

DRAFT Chilmark Board of Selectmen aka Select Board March 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Remote participation: Chairman Bill Rossi, Warren Doty and James Malkin Others: Tim Carroll, Cathy Thompson, Peter Cook, Ann Wallace, Margaret Maida, Kevin Oliver, Judith Flanders, James Edmonds, Kate Putnam, Liz Oliver, Jennifer Christy, Rich Saltzberg, Nan Doty, Doug West, Alexandra London Thompson, Marie, Diana DeBlase, Maia Coleman, Anja May, Buddy (21)

At 5:00 PM Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order on the Zoom platform.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from the joint meetings of the FinCom and Selectmen held 1/20/2021, 1/27/2021 and 1/28/2021 were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve all three as written. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft minutes from Selectmen's meeting on 2/16/21 were reviewed. Mr. Malkin moved to approve as written. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Referral to Planning Board of Zoning amendment:

Mr. Carroll said at your last meeting this was discussed but not acted on. Mr. Carroll said Selectmen action is to vote to return to the Planning Board after review. Mr. Malkin moved to return to Chilmark Planning Board as Selectmen have completed their review. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chilmark Community Center Advisory Committee - Early Childhood & Summer Camp programs:

Chairman Rossi said members of the CCCAC met today and supported the proposal pending site visit for tent locations.

Alexandra London Thompson director of the summer program presented a plan for 2021 and for tents on the campus. Chairman Rossi stressed there cannot be any drilling into the basketball court. Ms. London Thompson said we have agreed to replenish the turf from the tents killing off grass (after the season). Mr. Carroll asked if there is a plan for night programs. Ms. London Thompson said MVFF night movies outside only. Ms. London Thompson said indoor activities inside would be exercise and one chamber music. Ms. London Thompson said she has reached out to see if MVY radio wanted to continue the music and possibly the Play House Theater to do a play.

Mr. Doty said he has concerns with ambitious evening program. Ms. London Thompson said MVFF planning to have circles on the lawn to really limit numbers of participants.

It was recommended to move the large tent to the area beyond the school playground. Mr. Malkin said we are not setting presidents in permitting tents in the CCC campus, it's entirely COVID connected. Chairman Rossi will do a site visit with Ms. London Thompson and Rodney Bunker.

Ms. London Thompson asked if she could start hiring and opening registration and reserving the porta-potties and will have some tents (specifics to be approved yet). Mr. Doty said yes. Nan Doty said please keep our setbacks from our neighbors in mind when setting tent sites.

Chilmark Community Center preschool and fall use:

Chairman Rossi said the CCCAC recommends the preschool be given priority. Selectmen discussed limiting the use of the CCC to local events and not to be used as a weather backup wedding venue. Ms. Doty said this would require the preschool to breakdown and reset up. Chairman Rossi said this is a fluid situation (due to COVID). Ms. Doty said come fall and we are still in COVID times it would be good to leave day in between for cleaning and airing out. Chairman of the CCAC committee Ms. Doty said we agreed if we needed to prioritize the use of the CCC it would be for local school - education for the kids. Chairman Rossi said exception was weekend use for local residents.

Mr. Doty said it is increasingly hard to get daycare for children. Mr. Doty supported giving permission to preschool use of CCC for 5 days week Monday –Friday. Mr. Doty also recommended that the preschool director come up with a breakdown process for a weekend event.

Tim Carroll said Town Meeting and Elections preempt the school use at the CCC.

Mr. Malkin supported to suspend sponsored events.

Mr. Malkin moved other than for ATM, ATE and STM priority for CCC use given to our preschool and school and to limit use of CCC to residents only. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Cemetery suggested lots lease changes:

Sally Cook chair of Cemetery Judy Flanders spoke of the process that they worked through revision. Ms. Cook reported that after legal counsel review we will have more revisions at our next meeting. Chairman Rossi thanked Cemetery Commissioners for update and said this can come back to us to vote on the final document.

Town Hall reorganizing:

Tim Carroll asked to table discussion about this item till later date.

MV Commission Climate Action Plan - request for support of MVP grant application:

Mr. Malkin moved to have Town Administrator sign a support letter. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Martha's Vineyard Women's Forum - late file article

Chairman Rossi said we have agreed to add to ATM Warrant to change to select board. Mr. Carroll said for the postings and minutes we will need a home rule petition legislature to change. Mr. Malkin said we agreed several months ago to be Select Board starting now. Mr. Malkin moved to complete the process. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chairman Rossi said we are now the Chilmark Select Board.

Town Clerk received notice of Memorandum from the state to local election officials 3/16/21:
Mr. Carroll said we just got notice that we don't have to have 2 separate elections. Town Clerk Jennifer Christy said this is preferred for the town voters. Mr. Carroll said we now have authority to move the ATE. May 24 ATM and ATE May 26 2021. Early voting was also discussed. Mr. Carroll said this is why I would postpone reorganizing town hall to allow for early voting. Mr. Carroll said legal counsel will review and give counsel tomorrow. Ms. Christy said she believes we will need to offer early/absentee voting by mail.
Mr. Malkin moved that the Select Board move the dates of ATM and ATE to May 24, 2021 for ATM and ATE to May 26 2021. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Malkin moved to notify the Town Clerk the vacancy of the moderator. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Override notice:

Mr. Carroll said this has changed due to pushing back the ATM & ATE dates. Update will be available after town counsel review.

Mr. Carroll said he believed the Selectmen needed to vote Bulkhead lease to John Keene. Mr. Malkin said this is something the Select Board already approved and moved at their meeting January 19, 2021.

4 North Ridge Road - land sale:

Mr. Malkin recused himself from this discussion and action.
Chairman Rossi said we received 4 bids. Chairman Rossi said our high bid is over \$831,000.00 but did not acknowledge the min bid addendum. Mr. Doty moved to wave as a minor informality. Chairman Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 Abstain Malkin**

Mr. Doty recommended a warrant article on the ATM to pay town back the taxes and remainder to be moved into the Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust. Mr. Doty move to do so. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll said we received this documentation from Deb Packer to more formalize the MVC direction about shared use paths. Chairman Rossi said we already asked that they (MVC) no longer move forward with. Mr. Malkin said we made it clear the Town of Chilmark not in favor of SUP on North Rd and will see their (MVC) other if any recommendations.

Mr. Doty said as for calling the ATM warrant for May 24, 2021 we don't need to do tonight but would like to know the schedule. Mr. Carroll said at the Selectmen's regular meeting 4/6/2021. Mr. Carroll said the County budget changes were submitted yesterday.
Discussion moved to the FinCom meeting to vote on changes sometime next week.

At 6:29 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Doty moved to adjourn. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Document list:

- Draft minutes from 1/20/2021, 1/27/2021, 1/28/2021 and 2/16/2021
- Letter from Planning Board for homesite housing zoning bylaw amendment proposal
- MVC request for support letter for MVP grant
- MV League of Women Voters request to change name to Select Board from Selectmen
- Draft ATM warrant
- Deb Packer request concerning SUP by the MVC
- Eversource notice of pruning in area
- 2020-2021 school calendar
- Comcast annual notice
- Memorandum from Commonwealth to election officials
- Draft layout of the CCC summer tents