

Chilmark Board of Selectmen May 26, 2020 Meeting minutes

Remote participants: Chairman Warren Doty, Bill Rossi, Jim Malkin, Tim Carroll, Ambulance Chief Ben Retmier, Peter Cook, Cathy Thompson, Clark Goff, Jan Buhrman, Margaret Maida, Harbormaster Ryan Rossi, Margaret Emerson, Andy Freed, Jeff Herman, Alexandra London Thompson, Julia Celeste, Jennifer Christy, Jess Rody, Forrest Filler, Ann Wallace, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Annie Treitman, Matt Poole, Judith Flanders, Nancy Grundman, Marina Lent, Seth Karlinsky, Diana DeBlase news reporters: Rich Saltzberg and Will Sennott.

At 5:00 PM Chairman Doty called the meeting to order.

Board of Health update: Thursdays at the PAC (MV High School Performance Arts Center) testing will begin. Just about anyone can go online fill out an application and can get tested. Chairman Doty said our priorities are for first responders then older folks to get tested there are 30,000.00 available

Town Administrator update:

Tim Carroll said he had no changes no big reports from Memorial Day weekend. The Chilmark Community Center will be set up for walkthrough for Annual Town Meeting & Annual Town Election.

Police Department Update:

Chief Klaren said Saturday washout weather wise but Thurs & Friday very busy in Menemsha. Tim Carroll hustled to get signage in place with help of Forest Filler. With no short-term rentals don't anticipate crowds. Signage needs to be stabilized. Galley people spilled out onto road but Tony said many folks are calling ahead. Last 2 parking spots will be utilized for pedestrians waiting allowing 7 to 8 people 6 feet apart in Galley line.

Tri Town Ambulance Update:

Chief Retmier said they have sent in applications for testing.

Harbor Department Update:

Harbormaster Ryan Rossi said its quiet, they have taped off all transient slips for now. Comparing to other towns they are planning to open as they regularly would possibly rent every slip but no rafting. Will police if decided that it is a go. Cuttyhunk planning to open June 15 all other marinas in our area are open already. Jim Malkin said enforcement is education. Congregating on the docks how do we educate and enforce? Harbormaster Rossi said he will be policing posting signage and speaking to each arrival about how we are running in a COVID environment. Notice on Dockwa web page prior about our policy. Recreational boating marinas are authorized to open. Chairman Doty said many marinas accepted boaters this weekend. Edgartown, Oakbluffs and Tisbury reported very low numbers. Bill Rossi said he is in favor of same as other towns.

Matt Poole said there is no formal guide for marinas, but the Board of Health could discuss at our next meeting. Harbormaster Rossi said boats could be as close as 3 feet apart depends on size of boats and wind direction.

Chairman Doty we will be taking reservations by June 1, 2020 so we need to work on this in a timely fashion. Discussion ensued. Chairman Doty said let's authorize our Harbormaster to move forward with the decisions made at BOH meeting on Saturday 5:00 pm

Assessors' part-time help:

Chairman Doty said with nothing submitted or anyone from Assessors present to discuss this request we will table this item.

Hosting zoom meetings hire part-time help: Chairman Doty said he agrees the Chairman cannot be the host for the Zoom Meetings. Bill Rossi said Chuck Hodgkinson would be good for this. Tim Carroll said we are seeking additional assistant. Jim Malkin recommended an MVTV staff might help as they are very familiar with the Zoom platform. Chairman Doty directed Mr. Carroll to seek and fill job.

Summer Program Tennis Proposal for summer 2020 at Chilmark Community Center:

Jeff Herman president of TAC for summer program presented the proposal in written form and discussed the plan.

Tennis area on the premises of the CCC. Will keep log for contract tracing. Monday June 8th possible start date. Seeking permission to open to registration. No walk-ons must have membership. Clear sense of demand for this tennis program from Chilmark community.

Jim Malkin said thank you for this well thought out solid plan. Mr. Malkin asked if the Chilmark Board of Health had chance to look at this plan.

Board of Health members present said they had not.

Bill Rossi said the biggest point to make clear for him is players will be playing at their own risk. Important to get out and exercise is very important. Support this and also interested in our Board of Health comments and recommendations.

Jeff Herman said each player will use a sharpie pen to put initials on each ball. Jeff Herman outlined the document that each player receives and agrees to and if not following they will be asked to leave and if repeated would have membership revoked. We will have a Tennis manager to see this program be followed. Matt Poole (Board of Health) asked for hand washing and bathroom use plan. Chairman Doty said Chilmark Community Center building is closed so bathrooms are also closed. Tennis program will make their own provisions. Jeff Herman said we will acquire port-a-potty and a separate sink for hand washing. Chairman Doty said we need to fully review and will have on agenda 1 week from tonight. Chairman Doty recommended that Board of Health review this proposal for their meeting on Saturday. Consensus is in support.

Town Administrator said no use of the area for June 8th as it is Annual Town Meeting and Wednesday June 10th is election. No tennis those days.

Town Clerk Update:

Town Clerk Jennifer Christy gave an outline of Outdoor Town Meeting plan and will meet with Town Administrator at sight May 28th to walk through plan fully. For Election Day too.

Chairman Doty said he would like to remind all that our town meeting was postponed due to COVID 19 so our Annual Town Meeting (ATM) is being held outside of the Community Center June 8th and our Election June 10 at Community Center indoors. Tim Carroll said if weather inclement we will postpone ATM.

COVID 19 Testing to begin:

Matt Poole said Tents are set up to show some presents at the MV High School PAC. For anyone who wants to be tested go to ihimv.org there is a banner on top of page that will take you to this registration. June 1, 2020 is start of calls being answered. You will be given an appointment.

With no further items for discussion Chairman Doty adjourned the meeting at 5:55 PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 07/07/2020**