**Approved Minutes**

**Chilmark Planning Board Subcommittee Meeting**

**August 14, 2023**

**3:00PM**

**Chilmark Town Hall, 401 Middle Road, Chilmark**

Present: Ann Wallace, Catherine Thompson, Peter Cook, Janet Weidner

Not Present:

Staff: Jennifer Christy, Admin. Asst.

Others:

**Minutes:**

* The minutes from July 24th, 2023 Planning Board Subcommittee meeting were not completed and, therefore, were not reviewed.

**Master Plan:**

* The Board members reviewed the latest DRAFT of the survey. Small changes were made to the wording.
* The Subcommittee members reviewed the references to the General laws and confirmed that they are correct.
* Discussion occurred about the process to come:
	+ Hear from Bill Veno at the MV Commission re data
	+ Insert the data into the survey
	+ Plan for the issuance of the survey
	+ Discussion occurred about how to respond to those who are concerned that the Master Plan will be changed. The Subcommittee members are not interested, it was determined, in changing anything that works in the Master Plan, but are interested in making sure that areas that were not anticipated or existent at the time of the original Master Plan are addressed.
	+ Peter Cook noted that there has been significant and fundamental change in the way the Town must create a Master Plan. He noted that in 1985 the plan was an effort with a lot of individual authorship, whereas today there is a need to write a plan that addresses the needs of a Town that will be and is utilizing public funds and accessing outside assistance. He further noted that there is a need now for a more professional document that may allow the Town to address the pressures upon the Town today.
	+ The Subcommittee Members reviewed the list of Departments and the list of Boards & Committees to whom the survey will be sent.

**Next Meeting(s):**

* Wednesday, August 23, 2023, Chilmark Town Hall, 11:15AM
* Monday, August 28, 2023, 3:00PM, Chilmark Town Hall

**Documents:**

* Master Plan draft survey DRAFT

Meeting adjourned at 4:00PM. Minutes respectfully submitted by Jennifer L. Christy