

Chilmark Board of Selectmen September 17, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Warren Doty, Bill Rossi and James Malkin. Others: Tim Carroll, Rob Hannemann, Joan Malkin, Jane Slater, Clark Goff, Robert Lionette, Molly Doyle, M/M Doug West Allison Berger, Alan Strahler, Gary Mottau, Jerald Katch, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw. News reporters William Senet and Rich Saltzman, MVTV videographer Lynn Christoffers

At 5:00 PM Chairman Doty called meeting to order in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Selectmen's September 3, 2019 meeting will be approved at the next regular scheduled meeting.

Chairman Doty said that the Selectmen's agenda posting that is usually automatically sent to web agenda subscribers is different as we have a new site and new management. This is a transitional time and we are working to make this site user friendly. If anyone needs assistance in navigating the website for information please contact the town hall.

Island Climate Action Network - Presentation:

Joan Malkin and Rob Hannemann gave the presentation. Chairman Doty said this presentation is being presented to all Boards of Selectmen on Martha's Vineyard. The presentation is about adaptation to what is happening and how it impacts our towns and island. Mr. Hannemann started by saying that we have been misled by climate scientists, it's worse than we have been led to think. Mr. Hannemann said there are main thrusts to reacting to climate change:

- Mitigation: Putting less greenhouse gasses into the atmosphere, and cleaning up greenhouse gasses that are there.
- Adaptation: To reduce the impacts of a changing climate.

Mr. Hannemann said this presentation is primarily about Adaptation. The island organizations leading the way are:

- Vineyard Power
- Town Energy Committee
- The MVC Climate Change Task Force
- Climate Action Network

Ms. Malkin said there are 2 items she would like to bring your attention to:

- Risk of wild fires
- Saltmarsh loss / biodiversity loss

Ms. Malkin spoke during the projected presentation about sea-level rise and storm damage impacts.

Ms. Malkin listed some regional adaptation priorities:

- Steam Ship Authority resilience
- Harbor fortification
- Hospital access & operation
- Transportation infrastructure
- Energy grid & supply resilience
- Wildfire preparedness
- Disaster Management for high season
- Food & water supply chain

Island Climate Action Network - Presentation Continued...

Ms. Malkin listed Chilmark Priorities:

- Menemsha: retreat or fortification
- Hariph's Creek bridge
- Forest Management
- Electricity Infrastructure:
 - Microgrids for key assets
 - Underground distribution
- Roadway flooding
- Emergency Management preparation for more severe, lengthier storms.

Ms. Malkin's summary gave a request to the Selectmen and community to take action on the following:

- Support the MV Commission in establishing a regional climate adaptation program.
- Work with other island towns to address regional issues
- Establish a mechanism / process to pursue MVP (Municipal Vulnerability Plan) initiatives in town.
- Work with town boards /commissions/departments to ensure adaptation/ mitigation concerns are reflected in deliberations.

Chairman Doty said Tim Carroll and Jen Rand (West Tisbury Town Administrator) put together a Municipal Vulnerabilities Program that combined joint town (Chilmark & W. Tisbury) workshops. Chairman Doty said he was very disappointed that our grant application after the workshops was turned down. Chairman Doty said nothing else is more important to the Board of Selectmen than sea-level rise in Menemsha. Ms. Malkin said regional MVP grant applications will be more favorably entertained. Jane Slater recommended the Selectmen appoint a committee to recruit talent that could work on this and report back to the Selectmen with recommendations when they need action taken. Molly Bena voiced support to work together with all towns on Martha's Vineyard and approve MVC applying for grants for the island. Mr. Mottau also supported regional planning and with example of the hospital.

Mr. Malkin offered to be on a committee that will work on a list of climate change concerns and actions to take and prioritize them. Mr. Malkin said this committee would also communicate with other towns and report information back to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Rossi supported the recommendation from Mr. Malkin and thanked him for his commitment to working with a committee. Chairman Doty said the problem with something like this is there are 25 issues / items to deal with. Chairman Doty recommended prioritizing harbors for the grant application. Mr. Hannemann said the MVP is a small grant. The Commonwealth in their most recent session has agreed to something like 1.5 billion dollars for climate change adaptation. Chairman Doty asked that recommendations on how to move forward be submitted for the Selectmen's next meeting on October 1, 2019. Ms. Malkin thanked the Selectmen and said that this is a great outcome of this presentation.

Suicide Prevention:

Selectmen's office has received a request from the Cape & Islands Prevention Coalition seeking to declare September suicide prevention month. *Chairman Doty read aloud the following paragraph from the coalition:* Each year, we lose more than thirty Cape & Islands residents to suicide. For each of these suicide deaths, it is estimated more than 30 people are affected, six of them profoundly. Suicide is a public health issue in our communities; and it is preventable.

Mr. Rossi moved to endorse proclamation declaring September suicide prevention month.

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

Chilmark School HVAC:

Chairman Doty said HVAC stands for heating ventilation air conditioning. Rob Hannemann spoke about this item. Mr. Hannemann said we are working jointly with Up Island Regional School District Committee (UIRSD) in a working group to work on the HVAC system in Chilmark School. The recommended scope of work has been approved by the UIRSD. Mr. Hannemann said we also want to know what this project will cost. Mr. Hannemann said RISE engineering who work in conjunction with Cape Light Compact is working on the scope of this project. Mr. Hannemann said Tim Carroll (Chilmark Town Administrator) and School Business Administrator Amy Tierney will work on moving this forward to a warrant article on the Special Town Meeting warrant and hiring an OPM and an engineering firm. The proposed job is as follows:

1. Insulate all attic spaces at the roofline, to at least code level.
2. Complete the upgrade of existing oil-fired boiler system (variable speed circulating pumps, appropriate controls compatible with addition of heat-pumps, potential extension of some baseboard units).
3. Removal of defunct boiler and obsolete air handlers.
4. Design and equipment selection for heat pump system.
5. Installation of heat pumps external units, air handlers, and refrigerant coils.
6. Move ERVs to attic space as originally envisioned (addresses noise problem).
7. Upgrade control system.
8. Ensure integrity of fire suppression system.
9. Procure and install backup generator.

Discussion turned to how the project will be funded. Mr. Hannemann said the capital building project funding formula is 80/10/10 (Chilmark, West Tisbury & Aquinnah) the larger sum is the responsibility of the town that the capital building is in. Bob Lionette said we have \$284,000.00 of funding already earmarked for this project. Mr. Lionette said the unknown at this time is the cost of the OPM and engineer and we will expect a warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting but we can move forward with the insulation and probably the backup generator. Mr. Hannemann said we will be applying for Green Communities grant funding for this project as well. Mr. Malkin asked how much of the list 1-9 do we think can be accomplished for \$284,000. Mr. Hannemann said 1234&9.

Mr. Carroll said there has been an OPM bid received that the Superintendent's Office has accepted and they want to move forward with the plan. Mr. Carroll said we do not have to go out to bid for the engineer so if we can find one, we can move forward. Mr. Malkin requested Mr. Carroll, Ms. Tierney and Mr. Hannemann get together and after that give the BOS an update at the October 1, 2019 meeting.

Mr. Rossi moved to endorse the 9 listed items to improve the Chilmark School HVAC system that have already been approved by the UPRSD. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3Ayes**

HVAC - Update for Chilmark Community Center:

Mr. Carroll said we have a conference call with the engineers scheduled for 9/25/2019. Mr. Carroll explained the items that needed finalizing with the engineers and once that is complete the town will put the project back out to bid. Chairman Doty asked if we have enough funds appropriated for this project. Mr. Carroll said the project is estimated at \$90,000.00: Cape Light Compact supplying estimated \$12,000.00 TAC (Summer Program) was asked to pay \$30,000.00 Mr. Carroll said the figure the TAC has said to be committing so far was \$24,000.00 (have not submitted payment or been billed yet) Chilmark has already appropriated \$60,000.00.

HVAC - Update for Chilmark Community Center Continued...

Mr. Carroll said he is holding a placeholder for the STM discussion for the Selectmen's October 1st meeting in case we find the project is underfunded.

Mr. Malkin said the High School issue continues to be a problem. Chilmark Selectmen support the MVRHS and we want the High School to be safe and in good repair. The issues of revenue division formulas have gotten in the way from keeping the school in good repair. Mr. Malkin spoke to two items.

- Oak Bluffs concern that the High School, The YMCA, MV Community Services cause them specific costs that they have to cover because those regional organizations are all located in Oak Bluffs. The mentioned organizations are non-tax paying.

Mr. Malkin said he personally would be willing to talk about specific costs related to the mentioned island-wide used facilities.

- The whole island uses the PAC (Performance Art Center) located at the High School.

Mr. Malkin recommended raising more revenue through the use of the PAC to be returned to the MVRHS to cover cost incurred at the MVRHS.

Mr. Malkin said the Superintendent's Office needs to figure out and priorities what has to be done with the facilities over a period of time. Put that into the budget and take to the towns to keep the school in repair.

Mr. Malkin moved to support the existing funding formula and support what is going on in Edgartown with requesting the Superintendent's Office to figure out and priorities what has to be done with the High School facilities and submit to the towns a 5 year plan, and to be held accountable to get them accomplished. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. Mr. Doty said he had 8 other items on the agenda tonight and that was not one of them. Chairman Doty said he was surprised that he is being asked to vote on a motion that we did not have on our agenda. Chairman Doty said we have correspondence in our agenda from Edgartown about being invited to a meeting October 7, 2019. Chairman asked for the motion to be repeated. Mr. Malkin repeated that Chilmark Board of Selectmen support the existing cost allocation funding formula for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School. Chairman Doty said ok that is the motion. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Meeting House Road Association - \$11,035.28 invoice with Letter:

Mr. Rossi said part of our agreement with the Meeting House Road Association was that we would have the sale of the property by a certain proposed date and pay their back dues at that time.

Mr. Rossi said this process has taken longer than we had projected. Mr. Rossi proposed putting this on the warrant of our Special Town Meeting. Mr. Carroll said he had asked for an invoice for this year's dues and assumes that they have been added onto this invoice. Mr. Carroll explained the agreement was for \$10,000.00 and the additional \$1,035.28 must be the current dues. Mr. Rossi said he would like to see a copy of the dues invoice separately from the agreed \$10,000.00 for the back dues. Mr. Rossi questioned the amount if it is \$1,035.28 for a lot that has no house on it.

Mr. Malkin moved to place the Meeting House Road Association bill amount on the warrant for the October 28, 2019 Special Town Meeting. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**
Mr. Rossi said we will work on the exact amount.

399 Middle Road - Closing Scheduled for 09/23/2019:

Chairman Doty said we are prepared to pay \$900,000.00 and will need an additional small amount for additional fees. Mr. Carroll said there was a proposal made to purchase title insurance at approximately \$3,500.00 and also the closing costs. Mr. Malkin moved to approve purchase of title insurance and the cost of that and closing costs to come from Selectmen's Other Purchase Services budget line. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

VTA - Winter Schedule - loss of services:

Alison Berger submitted a letter to the Selectmen concerning this agenda item. *Ms. Berger read letter aloud:* several of our coworkers at Chilmark Chocolates rely on the VTA to get to work. The Chocolate shop is closing December 18, 2019 which is a huge change for many of us. We had not anticipated the challenges of reduced bus service in the off season. We have communicated with the VTA about our needs. We are working together hoping to work something out. We appreciate any support you can offer. As some of our coworkers commute from the Cape we are aware that the RTA on the Cape does not provide bus service on Sundays during the off season. We appreciate that our long-term town representative Lenny Jason has worked closely with the board and VTA administration to create strategies to maximize service with the limited funds that the Commonwealth allots. Riding the bus has given many of our coworkers increased freedom and independence.

Ms. Berger said as a side note earlier this evening we learned about climate change concerns hopefully we can encourage more bus ridership rather than decreasing service. Ms. Berger was asked to explain the decreases. Ms. Berger said it's not finalized but the proposal from the VTA was to not have service on the weekend up island. Mr. Carroll said there will not be service on North Road in the shoulder season and the winter and no service on Sundays.

Mr. Malkin explained that the driver's negotiations and pay increases that were passed caused a 1 million dollar budget deficit so they are diminishing the services to make sure they stay within the budget.

Mr. Malkin moved to send a note to the VTA in support of the recommendations sent to them already by Allison Berger and coworkers at Chilmark Chocolates. Chairman Doty recommended incorporating the recommendations in the letter from the Chilmark Board of Selectmen. Ms. Berger will meet with Mr. Malkin to include recommendations in letter to the VTA. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Fire Department:

Chairman Doty recognized Fire Chief Bradshaw and asked him if he had any reports for the Selectmen. Chief Bradshaw said the training has been going well though there was an issue that came up from the training last Monday accessing a house down at Stonewall. Chief Bradshaw said the roads need widening that there was over \$700.00 worth of damage that happened driving the fire vehicle on Stonewall road. Chief Bradshaw said he drove down Quansoo to remove the key off of the gate and saw that that passage is also all over grown. Chief Bradshaw said he has a paper he will give to the road associations about the cutback requirements to be able to bring emergency vehicles to homes when needed. Chief Bradshaw said the water-drill for next drill will be the Tiasquam water source to see how much they can get. Chief Bradshaw reported that he is on the Building Committee for the new fire station and has attended those meetings. Chief Bradshaw said he has also visited the Chilmark School to assess their system and determine what upgrades are necessary. Chief Bradshaw said we are continuing with road signage requirements. Chief Bradshaw said whenever he does a gas tank inspection he is putting a green reflector near it so if needed it can be found at night and shut off. There was further discussion about requiring the branches and brush to be cut back for emergency vehicle clearance.

Election Officers:

Chairman Doty said our Town Clerk has submitted a list of recommended Election Officers for appointment. Election Officers: Michele Ida Leonardi, Jane A. Greene, Deborah K Silliman Wass and Ann Wallace. Deputy Election Officers: Joan W Jenkinson, Holly T Norton, Molly Alice Glasgow and Kerry M Binder.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve the Election Officers recommended by the Town Clerk. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Conservation Officer - Dredging permit estimates & map:

Chairman Doty said our Conservation Officer has submitted an estimate and proposal for updating all of our dredging permits. Chairman Doty said Vineyard Land Surveying would do all of the work for less than \$60,000.00. At completion it will give us an operation license to dredge for the next 10 years. Chairman Doty said this will be an article on the Special Town Meeting (STM) warrant.

Mr. Malkin said he will be submitting suggested harbor related warrant articles at the October 1, 2019 meeting to be considered for the STM warrant. Mr. Carroll asked to get the recommended warrant articles by September 25, 2019.

Board of Health recommendation for Public Water Source operator:

Chairman Doty explained that the Chilmark Community Center is considered our public water source and having that designation there are inspection requirements. The Board of Health has sent the Selectmen a proposal to hire Bennett Environmental for a cost of \$4,000.00 a year. Mr. Carroll said this is a proposed STM warrant article.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve the Board of Health hiring Bennett Environmental as the Chilmark Water Source operator. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Edgartown Selectmen - MV Regional High School discussion invitation to meet October 7th:

Chairman Doty said we spoke of this briefly earlier tonight. They have sent us an invitation to attend discussion at 4:00 PM October 7, 2019 to discuss repairs to the high school. Mr. Carroll said he would post this meeting if more than one of the Chilmark Board of Selectmen will attend.

Special Town Meeting - October 28, 2019 - free cash certification timing:

Chairman Doty said we will be setting the warrant for the STM 2 weeks from tonight (October 1, 2019). Mr. Carroll said our Town Accountant said that the time table should work to determine the free cash by October 28, 2019.

Attorney General - second extension agreement:

Mr. Carroll said they have asked for more time to review our bylaws pertaining to the banning of plastic bottles and swimming pool requirements. Mr. Malkin said that Town Counsel said that is fine.

At 6:45 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

Mr. Carroll said there was a hunting town property permit request. Chairman Doty said we are being asked to endorse a permit for Gary Demers to hunt at Fulling Mill property. Mr. Malkin said he has had permission from us for six years now and we have not had any problems from him.

Mr. Malkin moved to authorize Gary Demers to hunt the Fulling Mill property. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

At 6:46 PM Chairman Doty asked if there were any further items to discuss. There being none the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **APPROVED 10/01/2019**

Document list:

- Notice from Joan Malkin and Rob Hannemann representatives from The Island Climate Action Network to discuss and have presentation of Chilmark Town Planning for Climate Change
- Responding to The Climate Change presentation
- Suicide Prevention - Cape & Islands Coalition request to Selectmen to declare September suicide prevention month
- Chilmark School HVAC project outline
- Request from Meeting House Road Association for town to pay dues on 4 North Ridge Road property.
- VTA off season schedule notice of reduction to services.
- Town Clerk recommended list of Election Officers to be appointed by Selectmen
- VLS work proposal for securing Chilmark dredging permit good for 10 years
- Map of areas included in VLS dredging proposal application
- Invitation from Edgartown Selectmen to join discussion October 7, 2019 about MVRHS
- Draft Special Town Meeting calendar from the Town Clerk
- Attorney General second extension agreement to review ban of plastic bottles and pool requirements
- ZBA distribution of decisions from August 28, 2019 meeting and September agenda
- Zoning Board of Appeals abutter notice of application from Keene to build addition of 336 square feet to existing single family residence.
- Notice from MDAR of annual Animal Inspector Meetings RE: National disease concerns related to animals
- Oak Bluffs letter to Steam Ship Authority about potential reduction in service
- Notice from Chilmark's town Web company CivicCMS of rate increases of 5%
- Poster of Big Little Farm outdoors screening free to public at the Community Center