

## Chilmark Select Board May 24 2022, Meeting Minutes

**Present remotely:** Chairperson James Malkin, Bill Rossi and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Sergio Modigliani, Russell Maloney, Deborah Hancock, Pam Goff, Doug West, Marie Larsen, Julie Flanders, Peter Cook, Ann Wallace, Police Chief Klaren, Fire Chief Bradshaw and Steve Lewenberg.

News reporters Rich Saltzberg and Zach Harris.

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

### Minutes:

Tabled: *there were no draft minutes ready to be reviewed.*

### Review of Annual Town Meeting (ATM) and Annual Town Election (ATE):

ATM: Mr. Doty said pertaining to the Highway/ Shellfish & Harbor Shed on Middle Line Rd. would like to hold public meeting were all MLR residents can see plans. Mr. Doty said he would volunteer to do this and will pull together a committee. Select Board agreed to do nothing till after summer. Mr. Carroll will assist to pull together committee and have on task for this fall 2022.

Mr. Doty said pertaining to the Housing bank and out next steps. The Town of West Tisbury sent letter to legislation. Mr. Doty recommended we get copy of letter to review and decide what next steps to take. Chairman Malkin asked Mr. Carroll to follow-up on this letter and bring back to Select Board to review.

ATE: Mr. Carroll reported that we failed to elect Fence Viewer & Surveyor of Wood Lumber& Bark.

Mr. Carroll said an option is to leave vacant till next ATE. Mr. Doty supported taking no action. Mr. Rossi recommended we get a letter of interest if person would like to serve. Chairman Malkin requested Tim Carroll send note to folks that received vote to see if they show interest to fill vacancy.

### Housing Committee – recommend to approve refinancing request from J. Slossberg:

Mr. Rossi who is also on the Housing Committee said he has reviewed this thoroughly and moved to approve this request. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

### Parking Request at Tabor House Rd. Lot:

Select Board approved resident's request to utilize lot for wedding in September of 2023.

### MVRHS Capital Funding Formula negotiations – update:

Chairperson Malkin gave update. Chairperson Malkin said we (funding formula working group) have had 5 meetings. The proposed formula for capital of school is 25% equalized value and 75 % population basis.

But Oak Bluffs has requested 1.) Way to compensate direct cost OB has for having MVRHS or compensation for land it is on 2.) Mechanism created budget held to 2.5% each year any over would need to go to town meeting as warrant articles. Oak Bluffs Select Board member Packish and Chilmark Select Board Chairperson Malkin are working on the language for this. Will need legal review and opinion. There was discussion.

Mr. Doty said the State Board of School Building Commissioners' wants to see full agreement for this formula by deadline. Chairperson Malkin said yes, deadline is in September.

Mr. Doty said this could be worth \$40 million in aid and we don't want to miss this opportunity. Chairperson Malkin said the building project for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School is a considerably north of 100 million dollar project.

#### Chapter 70 Transfers FY2022 department budget overages:

Mr. Carroll said we have 3 departments that are in deficit, and have made proposals about funding. Mr. Carroll said it's still in the air where the funding will come from because he is still working out the Building Department and local inspector, but at this point the local inspector has completed the temporary appointment. Chairperson Malkin said he spoke with Lenny Jason and Mr. Jason feels he doesn't need a local inspector for the remainder of FY22. But recommended advertising position for FY23.

Chief Bradshaw gave explanation for the Fire Department overages. After discussion Chief Bradshaw believed he could manage a good portion of the overages in his department budget from the salary line.

Select Board requested to hear all of the department overages prior to decision on where funding will come from. Mr. Carroll said the ZBA is due to the cost of advertising for the special permits and that Ms. Kisselgof is tracking the figures closely. And the ZBA is discussing raising the fee of advertising to cover the costs.

*Jan Buhrman, Randy Milch, Harbormaster Ryan Rossi joined the meeting*

There was also discussion of the Harbor Department overages.

Mr. Doty said in reviewing the Select Board unclassified budget line, we have enough to cover the Fire, ZBA and Harbor overages and don't need FinCom reserve. Chief Bradshaw said in the fire department salaries line he has \$4,492 left over.

Mr. Doty moved to have the Fire salaries line reduced to 0 prior to paying expenses listed from the Selectmen unclassified and to include Harbor and ZBA overages outlined tonight. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VCOTED: 3 Ayes**

#### Police – proposal to consider electric cruiser as early replacement for Chief's car:

Chairperson Malkin asked if we need to do this or is it a good thing to do. Chief Klaren said no we do not need to do this. However don't see the electric would not be a replacement for what Chief drives.

Mr. Rossi said this is something he would like to see but not wise move now with the big construction expenses. Mr. Doty asked for comment of FORD Mustang EV. Chief Klaren said it's small not appropriate for patrol. Chairperson Malkin said we like to be behind the cutting edge not on it. Applaud Chief for considering this and making a proposal. But no need to replace working vehicle now.

Marie Larsen said keep in mind how long it takes to get some of these vehicles.

*Margaret Maida and Sean Slavin joined meeting*

Jan Burhman share link for EV resource free to Mass businesses will pass on in email to Chief Klaren.

Public Safety Building Committee Update:

Mr. Rossi gave an update. There was some ground material at the Fire station location that is unsuitable for structure so that material is being removed and we are seeking location to put this removed material. But we are pretty much on schedule for this project.

Public Safety Building Continued..

Mr. Rossi said we need On Site supervisor for this project, and I would like to make decision tonight.

Clerk of the Works/On Site Project Supervisor proposals. Mr. Rossi said we received proposals from

(Chilmark) Billy Dillion and Daniel Summers of CHA. Both sent the town their notice of interest. CHA proposal \$86,000.00. Mr. Rossi said he has been very impressed with Michael Owen of CHA.

Mr. Rossi said Billy Dillion proposed 10 hours a week and that he been doing this for 46 years.

Mr. Rossi said he would advocate for Bill Dillion to take this on. Estimate to cost under \$70,000.00

Mr. Doty said it is good to have a local Chilmark resident for this. Mr. Doty thanked Bill Rossi for the work he has committed and that he respects recommendation.

Mr. Doty moved to hire Mr. Dillion. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Wireless Facility ZBL - Appointment of Select Board representative to Plan Review Committee for Special Permit application:

Mr. Carroll explained that over 10 years ago we had an RFP special plans committee to review American Tower contract. Mr. Rossi said he supports trying to keep this uncomplicated, as we want to improve the service we have. Mr. Doty moved to have Bill Rossi from Site review, and James Malkin as Select Board on the review committee. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

ZBA – discussion to expand the number of alternates from two:

Russell Maloney discussed this. Our bylaw allows up to 5 alternates. We meet once a month and if no quorum can't hold hearing. Permanent board member might be leaving island.

Mr. Doty said he supports ZBA Chairman Maloney's recommendation.

Mr. Doty moved to appoint new alternate; Fred Kehdori tonight and advertise for alternates bringing total alternates to 5. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Staff Appointments:

Town Administrator Tim Carroll presented his recommendations for staff appointments

Accountant Ellen Biskis

Administrative Assistant to Office of Selectmen Diana DeBlase

IT Support (stipend) Diana DeBlase

Board Administrator I Kara Shemeth Board

Administrator II Allison Kisselgof

Conservation Officer (Stipend) Kara Shemeth

Assistant Assessor Pamela Bunker

Administrator/Inspector to BOH Marina Lent

Burial Agent Marina Lent

Perc Test Inspector Marina Lent

Administrative Assistant to Planning Board Jennifer Christy

Registrar – Chair Person Jennifer Christy

Town Clerk Jennifer Christy

Web Manager (stipend) Jennifer Christy

Burial Agent Alternate Jennifer Christy

Assistant Town Clerk Diana DeBlase

Assistant Town Clerk Jessica Bradlee

Assistant Town Clerk Tim Carroll

Collector of Taxes Jessica Bradlee

Building Inspector / Zoning Officer Leonard Jason, Jr.

Administrative Assistant to Building Inspector Akeyah Lucas

Wiring Inspector Robert Young

Assistant Wiring Inspector Cole Powers

Assistant Wiring Inspector David Schwab

Plumbing Inspector Ron Ferreira

Assistant Plumbing Inspector William Haynes

Assistant Plumbing Inspector Michael Ciano

Cemetery Superintendent Susan Murphy

Janitor Marjorie Hayes

Animal Control Officer / Animal Inspector Chris Murphy

Assistant Animal Control Officer Allen Healy

Town Administrator (3 year contract) Tim Carroll  
Director Emergency Management Tim Carroll  
Fire Chief (3 year contract) Jeremy Bradshaw  
Deputy Fire Chief Tim Carroll  
Harbor Master Ryan Rossi  
Moth Superintendent Keith Emin  
Superintendent of Streets Keith Emin  
Chief of Police (3 year contract) Jonathan Klaren  
Shellfish Constable/Propagation Officer Isaiah Scheffer  
Assistant Shellfish Constable Will Reich

Discussion about Building superintendent position and what Chilmark will do moving forward. Mr. Doty recommended approving staffing list we have here. Chairperson Malkin said by June 7<sup>th</sup> let's get this Building Superintendent position resolved. Mr. Carroll said he will meet with HRB chairman and Select Chair will work on and return with recommendation at June 7, 2022 Select Board meeting.

Mr. Doty Moved, Mr. Rossi seconded. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Committee and Boards (so far):

Committee Appointments of people having requested reappointments so far

**Harbor Advisory Committee:** Deborah Hancock (new) Andrew Goldman, Stephen Broderick, Jeffrey Maida, Wayne Iacono, Susan Murphy, Fred Khedouri, Ryan Rossi – ex officio Harbor Master Jim Malkin – ex officio Select

**Board Beach Committee:** Clarissa Allen, Jennifer Jamgochian, Wayne Iacono, Margaret Maida, Allison Cameron Parry.

**Housing Committee:** Ann Wallace – Dukes County Regional Housing commissioner for Chilmark,

Bill Rossi – Select Board appointee

**Conservation Commission:** Candy Shweder – three year term

Sarah Khedouri – fill term of Bob Hungerford (Associate in 2022)

Doug West – one year term Associate Commissioner

**Park & Recreation Committee:** Julie Flanders, Andrew Goldman, Jane Slater, Jim Malkin, Tim Carroll

**Community Preservation Committee:** Stephen Lewenberg – member at large

**Community Center Advisory Committee:** Linda Coutinho – member at large Tim Carroll – ex officio Town Administrator Bill Rossi – ex officio Select Board Nancy Street – Liaison from CTAC

**Zoning Board of Appeals:** Joan Malkin – Alternate, Joe Chapman – Alternate

It was discussed to add Wes Brighton to Harbor Advisory Board as he has requested for a couple years now. That would make the HAB an 8 member board with possibility of a tie vote in HAC meetings. Mr. Rossi noted it's advisory board and all decisions come to Select Board.

ZBA will also include Fed Khedori as previously voted earlier in this meeting and Wes Brighton to be added to the Harbor Advisory Committee.

Mr. Doty moved to appoint list submitted by Town Administrator and additions made tonight. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chairperson Malkin said thank you to all for your commitment. Deb Hancock thanked Select Board for appointing her to the Harbor Advisory Committee.

Proposal - Flags on town buildings shall be limited to US, Commonwealth, and town flags (including departmental) only:

Chairman Malkin reported that Town Counsel recommended continuing our practice of flying just the state federal flags on town buildings. Chairperson Malkin said we will see what comes from further litigation outcomes. Chairperson Malkin recommended Chilmark stay well out of the fray.

Mr. Rossi moved the recommendation from Town Counsel. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Fire Chief –Updates:

Chief Bradshaw gave report:

- Joint town drills training done.
- Jet ski- got beach dolly, test launch at Menemsha will test just before dark on LVB.
- 6 students all passed the practical CPR training now is the written part.

Select Board members thanked Fire Chief Bradshaw for his updates.

Board of Health:

Issued an INDOOR MASK ADVISORY /Update on current COVID-19

Board of Health member Jan Buhrman said she is working with Harbor & Beach departments about trash as we can all do better with trash. Have great ideas initiative carry in carry home campaign. BOH will work within their budget for this project. Reduce trash.

Ms. Buhrman also spoke about the racial incident last year at the summer camp. Suellen Lazarus's model is outstanding, plan is very good. And to close comments; BOH recommends wearing mask indoors.

Utility Poles/ Middle Road:

Chairperson Malkin said Chilmark Select Board had discussion with Eversource back prior to COVID to run redundant service down Middle Road support pole at Beetlebung corner. Since then stakes have been showing up along Middle Road and has started a stream of concerns and suggestions.

Chairperson Malkin said Eversource needs to come to town for permit prior, there will be public hearing then Select Board will vote to approve or not. Chairperson Malkin said he gave contact of Eversource to the Chilmark homeowners who have expressed concerns. Chairperson Malkin said we will follow this process. Mr. Rossi said homeowners who are going to be most affected should stay involved heavily.

DEP Grant \$42,045 DC Fast Charging EV station:

Mr. Rossi asked where the proposed EV chargers would go. Mr. Carroll said the dumpster area at school.

Diana DeBlase said a big Thank you to Marie Larsen for beautification at town hall with all of the plantings.

At 6:48 PM 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**  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

**Approved 07/19/2022**

Document list:

- Notice of failed to elect surveyor of wood lumber and fence viewer
- Town Clerk certification of ATM vote
- Housing Committee recommendation to support and permit Slossberg refinance
- ZBA Chairperson recommendation to add more alternates to board
- ZBA recommendation to appoint Alison Burger to Menemsha Comfort station and Septic system Committee
- Newspaper ad for project supervisor
- Board of health Mask advisory 05.18.2022
- Request for wedding parking at Tabor House lot 2023
- MDAR certificate for Chris Murphy appointed as Animal Inspector for town of Chilmark
- Legal counsel advise for flags at town hall
- Fire Chief May update for Select Board
- DEP grant award for EV fast charging station
- Conditions for DEP grant
- Governor letter congratulating on EV grant award
- EV grant contract
- EV vehicle for police department for discussion purpose
- April ZBA decisions
- 2022 staff appointment memo
- 2022 committee & board appointment memo