

DRAFT Chilmark Select Board February 21, 2023 5:00 PM Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board: Chairperson Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Deb Hancock, John Larsen, Clark Goff, Jeffrey Maida, Marie Larsen, Russel Maloney, Marshall Carroll, Steve Larsen, Julie Flanders, Diana DeBlase. Reporters: Eunki Seonwoo, Thomas Humphrey and MVTV agent.

At 5:00 PM Chairperson Rossi called the meeting called to order on the zoom platform.

Joint Meeting with West Tisbury Select Board:

- Howes House renovations
- Funding of Howes House project

Chairperson Rossi said the West Tisbury Select Board could not attend tonight so we will postpone this agenda item till March 21, 2023. Mr. Doty said looks like West Tisbury has taken a pause on Howes House project and has taken off their ATM warrant. Chairperson Rossi said they are still looking for us to participate. Mr. Malkin said Susan Murphy is our representative on the Howes House project we can invite her for an update at our next meeting.

Tim Carroll said Select Board have an item that needs to be voted on. Please appoint Joe Tierney Building Inspector as needed to do inspections. Mr. Malkin moved to appoint West Tisbury Building Inspector Joseph Tierney our alternate building inspector. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Minutes: tabled

Fire Station & Tri Town Ambulance HQ Project - Updates:

Chairperson Rossi said we refused some changes requested by the architect to keep on our budget. Mr. Carroll added that the sheetrock is going up inside both buildings.

Report on the Menemsha meeting of Park & Rec Com, Beach, Harbor Advisory Committee, Chief of Police, Harbor Master and Select Board:

Chairperson Rossi said we had some difference of opinion at the meeting. Some did not want parking on the bulkhead lots and to keep strictly for fishing industry.

Mr. Malkin said traffic in summer becomes a safety issue. We have assigned the parking on bulkhead lot to the Park & Rec Committee to discuss at their meeting posted for tomorrow.

Steve Larsen said we should have no parking on the bulkhead / fishing lot side keep it that way.

Chairperson Rossi said the harbor department will try to control the parking and traffic in Menemsha this coming season. Mr. Malkin said he believes the shell lot is at the direction of the Select Board, and the fishermen lots at the direction of the Park & Recreation Committee.

Julie Flanders said we will discuss this tomorrow at our meeting. The fishermen's lots are purview of Park & Rec.

Deb Hancock said crowdedness is poor reason to have parking at the fishermen's lots side.

Chairperson Rossi said the area that bothers him is the Galley, there is waiting line of pedestrians in the road. The owner of Galley should monitor that area to keep them out of the drive access. Marie Larsen asked should we be talking about this without inviting them here to talk. Steve Larsen just matter of time until someone's breaks fail...

Mr. Doty said about the situation by Galley; Police Chief Klaren spoke with owner in the past our new Chief should do the same to have clear understanding of how to keep people out of the road. Park & Rec organize the shell lot see what they come up with at their meeting tomorrow. Katie Carroll said at the meeting there was concern about throwing more money at the Menemsha traffic problem. Chairperson Rossi said we are not throwing more money at it. Ms. Carroll said the Harbormaster got a pay raise and another position to supervise and the police is adding the traffic position back into the police department budget. Mr. Malkin explained the process and confirmed there is additional person and compensation.

Steven Larsen said the other side of Galley area with closure of ramp affects us as it was access during hurricane.

Mr. Malkin said Harbormaster has an understanding with John Keene who will remove in advance of any significant weather event the stones that are blocking that access. *Janet Weidner joined the meeting.*

Tim Carroll said we have a formula with Aquinnah to pay for the road maintenance share.

Julie Flanders spoke about what was on the agenda for the Park & Rec meeting. Chairperson Rossi asked if we have made a decision about the parking for the coming year. Mr. Malkin said not yet. Jeffrey Maida recommended town to promote landfill parking more. Chairperson Rossi confirmed that that is Select Board's job and we will continue to try. Mr. Doty described the process we have of the handout (describing location) by traffic officers for the offsite parking location. Mr. Doty said at times we had up to 60 cars up there in 2019 prior to COVID. We will work to get that lot used in the coming season.

At 5:33 PM Chairperson Rossi asked for motion to adjourn. Mr. Malkin moved and Mr. Doty seconded. SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.