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For BOS meeting dec 15. For your minutes

From: 88chilmark@gmail.com [mailto:88chilmark@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 7, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Allan Holt <Allan.Holt@carlyle.com>
Cc: Tim Carroll <townadministrator@chilmarkma.gov>
Subject: Re: Chilmark Pond Foundation

Dear Mr. Holt:

I am writing in response to your press release as president of the Chilmark Pond Foundation.

I think it is wonderful that the foundation has come into existence and that you are leading the way. Your statement is a great beginning and I hope you look at it as just that. You stress the health of the pond and the various fisheries that did and could again exist there: what a great starting point.

More than a century ago when the state first allowed the pond association to control the openings it was assumed that the riparian owners who benefited from the fisheries in the pond would be good stewards of the pond because it was in their own self interest and just as important at the time, that the costs would be born by the riparian owners and not the town. For many decades there has been little connection between the fisheries and the pond openings, and I think it is wonderful that you are trying to re-establish that link.

In using Edgartown Great Pond as a model and guide it is important to note the involvement of the town. I don't think Chilmark wants to take control of the process of opening the pond but there should be some mandated clear town involvement. If everyone could agree that one of the three pond sewers would henceforth be the town shellfish warden I think that would go a long way toward bringing the rest of the town onboard and re-enforce your stewardship of the pond for the enhancement of the fisheries. Access is also a big issue for anyone commercially working on the pond and this would be a good time to establish a right of way for licensed fishermen in town to be able to get to the pond. When the people who worked the pond owned the shore this was not a problem and in more recent times the Whitings (previous owners of Wade's Field) and the Leaf family (West side of Wade's Cove) allowed town licensed fishermen access and a place to keep their boats. Today there is no set aside fisherman's access and again that is something you could arrange that would go a long way toward showing that this is not just about getting to the beach during the summer.

I look forward to talking with you about the whole project but I hope you will consider the inclusion of the town in the opening process and give some thought to the access issue.

Sincerely, Chris Murphy

On Dec 7, 2020, at 11:26 AM, Allan Holt <Allan.Holt@carlyle.com> wrote:

Thanks for reaching out.

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