

Chilmark Select Board December 5, 2023 5:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board: Chairperson Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Marie Larsen. **Others:** Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Liz Durkee, Joan Malkin, Martina Thornton, Police Chief Slavin, Chelsey Wiseman, Mallory Watts, Kate Woods, Jeffrey Maida, Julie Flanders, Mary Breslauer, Matt Poole, George Davis. Lauren Lynch, Clarissa Allen, Owner of Beetlebung Farm Amy Weinberg, Tea lane Farm Krishana Collins. News reporters: Thomas Humphreys. MVTV videographer Lynn Christoffers.

At 5:00 PM Chairperson Rossi called the meeting to order in the Select Board meeting room at 401 Middle Road, Chilmark Town Hall.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Select Board meeting held 11/28/2023 were reviewed. Mr. Malkin made a name spelling correction. Mr. Malkin moved to approve as corrected. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

County Commission recommendation- Treasurer appointed not elected:

Dukes County Manager; Martina Thornton presented this request. Manager Thornton gave support for this request also included to remove requirement of resident of Dukes County. Chairperson Rossi noted to make sure current treasurer makes a roadmap for future treasure. Mr. Malkin moved to approve County Commissioners and Manager's recommendation. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

MV Commission - Climate Change update:

Liz Durkee of the MVC presented this report.

Here is link to report that was discussed: www.vineyardway.org

- Municipal vulnerability workshops part II expiring this year
- MVP .20 program; hire another consultant with environmental justice
- NOA grant NOI, 800 letters submitted, 120 were chosen. Meghan Combos (of MVC) letter was one of them.
- Long-term decision making strategy that is transferable from project to project. With Paid town liaison 1.) VH Harbor, 2.) State Beach Rd 3.) Menemsha Harbor and village Due Feb 13, 2024

Mr. Malkin said Chilmark is working on raising docks and dredging. Tim Carroll mentioned the erosion at Galley and the Jetty area in Menemsha.

Mr. Malkin said we are happy to receive funding as long as they don't tell us how to spend it. Select Board agreed the next step would be for Town Administrator to meet with Ms. Durkee in January 2024.

Request of Joan Malkin to be reappointed as Select Board representative on the MVC for 2024:

Jim Malkin recused himself for discussion and vote. Ms. Larsen said we need to advertise for all positions as they become available. Ms. Malkin said happy to have advertised but would like to serve in this position. There was discussion about needing to be appointed to cover important votes in the near future.

Ms. Larsen moved to appoint for 1 year, and board policy to advertise in November for annual appointments. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 recused James Malkin**

Planning Board – Chapter 40Asec 5 amendment to Zoning Bylaw 4.1.G: Expanding Agricultural Use “shall include but not be limited to related tours, tastings, farm meals, pick your own options, seasonal festivals, classes, workshops and field trips”:

No Planning Board member was present for discussion. Amy Weinberg spoke about the process so far. Clarissa Allen spoke about the start of the process with public hearings. Jim Malkin supported the need to have this vetted by the town. Ms. Allen said this wording is not a Planning Board recommendation this is to start the process. Ms. Weinberg said she has same understanding. Mr. Malkin said he has concerns with the impact of proposed language. Matt Poole shared his thoughts about the process and the legal start of process. Amy Weinberg owner of Beetlebung Farm said we started in July, we drafted our own language, and then Select Board did not support us drafting the language. Farmers in Chilmark met and tried to come up with bylaw amendment that would apply to Chilmark farms.

It became clear that Commercial Farms wrote the language, this was not created by Planning Board. Mary Breslauer spoke about being disappointed that the amendment process not moving forward at this time. Ms. Weinberg said they are working with assumption that Dec 31, 2023 is deadline for Warrant Article for ATM.

Chairperson Rossi recommended continuing this agenda item to the Dec 14, 2023 Select Board meeting. Joan Malkin said it would be good to know the process moving forward. Chairperson Rossi requested legal counsel review this and have recommendation for the December 14, 2023 meeting.

Chilmark School- Principal Search:

Select Board Office received request from Chilmark PTO for Select Board member to participate in process for search for School Principal. Chairperson Rossi moved to appoint Marie Larsen after confirming her interest. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**
Survey for the community – PTO also sent a request to have town support a local survey.

Pot-Luck-Jam (Winter Music Potlucks)- Alex K update, request to change date and to add December 30, 2023 at the Community Center:

Chelsey Wiseman presented on behalf of Mr. Karalekas to the Select Board. Select Board said ok. Ms. Larsen said Alex can come back and submit application with date changes with the town office.

Comcast – Request to authorize Town Administrator to send letter of support for grant application to extend the cable network to areas not serviced in WT/VH & Edgartown. Request of Cable Advisory Committee:

Mr. Malkin moved to approve this request. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Treasurer-request for appointment as OPEB Trustee and confirmation of Alternate Trustee:

Mr. Malkin moved to have Treasurer D. Barnes with Alternate Tim Carroll. Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Board Administrator Carolyn Stoeber – successful completion of the 8 units of the MACC Fundamentals for Massachusetts Conservation Commissioners training and receipt of a certificate of Achievement:

Chairperson Rossi acknowledged Ms. Stoeber's accomplishments and said we have a very accomplished, valuable new employee.

Preschool RFP – expecting site plan and building programmatic design by December 7th, draft RFP and lease for December 14th approval by Select Board, December 15th&22nd legal ads, deadline January 2nd, Special Town Meeting January 22 for approval of 20 year lease to successful proposer: no action

Mr. Carroll said if we get the plan Friday he will write the RFP so you will have for 12/14/23 meeting.

Correspondence from: Comcast, Vineyard Land Surveying, Harbor Meeting, Tisbury Short term rental committee: No action was taken

ZBA Summaries: No action was taken

BOH Correspondence on Opioid Settlement funds and support of an OB BOH action on synthetic turf: Mr. Carroll said this is informative no action from Select Board is needed at this time.

Items not anticipate by the Chair at time of posting:

- Mr. Malkin said our policy about flags; codify we have American flag, government flags, state and town. Mr. Malkin requested that be put on the record.
- Chairperson Rossi said the Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust authorized \$2,000 to MVC for housing needs assessment. Chairperson Rossi said we will go to Community Preservation Committee for funds so will reimburse the MFAHT. Mr. Carroll requested seek legal counsel for guidance on that process. Mr. Malkin moved subject to legal counsel approval, approve funding requested. Ms. Larsen seconded, **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

- Mr. Malkin asked to follow up with van ban and bullet point of process from Michael Goldsmith.
- Chairperson Rossi asked Tim Carroll to follow-up with legal counsel about proposed Farms bylaw amendments.

At 6:00 PM with no further items for discussion. Chairperson Rossi asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn, Ms. Larsen seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

APPROVED 01/02/2024

Document list:

- PowerPoint of MV Commission Climate Action Plan 12.15.23
- Joan Malkin request to be reappointed to MV Commission
- 11.29.23.Planning Board memo sending the proposed Farming Bylaw Amendment to Select Board for them to send back for review and public hearing
- Jessica Mason Chilmark School Advisory Council requests for School Principal Search 1.) Select Board Member 2.) Survey for community
- Additional date for Winter Music Potluck – Marie Larsen / Alex Karalekas
- Comcast request for GAP Funding Application Support Letter
- Updating Dukes County Pooled OPEB Trust members & alternatives - list from 2022
- MACC announcement C. Stoeber completed training program and received certificate
- Message sent to Steamship Authority Director and Board from Dukes County Commissioners concerning recent safety issue events.
- Dukes County Commission & Manager request to change County Treasurer position from elected to appointed and remove Duke County residency requirement
- Wording for special legislation making the changes to County Treasurer position
- Dukes County summary for proposed legislation about County Treasurer position
- Testimony legislation s1288 support for County Treasurer position changes 04/14/23
- MA. General law part I Title III Chapter 30B Section 16
- Comcast / Xfinity – price changes notification 11/17/2023
- VLS Abutters notice 21 Squibnocket Road parcel ID: 035-024-00 & 035-046-00
- VLS Abutters notice 6 Storks Nest Ln parcel ID: 035-027-00
- Meeting Minutes from 11/13/2023 Menemsha Commercial Dock Replacement of Repair Committee
- ZBA November summary of decisions
- ZBA December applications summary
- Board of Health Opioid Abatement Funds recommendation to fund SUD (Substance use disorder) program
- Board of Health memo supporting Oak Bluffs Health Department ban on synthetic turf
- Executive Office of Housing and Livable Communities (EOHLC) and housing for municipal employees message from MVC Island Housing Planner L. Silber

- DPU request comments for hearing for approval of a mid-term modification to its 2022-2024 Three-Year Energy Efficiency Plan.
- MASSDOT public information meeting MV Beach Road Study 12/6/23
- MLR Rental budget report and draft budget for FY25
- Capital Improvement Planning Committee meeting agenda posting 12/6/23