

Chilmark Select Board PKA Selectmen April 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present remotely: Chair Bill Rossi, Warren Doty and James Malkin. Others: Tim Carroll, Nan Doty, Anja May, Diana DeBlase, Alexandra London Thompson, Rob Hannemann, Cathy Thompson, Peter Cook, Ann Wallace, Betsy Weinstock, Alexandra London Thompson, Valerie Rosenberg, Maia Coleman, Molly Doyle, Jay Grossman, Lucas Thors, Suellen Lazarus, Margaret Maida, Nancy Grundman, Eben Lazarus, Annie Treitman, Police Chief Klaren, Richard Osnoss, Janet Weidner (25)

At 5:00 PM Chair Bill Rossi called the meeting to order on the Zoom platform.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from 4/6/2021 were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes as written. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Sister Island St Vincent & Grenedines – Disaster Relief:

Mr. Doty explained that Martha's Vineyard through the County created a MOU in 2014 with a sister island relationship with St Vincent and the Grenadines. The volcano on St Vincent erupted April 9, 2021 and has continued to erupt. Mr. Doty said their Island Government did great job evacuating people and have over 3,500 sheltered. Mr. Doty said there is a real need for relief supplies. Mr. Doty said The Sister Island Relief Committee was formed and are raising funds with the Mass. SVG Diaspora and shared the go fund me link. Mr. Doty said there will be much future work to help rebuild their community agriculture and economy but this is the first action we are taking.

Planning Board Sub-Committee Peaked Hill Pasture:

Peter Cook of the Chilmark Planning Board gave an outline of the report.

Planning Board member Ann Wallace said we are on a fast track; judiciously for this part of the project. Chair Rossi said he was glad to see timeline, plan and finish line date. Planning Board member Cathy Thompson said we want input from seasonal and year-round Chilmark residents. Mr. Malkin said we have a housing catastrophe on Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Malkin said he has a strong desire to have the Planning Board get ducks in row for the spring Annual Town Meeting next year so we have a plan for the voters to act on.

Mr. Malkin moved to support the proposal from the Chilmark Planning Board and accept the funding through the MVC. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

MV Book Festival- TAC August 2021:

Suellen Lazarus presented the alternate program for 2021. Ms. Lazarus there would be free unlimited access streaming live. This plan will be limiting in person attendance. Ms. Lazarus said she fully understands the need to get a greenlight to move forward but wanted to present a plan. Chair Rossi recommended to hold off acting on this prior to library trustees meeting this Thursday. Mr. Doty said the Board of Health have asked us to attend meeting tomorrow about how to proceed this summer.

Mr. Malkin said if conditions permit, the concept we are looking at seem fine but we don't know what the COVID conditions are going to look like.

MV Book Festival proposal Continued...

Chair Rossi said he is leaning the same way. Chair Rossi said the risk is on you, our responsibility is to our community and we might not know until a few weeks out. There is possibility we may pull the rug out from under your plans. Ms. Lazarus said we will be checking periodically to see where we are. Ms. Lazarus asked if Select Board is considering being stricter than the State guidelines. Mr. Malkin said yes, we have with our Board of Health recommendations. Ms. Doyle said she agreed we have to be careful but encourage to go forward provisionally.

Tri Town Ambulance – Street Signs & House Numbers in town:

Mr. Carroll said the Tri Town Ambulance was delayed to a call because of poor signage. Mr. Carroll said luckily it was not a life threatening call but this continues to greatly concern the TTA Chief. Chilmark Police Chief Klaren said he was glad to sign a letter on behalf of Chilmark police. Chair Rossi recommended no Certificate of Occupancy issued in town without proof of sign for Emergency responses. Mr. Malkin requested that the Chilmark Fire Chief & Police Chief and Tri TA send the Select Board a recommendation and recommended this be tied to all permits issued by the town. Chair Rossi recommended that Tim Carroll work on drafting letter from Chiefs and send to all residents. Chief Klaren said he will put this signage reminder out to Chilmark police department social media.

School HVAC Update:

Rob Hannemann said this project has been in the works for at least 6 years and the news is not good. We got 1 bid at 3 times the cost that the project engineer plans estimated. We now have a good OPM who gave an updated cost estimate at the end of March. Mr. Hannemann proposed 3 options:

- 1.) Completely reset project
- 2.) Adopt incremental modular approach to upgrade
- 3.) Carve out piece of full project for example the insulation addition of more functional thermostats and removing no longer functioning equipment. This could be done this summer but must move on RFP ASAP.

Mr. Hannemann said we (the working group) unanimously approved option 3.

CHA is the Owners Project Manager who is working the numbers for the 3rd option.

Alexandra London Thompson (Director of the CCC Summer Program) said we have HVAC project we hope to achieve. If joining our projects might get our projects stronger for receiving bid we are eager to work together.

Mr. Malkin asked what was needed to get Option 3 moving forward. Mr. Carroll said endorsement of concept. Mr. Malkin moved to endorse option 3 concept. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

COVID 19 Funding Additional State Health Assoc Admin & Finance Spreadsheet:

Mr. Carroll said the town received an additional \$600.00 from Mass. Heath Boards to add to the \$10,000.00. Mr. Carroll reported that the \$80,000.00 CARES ACT funds reimbursement process has additional steps. Mr. Carroll said he did not see more being allocated to Chilmark at this time.

Mr. Hannemann said as chair of Finance Advisory he has completed the Finance letter for ATM from summary of the FY22 Budget Hearings. Mr. Hannemann said he would send this to the Selectmen. Chair Rossi directed Mr. Carroll to post this on town website.

Energy production report for Community Center Solar panels:

Mr. Carroll pointed out that the panels produced over a megawatt in March 2021.

At 6:22 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 05/18/2021

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Select Board meeting held 4/6/2021
- Press release from Sister Island Relief Committee to aid St Vincent Volcano victims
- Planning Board- (4) updates about Peaked Hill Pastures property plans for affordable housing and community engagement
- Peaked Hill Pastures site plan
- MV Book Festival 2021 summer series proposal
- Tri Town Ambulance request for street & property identification signs
- Federal Funds –COVID related local municipals funds summary
- Final 2021 Annual Town Meeting Warrant prior to signatures
- Final 2021 Special Town Election Warrant for Town Moderator prior signatures
- March 2021 Energy production report for Community Center Solar panels