

Chilmark Select Board February 20, 2024 5:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board Chairperson Bill Rossi and Marie Larsen. James Malkin was not present. Others: Town Administrator Tim Carroll, Harbormaster Ryan Rossi, Rob Hannemann, Diana DeBlase, Deb Hancock, Jeffrey Maida, John Larsen, Annette Cingle, Scott McDowell, Police Sargent Garrison Vieira, Linda Coutinho, Jess Seeman, Alicia Knight, Jonathan Boyd, Mary Boyd, Deb Zetterberg, Judy LoRusso, Casey Elliston, MVTV videographer Lynn Christoffers & 3 newspaper reporters.

At 5:00 PM Chairperson Rossi called the meeting to order in the Select Board meeting room.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Select Board meeting held 1/16/24 were reviewed. Ms. Larsen moved to approve. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1, not present

Draft minutes from Select Board meeting held 2/6/24 were reviewed. Ms. Larsen moved to approve. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1, not present

Chairperson Rossi had time before the public hearing so addressed some items out of order

Chilmark Principal Search – Update by Marie Larsen:

Ms. Larsen gave update and said that Alicia Knight who is one of the finalists is here tonight. Ms. Larsen said members of the principal search committee will travel to school (off island) where Kate Squire works to observe. Same will also happen with Committee observing Alicia Knight at work at Edgartown School.

The Committee will submit their information and observations to the Superintendent Richie Smith who will make the decision and job offer. Ms. Larsen said this will be sometime hopefully in mid-March.

FY24 Oak Bluffs Regional CDBG Housing rehab grant participation – joint authorization: Ms. Larsen moved to support the regional housing rehab / childcare grant process and to send a letter of support, Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present**

Appointment of Zoning Board of Appeals member to replace Frank LoRusso & possible appointment of alternate: Chairperson Rossi said his policy is to appoint the longest serving alternate to the full position. Marie Larsen moved to appoint Fred Khedouri to full member and John Demers as an alternate. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present**

At 5:05 PM Chairperson Rossi called public hearing open – Changes to the Waterways Rules & Regulations (WR&R):

Harbormaster Rossi was present for this public hearing to answer questions and consider comments. Harbormaster Rossi read allowed the proposed changes to the WR&R. document as read may be viewed here:

https://www.chilmarkma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf8411/f/agendas/proposed_changes_to_cwrr_with_council_suggestions_january_2024.pdf

At 5:08 PM John Keene, Miles Brucculeri, Keith Fenner and Sebastian arrived. 5:13 PM Matt Poole arrived at 5:16 Anne Rudner arrived. 5:18 PM Margaret Maida and Clarissa Allen arrived

Chairperson Rossi asked if the Harbor Advisory had reviewed and endorses the proposed amendments. Harbormaster Rossi said yes they had. Mary Boyd thanked persons who worked on the amendments but asked for purpose of section 6 “shorter boats log of all trips for hire” Harbormaster Rossi said to ensure dock being used for intended purpose.

Miles Brucculeri asked for re-read restrictions on diving in harbor section 3,d. Harbormaster Rossi did so. Mr. Brucculeri had no further questions or comments. At 5:24 PM with no further questions or comments Chairperson Rossi closed the hearing.

Ms. Larsen moved to adopt and approve the amendments presented for the Chilmark Waterways Rules & Regulations. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present**

Harbormaster Rossi said he would submit complete document without highlighted sections for Select Board signatures.

Energy Committee – Vision for Beetlebung Corner Campus, Rob Hannemann:

Mr. Hannemann presented and spoke about the new EMS HQ and Fire station to have solar ready options and what to move forward with.

PowerPoint on resilience and addressing climate change.

<https://www.chilmarkma.gov/select-board/agenda/select-board-19>

These can be done in a phased way to keep capital expenses manageable.

Tucker Drummond arrived at 5:25 PM

Mr. Hannemann recommended we get emergency managers to help decide how much resiliency we want, should not just up to the Energy Committee and town government.

Mr. Hannemann talked of management and maintenance. Or lease out the roofs and have developer manage. We would get leasing fee and a lower per KW on utility bills.

CVEC mediating developers and bundle small municipal units to bid as a group for developers. Decisions to make in the future.

First steps: arrays on new buildings then possibly town hall and then the microgrid. The Energy Committee working hard on this. Chairperson Rossi asked if there is funding incentives still available.

Keith Fenner asked how long can 3 buildings run on a tank of fuel in the diesel generator. Mr. Hannemann said good example; look to identify critical loads, need to do that.

Member of attendees asked what is plan if (units) make too much power, can citizens get power? Mr. Hannemann said that is a good but complex question. A developer would manage selling excess.

Chairperson Rossi thanked Mr. Hannemann for the presentation.

Friends of the Chilmark Preschool – Request to access route to building site

Alicia Knight, Judy LoRusso, Deb Zetterberg, Keith Fenner and Sebastian were present for this proposal. Ms. Knight gave 3 sequential access plans. Ms. Knight also asked how to get permission for the access points for the building process for preschool.

There was discussion on possibilities and their impact. Post Office location would need to go through the USPS. Keith Fenner said 4 inch composite would be used to protect the court they would travel over with equipment.

Mr. Fenner estimated 8 months use and then restore fully by May 1, 2024. Then move to the back of the school access point possibly through the summer. Needs to be dry to utilize the ball field. Chairperson Rossi said he did not like option through the ballfield. Emergency access will at some point come into play and that is probably the route but not a granted access.

Ms. Larsen asked for a full timeline. Ms. Larsen asked the preschool group if they can you do everything (building project) with one option. Ms. Knight said yes but we are accommodating all parties. Ms. Larsen asked if we can we have 1 year that tennis court is not usable. Mr. Fenner said any disruption will be restored by us. Select Board in charge of town property but other parties are CTAC, School Committee and USPS.

Sebastian asked Select Board for conditional approval for over the tennis court so we can then create the timeline.

Miles Brucculeri from CTAC said the playground behind tennis court will need to be taken out along with the fence. Mr. Brucculeri said this needs to be back together by summer. Ms. Knight asked about worst case scenario and emergency access. Ms. Knight said Chief Bradshaw gave them information on this during a site visit. There was further discussion to approve option A.

Menemsha Beach – Handicap access improvements – Marie Larsen:

Ms. Larsen asked to table discussion till she can meet with Park & Rec and Harbor Advisory Committee and everyone involved.

Harbormaster Rossi recommended to discuss with Conservation Commission.

Harbormaster Rossi also recommended to include in discussions who will be involved with maintenance during the summer season.

Appointment of Registrar of Voters- if possible: Mr. Carroll said there were none at this time

Housing Production Plan- Laura Silber:

Mr. Carroll said Ms. Silber was unable to attend but forwarded some wordage for Select Board to read. Ms. Larsen said she would go to the proposed meeting as representative from Chilmark Select Board.

Chilmark PTO request to use the Chilmark Community Center for annual fundraiser & request to waiver fee: Jessica Seaman asked Select Board to approve and waive fee for The PTO annual fundraiser. Ms. Larsen moved to approve this request. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present

League of Woman Voters – request to use the CCC and waive fee – Candidates Forum: Mr. Carroll said this was a fallback if needed as traditionally the LWV MV uses the public meeting room at the Library.

Ms. Larsen moved to approve this request. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present**

Up Island Council on Aging – request to use CCC and waiver fee – fundraiser:

Anne Rudner was present for this request. Ms. Rudner said this will be the same format as PTO fundraiser and assured Select Board they will get liability insurance. Ms. Larsen moved to approve this request. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present**

Bivalve Ball MV Shellfish Group (MVSG)– request use of CCC:

Tim Carroll said the MVSG did not ask to waive fee but he recommends. Ms. Larsen moved to approve this request. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present**

Request to move Town Meeting Date- Passover conflict April 22, 2024:

Chairperson Rossi said he is sympathetic to this. Tim Carroll said our town bylaw states ATM will be held on a Monday evening in April, and election must be in April 2 days after ATM. There was discussion about the schedule. Chairperson Rossi said in the future we need to look at calendar at least year ahead.

Tucker Drummond asked if we could meet earlier and be done before sundown. Chairperson Rossi directed Town Administrator to look into 5:30 PM or early “evening” start time. No action was taken at this time.

Menemsha Creek Lot Leases – request to send out application form to existing tenants before renewing the leases this year to collect information from current lessees: Tim Carroll spoke to this and said we need to know who is actually fishing. Mr. Carroll asked to send out application to collect data for decision making. Casey Elliston asked to submit an application. Chairperson Rossi asked Harbormaster Rossi to assist with creating a waiting list of interested parties. John Larsen said the Select Board are in charge of assignments and Harbormaster has nothing to do with the Creek lot leases. Tim Carroll said we also have to consider the 12 page agreement with Aquinnah. Mr. Carroll will collect information.

Select Board Member updates:

Mr. Carroll said the Bulkhead lot leases have been renewed and lease fees collected the Select Board can approve and sign. Ms. Larsen moved to approve and sign Park & Rec prepared leases. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1 not present

Chilmark School cleaning process for CCC use. Ms. Larsen moved to approve this request. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present

Ms. Larsen said the town siren is too close to the (Church) parsonage. Mr. Carroll will talk to company to reduce segment that faces the church.

Town Administrator – updates & requests:

None

Correspondence

Farming bylaw - Matt Poole recommended working closely with building official as to where the town stands. Chairperson Rossi said there is high-level of politicking. We want to work with the farmers. Clarissa Allen said as a farmer she doesn't believe it's a good idea to let farms do just what they want to do. Matt

Poole said they can do a lot; 80% through the Ag exemption, Matt handed out the copy. Deb Hancock said at a Planning Board meeting there was discussion by farmers to give it a try for this summer. Ms. Hancock the need for guidelines by Select Board and town counsel. Mr. Drummond said if go “free form” for a time period you can’t unwind that ever.

At 6:52 PM with no further items for discussion Chairperson asked for motion to adjourn. Ms. Larsen moved to adjourn. Chairperson Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Not Present

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 03/20/24

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Select Board meetings held 1/16/2024 & 2/06/2024
- Chilmark Waterways Rules & Regulations with proposed amendments
- Chilmark Waterways R&R with proposed amendments and legal counsel suggestions
- PowerPoint deck of Town Center Energy Resilience proposals from Energy Committee
- 3 proposed access routes by the Preschool Committee to the proposed school location
- Message from the School Superintendent update on the new Chilmark School Principal search
- F. Khedouri request to be appointed ZBA member from alternate member
- J. Demers request to be appointed alternate member on the ZBA
- Invitation to participate in FY2024 Regional CDBG grant application for housing rehabilitation
- Draft letter in support of the CDBG grant for Chilmark housing rehab
- Memorandum from Baily Boyd Associates for Regional CDBG Grants for Housing Rehab & Childcare Subsidy program
- Message from L Silber for Housing Production Plans – consultant Barrett Planning to update 204 Affordable & Community Housing Zoning Analysis for the 6 island towns of MV.
- J Seeman of Chilmark PTO request annual fundraiser and waiver of rental fee for CCC

- League of Woman Voters ask to hold local candidates forum at CCC and to waive rental fee
- Friends of Up Island Council On Aging ask to hold fundraiser and waive rental at CCC
- MV Shellfish Group request to hold annual fundraiser at CCC / Bivalve Ball 4/13/24
- Chilmark Citizen ask for alternate date of ATM as first night of Passover
- 2024 Bulkhead leases for Select Board approval and signatures
- Chilmark Church Flee market event thank you card to Select Board and Town Manager Carroll
- Letter from M Poole to Planning Board and cc Select Board about Farm activities
- Chilmark Farm Thumbnail descriptions as they relate to existing bylaw from farm group
- ZBA January Decisions
- ZBA February Applications
- Comcast Annual report form 500 complaint data
- Housing Committee Chairperson J Feiner letter expressing concerns for Peaked Hill Pasture proposal.
- US Bankruptcy Court documents – Endo International RE: Opioid Settlement
- Revised Draft minutes from Select Board meetings held 1/16/24 & 2/06/24
- Agricultural farm exemptions document from Matthew Poole