

DRAFT Select Board March 20, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board acting Chairperson Marie Larsen, James Malkin and Bill Rossi where both remotely present. FinCom: Chairperson Susan Murphy, Linda Coutinho. Bruce Golden, Marshall Carroll, Vicki Divoll. *Don Leopold and Deb Hancock were not present.* Others: Town Administrator Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Treasurer D. Barnes, Accountant Sarah Smith, Police Chief Slavin, Peter Cook, Tucker Drummond, Judy Flanders, 2 women who did not speak. Town Moderator Janet Weidner, Jeffrey Maida, reporter Thomas Humphreys, MVTV videographer.

Acting chairperson Marie Larsen called meeting to order at 6:00 PM in the Select Board meeting room.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from 2/20/24 were reviewed. Corrections were recommended. Mr. Malkin moved to approve with corrections. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**
Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely

Ms. Larsen asked for a moment of silence to remember J B Riggs Parker who passed away this past Friday. Mr. Malkin spoke about Mr. Parker with great regards. He served as Selectmen, Planning Board member and a Finance Advisory member. Mr. Malkin noted we also had William Parry pass away who was also a committed member of our community as a woodworker and carpenter and a member of our fire department.

A Moment of silence was held

Community Center – fee waiver for 2 memorial services:

April 7th for Fisher and April 27th for Scheffer. Mr. Malkin moved to approve both services to be held at Community Center. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**
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Town Administrator Carroll asked Ms. Larsen to make an announcement about the selection of Chilmark Principal.

Acting chairperson Larsen said that the Superintendent of Schools announced that Kate Squire will be the next Chilmark School Principal.

Ms. Larsen handed the letter that the town received from Superintendent Richie Smith that explains the process and the choice for school principal.

Annual Town Meeting:

- Vote to delay ATM to Tuesday April 23, 2024. Mr. Malkin moved to delay annual town meeting and Annual Election to Thursday April 25th. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

- Draft warrant for ATM. Town Administrator Tim Carroll handed out the latest version of the draft warrant and said there will need to be some revisions made tonight. Mr. Carroll and Accountant Smith gave the updates to the proposed warrant.

At 6:10 PM Fincom Chairperson Murphy called the FinCom portion of the meeting to order. Mr. Malkin said he was ok with the changes.

Chairperson Murphy determined that the FinCom has not voted the rooms tax or the CPA articles and asked for a motion on them.

Bruce Golden of the FinCom moved to recommend Article 33 increasing the rooms tax from 4% to 6%. Ms. Divoll seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 2 not present**

Vicki Divoll moved to recommend the CPA articles. Linda Coutinho seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 2 not present**

- Addition of Article 37 for Accessibility

Marie Larsen spoke to the accessibility article she would like to add to the warrant. This would improve Accessibility to Menemsha Beach for people with disabilities. Access boardwalk / matt and additional beach surf wheelchairs. Ms. Larsen explained there is funding from article 11 of the 2019 ATM of \$30,000. Tim Carroll explained the article from 2019.

Miss Divoll moved to accept the late file of article 37. Marshall Carroll seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 2 not present

Jonathan Mayhew and fellow came in with him (fisherman who bought Walter Jenkinson's fishing boat)

Chairperson Murphy asked FinCom to make a motion to recommend, not recommend or take no action on article 37. Ms. Coutinho moved to recommend article 37.

Ms. Divoll seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 2 not present**

Tim Carroll said the Select Board needs to vote this late Accessibility article. Mr. Rossi moved to approve addition of Accessibility Article 37.

Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

Tim Carroll discussed septic system upgrade funding and Board of Health future plan to create additional funding.

Tim Carroll said now we can work on the Budget changes.

- Police to add to education line \$5,880. Police Chief Slavin was present to discuss this request and ask for support.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve this addition to the budget. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

- Assessors for Near-map contract cost increase of \$1,500.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve this addition to the budget. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

- Cultural Council Chilmark contribution from \$3,500 to \$5,000.

Ms. Larsen moved to approve increase to \$5,000. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

- Accountant Smith said there is small changes to MV Refuse District increase \$888.72 and Community Preservation admin salary increased by \$3,725.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve this addition to the budget. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

There was discussion from Accountant Smith and Town Administrator Carroll about the town's levy limit. Mr. Carroll said we seem to be \$14,000 under the levy limit. We will now actual figures in October.

Acting Chairperson Larsen moved to adopt budget as amended. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

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Acting Chairperson Larsen moved to approve this final warrant for the 2024 Annual Town Meeting. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

Select Board members thanked the FinCom for all their work on getting us to the final Annual Town Meeting warrant and budget for FY25.

Appointment - Registrar (if found) or Temporary Registrar:

Tim Carroll said we do not have anyone to be appointed at this time. *No action was taken*

Appointment of Building Inspector to Site Review Committee as voting representative of the Select Board (replacing Select member) or as non-voting technical advisor to the SRC:

Mr. Rossi said he thinks Building inspector Petkus should be appointed but not a voting member. Acting Chairperson Larsen said she would volunteer to be the Select Board voting member on the Site Review board, and Adam Petkus as a non-voting technical advisor on the Site Review board. Mr. Malkin moved to approve both appointments. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

At 6:43 PM FinCom chairperson Murphy moved to adjourn their portion of the meeting. Ms. Divoll seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 5 Ayes, 2 not present**

Parking Request - Lucy Vincent Beach for event at landowner's property June 8th:

Tim Carroll said the Beach Committee said they did not see a problem with it, but wanted to coordinate with them about locking the gate.

Mr. Malkin moved to take the recommendation from the Beach Committee and approve request. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

Filming Request - Menemsha Beach:

- a. June between 15-19 for 2 scenes
- b. Sam Permar, Emerson College, Boston. Jane Dreeben, Producer
- c. The focus of the film is Lyme Disease

Mr. Carroll reported he had heard back from a couple town departments on this ask and they had no problem with this request. Mr. Malkin moved to approve request as presented. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

Film Request - MV Sign Language:

- a. Alex Atienza, USC Film School
- b. May 2024

Acting Chairperson Larsen gave an outline of this request that was sent to the Select Board and said no one has a problem with this request either. Mr. Carroll said the Library has engaged with them directly with the library guidelines and of where and were not filming is permitted. Mr. Malkin moved to approve request as presented. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

Meet The Fleet - August 1, 2024 from 3:00 - 7:00 PM:

Mr. Malkin moved to approve request as presented in written request. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely*

UICOA - bylaws and MOU - discussion of draft:

Mr. Malkin asked to table till Select Board is able to meet together in person when easier to hear each other and have a conversation.

Peaked Hill Pastures RFP - review by consultant update:

Mr. Malkin said he would like to meet with Town Administrator Carroll, Chairperson of the PHP RFP Committee (Fred Khedouri), Legal Counsel Goldsmith, Alison (Kisselgof). Just these 5 people to review the update.

Friends of the Chilmark Preschool (FCP)- 60 day lease amendments/revocation:

Mr. Carroll said the deadline for the 60 day amendments comes on the 25th of March 2024.

Mr. Carroll said the School Committee met. They will do an MOU directly with the Friends of the Chilmark Preschool. The FCP agreed to another 60 day amendment to the lease but only in terms of adopting an MOU with the School the Town and the Preschool.

Mr. Malkin moved to extend the lease as Tim Carroll outlined. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely

Acting Chairperson Larsen asked what we were doing with the correspondence. Mr. Carroll said nothing with Bill and Jim remotely too difficult to have clear discussion if wanted. Select Board agreed to table remainder items till next meeting they are together.

Correspondence

Casey Elliston - Creek Lot request letters

Beach Accessibility Report

MassDOT Chapter 90 Funds

MVC Quarterly

Comcast 2023 License Fee

JAHG notes & Slide Deck

Select Board Member - updates and requests

Town Administrator - projects and updates

Possible Executive Session - #3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body and the chair so declares.

Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

Peter Cook asked when we can expect a report on Peaked Hill project. Mr. Carroll said at the next meeting April 2, 2024 at 5:00 PM.

At 6:51 PM **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** Rollcall vote was carried out as members of board are participating remotely

Meeting was adjourned.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Select Board meeting held 2/20/2024
- Emerson College student Filming request June 15 and 19 in Menemsha. The film focus is Lyme disease
- A beach within reach –Overview / beach assess for persons with disabilities
- Full report on accessibility of Martha’s Vineyard Beaches 02/2024
- Letter from School Superintendent announcing selection of Chilmark School Principal
- Board of Health request for Warrant Article for Septic repairs
- Email from Beach Committee Chairperson about parking in June request

- C Elliston letter requesting to be considered for Creek Lot
- Comcast payment of 2023 licensing
- Draft 10 UICOA Bylaws edits 03/06/2024
- Joint Affordable Housing Group (JAHG) meeting 2/21/2024 notes from Laura Silber of MVC
- MVC Slide deck from Barrett Planning Group 2/21/2024 Community Housing Zoning analysis
- MASS DOT – Chapter 90 funds designated to Chilmark FY25
- MV Fishermen’s Preservation Trust – Meet The Fleet 2024 proposal –Aug 1 2024
- MVC Quarterly newsletter - March 2024
- Student film request - 2 scenes in Menemsha June 15 June 19
- UICOA bylaws 1072 amendments 1994
- Additional information from Casey Elliston about creek lot 03/08/2024
- Student Filming request MV Sign language 03/01/2024 – Alexander Atienza