

DRAFT Chilmark Select Board January 31, 2023 1:30 PM Meeting Minutes

Present: Select Board Chairperson Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Town Administrator Tim Carroll, William Fielder, Randi Blaine, Matt Gebo, Dave Murphy, Liz Rogers, Marie Larsen, Judy Flanders, Chief Jonathan Klaren, Russell Maloney, Tim Rich, Diana DeBlase, Jane Slater, 2 News reporters and Lynn Fraker of MVTV.

At 1:30 PM Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order in the Select Board Meeting room at Town Hall 401 Middle Road Chilmark.

Chairperson Rossi said the sole agenda for this meeting is to conduct Interviews for finalists to position of Chilmark Police Chief.

The order that interviews were held are as follows:

- Jesse Burton
- Garrison Vieira
- Sean Slavin

The following questions were asked of each of the finalists and none of the applicants were allowed to sit in until their interview was completed.

Question:

What makes you feel that you are ready to become chief of the Chilmark police department?

Question:

The Job posting talks about “community policing”. It also talks about “keeping the peace”. How do you interpret these buzzwords?

How have you dealt with these goals in the past as a member of the force? What would you do more of, or differently, as Chief to build and cement mutual trust and respect between the police officers and Town citizens?

Question:

What is your definition of “community policing” for this town?

Question:

Do you have any reaction to the demonstration organized at Bettelbung Corner in response to the situation in Memphis?

Question:

What new or cutting edge innovations currently not in practice by the department, as the new chief, you would recommend and then how work to gain support for it, both from the department (union?) the Select Board and town residents prioritize one and explain it.

Question:

Do you have any thoughts about improving the traffic conditions in the summer in Menemsha?

Question:

Please provide an example of something you did on the job that went beyond your normal duties.

Question:

If you were to fail at this job, what do you think the reason will be? (TURN OVER)

Question:

What will be the most difficult part of this job knowing what you know about the job and yourself?

Each of the applicants gave dynamic and thoughtful answers to each of the questions.

For full detail of interviews go to MVTV.ORG and on video on demand type Chilmark and see 01/31/23 for video recording of the meeting. Link here:

<https://mvtv.vod.castus.tv/vod/?video=e2ad8d09-3ecd-4893-b13a-a5f70f5a979c&nav=search%2FChilmark>

At 3:32 PM with discussion and interviews completed Chairperson Rossi said we will meet again February 1, 2023 at 1:30 PM to possibly vote on a conditional offer of employment.

Chairperson Rossi asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn, Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.