

DRAFT Chilmark Select Board February 24, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Present remotely: Select Board: Chairperson James Malkin, Warren Doty, Bill Rossi, Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Tim Rich, Tri-Town Ambulance Chief Retmier, and Paddy Moore. Reporters: Rich Saltzberg, Zach Harris, MVTV agent.

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

Fire house & EMT headquarters - Review of General Contractor bids:

Mr. Rossi reported that the Public Safety Building Committee received 4 bids. Mr. Rossi said there is a difference of about 3 million dollars between highest and lowest bidder. Mr. Rossi said the committee is seeking support of an additional \$1,121,252.00. That keeps a \$400,000 contingency. Pleased with only that increase, was very concerned in the environment we are in.

Mr. Rossi said we need a Special Town Meeting (before our ATM) for authorization and to act in an expedient manner to move this project forward.

Chairperson Malkin said he is not surprised with the need for more money. Mr. Doty requested to see the total authorized spending.

Mr. Carroll screen shared budget comparison

There was discussion on the budget comparisons and also;

- 2 warrants articles for OPM and Architect.
- Miscellaneous costs; asbestos abatement, stone removal and wiring removal.

Mr. Rossi reported there has been a challenge to one of the bids and it is with the Attorney General's Office to be reviewed. Mr. Carroll said pending on the AG's outcome another \$81,000.00 might get added in to cost.

Mr. Carroll said the project has an April 6, 2022 bid signing deadline. Mr. Carroll said we could post a Special Town Meeting at the end of March 2022.

Mr. Doty moved to set a Special Town Meeting for Saturday March 26th with single warrant article to add additional funds for the Fire & EMS building project. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chairperson Malkin said he has an item not on agenda that needs action now.

We have concluded 13 days of Budget hearings. The Select Board is impressed with MVRHS principal's report. Yesterday the MA education gave provisional support for supporting funds with the condition that the towns come to agreement on how to proceed. Oak Bluffs is requesting a change of how towns pay going forward for the MVRHS, we need to get this resolved.

Would like to propose after looking at existing formula and statutory and other options. Here is proposal, hope will be endorsed:

Change funding for rebuild or renovation of Facility Building. There is approximately 5,000 voters in each down island town. Oak Bluffs, Vineyard Haven and Edgartown. Up island combined is about 5,000. Propose each down island pay 25% and UISD (Aquinnah, Chilmark & West Tisbury) send 25%.

Chairperson Malkin said he does not support equalized evaluation. Chairperson Malkin asked for discussion. Mr. Rossi said that sounds like a well thought out proposal, it's the first he has heard it. Show willingness to sit and negotiate. Capital improvement formula.

Mr. Doty supported new formula for the Capital project and to keep the existing formula for operational budget.

Mr. Doty moved that the Select Board endorses Formula. We are supportive of MVRHS program and they deserve a new building. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. Paddy Moore said the funding proposal sounds superb to break the logjam. Ms. Moore thanked Chairperson Malkin for proposal. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

At 5:29 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Malkin asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Document list:

- Spreadsheet of overages and costs for Fire house & EMS project