

Chilmark Select Board January 3, 2023 5:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Present remotely: Chairperson Bill Rossi and Warren Doty. Jim Malkin was not present. Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, D. Barnes, Tim Rich, Marie Larsen, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Rob Hannemann, Jeffrey Maida, Garrison Vieira, Ben Robinson, Margaret Maida, Susan Stevens, Elizabeth Hirsch, Paddy Moore, Kathryn, Kara Shemeth, Alicia Knight, Debbi Zetterberg, Robert, JYF iPhone, VG Reporter Thomas Humphrey, MV Times reporter Rich Saltzberg, MVTV videographer.

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

Minutes:

Minutes from Nov 1, 2022 were corrected. Draft minutes from December 16, 2022 were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes from 11/1/2022 as corrected and 12/16/22 as written. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present**

Warren Doty announcement:

Mr. Doty said he has served Chilmark for 35 years. Mr. Doty said first on the school committee then planning board and then 24 years on Select Board. Mr. Doty said he will not run again. Mr. Doty Spoke about the efforts through the years improving infrastructure of: School, Library, Town Hall, converted old school house to Police Station, capped the landfill, Menemsha harbor rebuild after USCG fire, MLR and Nabs Housing, Squibnocket beach area managed retreat and now Fire House and Tri Town Ambulance Headquarters. Mr. Doty said each have needed a lot of attention from the Select Board. Mr. Doty said he recalls in 2009 he was away in North Carolina for music festival when he got emergency message from Chilmark stating the Secret Service was going to close South Rd for a presidential visit. Mr. Doty encouraged Chilmark residents interested in serving as a Select Board member to take out nomination papers and get out there for signatures. Chairperson Rossi thanked Mr. Doty for his eight terms serving as a member of the Select Board.

Board of Health – Admin/Inspector - 40 Hours a week FY23:

Mr. Carroll said this would be an increase of additional 5 hours a week for the position. Chairperson Rossi said this proposal seems good. Mr. Doty asked if this is doable within this FY23 budget. Mr. Carroll mentioned possibility of needing to utilize the compensation stabilization.

Mr. Doty moved to approve this increase to hours as long as it is within the appropriation of the Board of Health budget for FY23. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present**

School space needs memo:

Principal Stevens said the school committee approved a 5th classroom at the Chilmark School. Ms. Stevens sent memo to Select Board recommending that Chilmark Community Center (CCC) be the space for the preschool. Chairperson Rossi said we need to discuss this with CCC Advisory Committee. Chairperson Rossi said that a time limit and dates need to be specified. Principal Stevens said we are setting up a task force to address the space use and needs and we need a representative from Select Board. Other members on the taskforce are Chilmark School Principal, School Superintendent. Mr. Doty volunteered to be the Select Board member for the taskforce. Chairperson Rossi said we will take no action tonight but this will be top of our list of items to follow through with.

Planning Board – zoning bylaw proposal: Section 5 Chapter 40:

Mr. Doty said the Planning Board has had public hearings and we received and will agree place on ATM warrant but waiting for wording from legal counsel.

American Tower Corp

a. Notice of new sub lessee T-Mobile:

Mr. Carroll said this is in addition to AT&T & Verizon that are already part of the Distributed Antennae Service.

b. Continuation of Hub Lease - at landfill

Mr. Carroll spoke to this item.

c. executed first amendment - ROW & Municipal Fiber agreement:

Mr. Doty said having the fiber extended down West Dock and to have cell service throughout Menemsha & Chilmark is important.

Fire Department –Chief's updates:

Chief Bradshaw added in addition to the written report we are having mammal stranding training with the Tribe. Chief Bradshaw said that the Drone arrived. Chairperson Rossi said we appreciate the monthly reports, thank you.

Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) - Island Climate change risk assessment:

Ben Robinson of the MVC was present to answer questions. Mr. Robinson said this will allow a way for towns to get information on potential risks. Mr. Robinson said this is a program through Woodwell Climate Research Center in Woods Hole and that they have been doing this for 30 years. Mr. Doty said the top 3 priorities as far as he is concerned are sea-level rise, sea-level rise, sea-level rise. Might be worth sending to Chilmark Climate committee. Mr. Hannemann said fire is also a big issue. Mr. Robinson asked for Chilmark to assign a liaison for this assessment. Chairperson Rossi said we will get back to you on an appointed liaison.

Harbormaster- Phase 2 planning recommendation

This agenda item was tabled to the next meeting.

Squibnocket - Tara Marden open question about private citizen and permitting:

Mr. Carroll said Tara Marden is checking back about the proposed Squibnocket beach nourishment proposal. Chairperson Rossi said this would be a town project and funded by private citizen. Mr. Carroll said if it's a town project we would have to go out to bid process. Chairperson Rossi said this is still in land court with Vineyard Open Land Foundation. No new updates yet. Chairperson Rossi said proposal looks good. Ms. Shemeth said Ms. Marden is looking for updates on the legality part. Chairperson Rossi said will have a written answer to her in a week or so.

Police Chief - hiring process:

Mr. Carroll said we received 7 complete applications and 2 incomplete applications. Mr. Carroll said the Preliminary Screening Committee can receive printed copies of applications tomorrow. Tim Rich supported paper copy of applications to review for the screening committee. The committee will read through applications then set up interviews. Mr. Carroll said we will have an alternate member of the Human Resources Board be the observer as Jennie Greene is unable to at this time.

Mr. Doty asked what the last day of service for Chief Klaren would be. Chief Klaren said his contract is to March 20, 2023 we should have a new Chief by Feb 7, 2023 so sometime between those dates. Discussion turned to the interview schedule for the Police Chief hiring process.

Chairperson –Updates:

Chairperson Rossi said the Fire Station & Ambulance Headquarters building projects are moving forward with a lot of progress every week.

Chairperson Rossi said he plans on having added Select Board meetings in addition to the 1st and third Tuesdays. Chairperson Rossi will have ZBA and Select Board join an executive session meeting with legal counsel January 10th. And additional meetings for Select Board for Police Chief Finalist interviews on January 24th and 31st and February 1 for offer.

Town Administrator – Updates:

Mr. Carroll said tomorrow (January 4th) is deadline for budgets and warrant articles.

Mr. Carroll said there is a number of changes in various departments. Mr. Carroll listed some changes that will have budgetary implications.

Draft schedule for the Budget hearings was discussed. Dates proposed are starting on January 18, 2023 and these will be in person at the Community Center starting at 4:30 PM.

With no further items for discussion Chairperson Rossi asked for motion to adjourn. Mr. Doty moved Chair Rossi seconded motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 02/08/2023

Document list:

- Select Board minutes from November 1, 2022
- Draft minutes from Select Board December 16, 2022 meeting
- Memo from Board of Health requesting increase to Admin hours
- Email communication from K. Carroll about budget for additional hours for BOH Admin
- Letter from Chilmark School Principal about space needs
- Planning Board proposed bylaw Amendments to be included in the ATM
- Zoning Bylaws redline corrections for ATM from Planning Board edits from counsel
- Additional Zoning Bylaws redline corrections for ATM from Planning Board edits from counsel
- Notice from American Tower of T Mobile signing on to the DAS system in Chilmark
- Fire Chief January report to Select Board
- MVC Climate Action Task Force / assessment program 12/21/2022