

Chilmark Select Board Meeting Minutes May 3, 2022

Remote participation: Chairperson James Malkin, Warren Doty and Bill Rossi.

Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Kara Shemeth, Marina Lent, Janet Weidner, Tim Rich, Cathy Thompson, Hugh Weisman, Zach Harris, Peter Cook, Pam Goff, Rich Osnoss. Ann Wallace, Brian Dowd.

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

Election of Officers Select Board/Chairperson/Vice Chairperson/Clerk:

Mr. Doty nominated James Malkin to remain chairperson and Bill Rossi to be vice chairperson for the next 6 months. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Minutes: *tabled*

Zoning Board of Appeals - fee change request:

The Zoning Board of Appeals has sent request after their March 24, 2022 meeting were ZBA voted to support increasing fee to file a ZBA application from 175 to \$275 to cover legal notice fees. Mr. Rossi moved to approve, Mr. Doty seconded the motion **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

With condition that any legal requirements to increase fees are completed

Mosquito Spraying – Board of Health Request:

Ms. Lent agent for the Board of Health spoke of the option to OPT OUT that the BOH supports seeking. There was discussion and Ms. Lent outlined the alternative mosquito management plan. Mr. Doty said this is on our website page under Select Board agenda items. *Here is link:* <https://www.chilmarkma.gov/board-selectmen/agenda/select-board-14> Mr. Doty said the BOH has done a terrific job outlining this, and we should ask for this exemption.

Mr. Doty moved to approve opting out Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Margaret Maida, Clark Goff, Deb Hancock and Judith Flanders joined meeting.

Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw - received state certification:

Chairperson Malkin said when we hired Chief Bradshaw we stressed the need for complying with training and certification. Chairperson Malkin said this is very beneficial for our town. Mr. Rossi said Chief Bradshaw has achieved all the goals we set when hired for the 3 year contract. Mr. Rossi said we are proud of him. Mr. Doty said he shares sentiments, and congratulations to Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw.

Peaked Hill Pastures - request for RFP committee:

Mr. Carroll said folks sent letters to Select Board stating their interest in serving on the committee. Chairperson Malkin asked for comments from Select Board. Mr. Doty said we are at a point to decide on a process moving forward. Mr. Doty said he would like to hear from members of Planning Board who have worked so hard on this project. Mr. Rossi said priority now is the RFP then once we have it we work on proposals. Mr. Doty said at Annual Town Meeting Chilmark voters approved outline now we need to have a RFP created and then Select Board approve to distribute.

Peaked Hill Pastures - request for RFP committee continued...

Chairperson of the Planning Board Rich Osnoss said a couple other towns on Martha's Vineyard have passed on the management to Housing Committee, Chilmark Select Board chose to keep the reins. Mr. Osnoss said the Select Board will appoint representatives from committees in town to work on the process working forward. There will be site visits and then start to work on a plan. Mr. Osnoss said all members of Chilmark Planning Board are up to partake in this.

Janet Weidner said our able admin Jennifer Christy pulled together sample RFP's from other island town projects that we can apply to our Peaked Hill Pastures property. We have material that can help us get started. Mr. Rossi recommend committee of 5 members, with 2 from Planning Board, 1 from Housing Committee and 2 from public (Chilmark resident). Mr. Rossi said Valerie Sonnenthal, and John Keene were first 2 to submit interest. Chairperson Malkin said a Planning Board member would chair this working group.

There was discussion on the process.

Julie Flanders joined meeting

Mr. Doty said Tim Carroll our procurement officer is very experienced in shepherding the process along. Chairperson Malkin added and getting legal advice when needed. Chairperson Malkin said the town is very supportive of this project.

Committees & Board and staff appointments tabled till next when we have all.

Mr. Doty said tabled appointments with exception of appointing Treasurer Dawn Barnes.

Mr. Carroll said this is still considered 6 month probation part of hire.

Chairperson Malkin said the Harbormaster would like to have appointments moved forward tonight. Mr. Bill Rossi said he supports these recommendations of treasurer and Harbor staff as presented and moved to appoint them tonight. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.

Harbormaster Rossi and Greg Martino joined meeting

Public Safety Building Committee / updates from Chair:

PSBC Chairperson Bill Rossi gave the update of the project. Mr. Carroll screen shared the Municipal Purpose Loan / Town of Chilmark data. Discussion ensued about change orders and process to keep all the figures up to date on a spreadsheet that is reviewed regularly by finance team but also Select Board members.

MCAD training – Kara Shemeth:

Tim Carroll said Kara Shemeth received certificate for completing the MCAD training for Preventing Discrimination & Harassment. No action was required just notifying Select Board of Ms. Shemeth's accomplishment.

Seaport Advisory Council grant application:

Harbormaster Ryan Rossi discussed the process and next steps for securing funding for upgrades and repairs to Menemsha harbor. Harbormaster Rossi said we received (phase 1 of project) rough estimate from Child's Engineering and have applied for grant that the town (if awarded) would need to contribute 20 % or 44K moving forward. Awarding for grant will take place fall of 2022. There was discussion about repairs needed to South West corner of Dock. Harbormaster Rossi has reached out to John Packer for this job. Funding for FY23 will be available July 1, 2022 and intention will be to start this then. Action on this project discussion was tabled to be continued at Select Board's next regular meeting. Harbormaster Rossi also discussed plan for repairs for the west dock sinkhole.

Chairman Malkin asked if there were any other items for discussion before we adjourn.

Mr. Doty said he wanted clarification on who would be following through 3 warrant articles from ATM.

#1.) Article 18 the funds for improvement to police station. Mr. Carroll said he would work with a Select Board member to have work done this fall. Mr. Rossi said this is using \$30,000 of CPA funds and he could assist in following through with the project.

#2.) The \$90,000.00 warrant article for Comfort Station in Menemsha. Mr. Carroll said Harbormaster Rossi is working to complete re-opening repairs for this coming season with other funding. This fall we are hoping to have a committee review what happens this summer and move forward with repairs over the winter. Chairperson Malkin moved to form a Comfort Station and Septic improvements Committee to consist of 1 member of Select Board, Conservation Commission, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals and Board of Health. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

#3 the \$250,000.00 warrant to start project to move Highway shed from Peaked Hill Pasture area to MLR Tabor house lot area.

Mr. Carroll screen shared sketch of structure that would have storage for Highway, Shellfish and Harbor departments.

Mr. Carroll said he asked Mr. Doty if we could appoint an advisory committee to review the building plan. Mr. Doty agreed. Mr. Rossi stressed the importance of a public meeting to review the plans for input from the public. The plan is to move this forward in September.

Tim Rich said he wanted to discuss correspondence in agenda packet about request to fly flag on municipal flagpole. Chairperson Malkin said I have spoken to town council about that because I personally have reservations about the issue of free speech and what you fly on town flag on property. While I would support a pride flag, I would not support a white supremacist flag and there was a recent decision unanimous by the Supreme Court. That essentially in my reading and I'm waiting to hear more from town council says, once you display more than the federal state or town flag. On town property, you have to not discriminate and put up whatever anybody request you to put up, so I don't that's a road I don't want to go down that's my personal opinion we haven't discussed it as a board but I'm waiting to hear more from town council. Mr. Rich said he supported Chairman Malkin's decision.

With no further items for discussion Chairperson Malkin asked for motion to adjourn. Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn, Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

At 6:14 PM meeting was adjourned.

Approved 07/05/2022

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Document list:

- ZBA memo to request increase of fee
- Board of Health alternative mosquito management plan
- Mosquito spraying opt-out form
- Information about mosquitos
- Fire Chief Bradshaw's certification
- John Keene letter supporting Select Board appointing a Peaked Hill Pasture Affordable Housing Committee (PHPAHC) to create RFP
- Fred Khedouri letter supporting forming committee for PHPAHC and volunteering to serve on committee
- Email from Town Administrator of Chilmark voters willing to serve on Board & Committees.
- AIA Document g701-2017 Fire Station & Ambulance HQ project change order request 03.30.2022
- Unibank – Municipal note sale information 05.11.2022
- Municipal Purpose Loan Town of Chilmark / State House Note Program
- Certificate to Kara Shemeth for completing Preventing Discrimination & Harassment training
- MV Climate Action Plan / Town WORKSHOPS Results outline
- Cape & Islands Legislative Delegation / Cape Light Compact JPE 2022-2024 Three Year Energy Efficiency Plan
- NAACP MV Branch request for discussion with Select Board to raising the Progress Pride Flag in Town of Chilmark
- Comcast cable television financial balance sheet and statement of ownership
- Letter from Oak Bluffs to Steamship Authority about the Potential Reduction in Ferry Service to the Island of Martha's Vineyard 04.20.2022