

Chilmark Board of Selectmen
Meeting Minutes July 19, 2019 @ 9:00 AM Chilmark Town Hall

Present for the Board of Selectmen and attending the meeting were: Warren Doty, Chairman, Jim Malkin and Tim Carroll. Also attending were: Chuck Hodgkinson, Jonathan Klaren, David Norton, Gary Robinson, June Manning, Rich Saltzberg (MV Times), Will Sennott (Vineyard Gazette) and Lynn Christoffers (MVTv). Bill Rossi did not attend.

Mr. Doty opened the meeting at 9:00 AM.

Fire Chief selection: Mr. Doty summarized the candidate search and selection process that was used to hire a new Chief of the Chilmark Fire Department. He also outlined the reasons for selecting the current Assistant Fire Chief, Jeremy Bradshaw to become the new Chief of the department. Mr. Malkin concurred. After brief discussion Mr. Malkin made a motion send a letter offering the position to Mr. Bradshaw along with a draft contract for review and negotiation in Executive Session on Tuesday, July 23, 2019 @ 5:00 PM. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doty. In discussion Mr. Doty explained the Town has several contracted senior staff positions that include not only compensation but also department and professional development goals. The motion came to a vote and passed unanimously with two in favor.

New firehouse construction project: Mr. Doty outlined how the design and construction of the new firehouse will be organized. In addition to a design committee the Town will hire an Owner's Project Manager (OPM) to serve as a clerk of the works in all phases. The new Fire Chief will also be included on the design committee and be kept abreast of all construction progress and issues. The Town will also assign Chuck Hodgkinson to serve as the Town staff liaison for overall project, permitting and budgets and to work with the Fire Chief throughout the process.

Jesse Burton appeal of the Board of Selectmen July 18, 2019 decision: Mr. Doty explained the Board of Selectmen denied Mr. Burton's request to operate a water tour business out of Menemsha Basin and Mr. Burton submitted an appeal of that decision. Mr. Malkin read a letter from Town Counsel for the record outlining the specific reasons why the appeal should be denied. A subsequent motion was made to accept Town Counsel's recommendation and deny the appeal. The motion was seconded by Mr. Doty and with no further discussion passed unanimously with two in favor.

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:20 AM.

Respectfully submitted by Chuck Hodgkinson, CAS. **Approved 08/06/2019**