

DRAFT Chilmark Select Board August 3, 2021 Emergency Meeting Minutes

Present: Tim Carroll, Warren Doty and Rich Salzburg. **Remote:** Bill Rossi, Jane Slater, Diana DeBlase, Melanie Becker, Ben Retmier, Wendy Weldon, Ellen Biskis, Deb D., Karen Davis, Clark Goff, Ernest Belisle, Will S., Suited for Change.

At 12:33 PM Vice Chairperson Warren Doty called meeting to order. Mr. Doty said the Select Board had prepared a statement and he read it:

As a community, we abhor violence or discrimination of any kind. We are deeply troubled by the incident involving children (ages 8 and 9) which occurred on July 29 at the summer camp run by the Chilmark Community Center, Inc. (CCC), a private 501(c)(3) corporation) on Town land.

At this time, the CCC is undertaking an investigation of this incident. Based on their long history of running a successful summer program, we have confidence that the investigation will be thorough and fair.

Until that investigation is complete, we are not in a position to assess whether this was a safe play issue or a racial issue. We do know that it was unacceptable behavior.

The Town will respond appropriately once we receive the results of the investigation.

Mr. Rossi moved to approve this statement and send it out. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present *James Malkin*

Ms. Slater said she was glad that the Select Board is responding appropriately.

With no further items for discussion Mr. Doty moved to adjourn. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present *James Malkin*

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Document list:

- Statement about incident at CCC