance Supervisor for January 1, 2015. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Mayhew moved to send the Human Resources Board a recommendation of policy from now on that future grade increases must be part of the budget process and go into effect at the beginning of the next fiscal year. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

USACE Jetty Repair Update:

Mr. Carroll reported on the telephone conference he and Mr. Mayhew had with Craig Martin from the USACE. The deadline for RFP was November 25, 2014. The lowest bidder was a company called RCD. Mr. Carroll said that there will be a meeting in mid-December with the contractor. The USACE has given a 24/ 7 work timeline. The water work will be completed by March 31, 2014 and the parking lot will be clear May 21, 2014.

Special Bonding Legislation Update:

Mr. Carroll said that the Governor's Office has received our request for special legislation and we hope to have a positive outcome soon.

At 8:56 PM Mr. Mayhew moved to adjourn. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase