

## Chilmark Board of Selectmen June 30, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Remote participation:** Chairman Rossi, James Malkin, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Margaret Maida, Diana DeBlase, Cathy Thompson, Ann Wallace, Alexandra London Thompson, Candy Shweder, Peter Cook, Rich Osnos, Clark Goff, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Chilmark Community Church Pastor, Katie Carroll, Marina Lent, Melanie Becker, news reporters Will Sennott and Rich Saltzberg.

### Minutes:

Selectmen reviewed draft meeting minutes from 5/5/20, 5/12/20, 5/19/20 and 5/21/20.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve all minutes listed verbally as written. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

### Summer Program Youth Tennis Program & Possible Sailing Proposal:

Alexandra London -Thompson the director of the Summer Program presented these programs and gave explanation to all questions. Chairman Rossi said he appreciated the through process that this program has.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve programs as presented. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

### Chilmark Community Church July 5th, 9 AM Services - in lieu of Memorial Day

Revered Ernest requested to hold service in the Community Chilmark Church yard. Tim Carroll will review the COVID protocol. Selectmen approved this request.

### Chilmark Police Department additional staffing:

Chief Klaren presented list of additional request for appointments to the police summer staffing. Mr. Malkin asked to meet these new officers.

Mr. Doty moved to appoint these officers as requested by Chief Klaren. Chief Klaren said he would work to get introductions tomorrow.

As part of the discussion Mr. Doty requested mask wearing by police officers in Menemsha. Chief Klaren said mask will be part of all officer's uniforms as of today. Chairman Rossi said that is important. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Housing Committee - Recommendation to subordinate Resident Homesite agreement to new financing. Chairman Rossi asked to approve with condition upon verification that the amount of loan is under \$400,000.from the bank.

Ann Wallace (Housing Committee Member) said we have not received any documentation. Mr. Malkin moved to authorize Chairman Rossi to finalize this and if acceptable, approve this request. Mr. Doty seconded motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Harbor Advisory Committee - Chairman Maida questions:

Mr. Carroll said Jeff Maida removed this request but it was after meeting posted. Mr. Malkin said the Harbormaster has followed all of our regulations. There was no further comments. Chairman Rossi said Jeff Maida should call a Harbor Advisory meeting and send any recommendations along to the Selectmen to review.

Public Safety Building Committee meeting update:

Chairman Rossi said the committee met today via Zoom for the first time in many months and we are working to align our proposal. Chairman Rossi said we will not be bringing anything to the Special Town Meeting this fall. Chairman Rossi said we will work to present this for the Annual Town Meeting spring of 2021. Mr. Doty said this is a time for us to move conservatively.

Town Procedures for hosting a Zoom Remote Participation PUBLIC HEARING:

Chairman Rossi said he spoke with legal counsel today and we are obligated to follow the rules and they have not changed. Chairman Rossi said our challenge is to conform Zoom meeting format to the state law. Chairman Rossi will distribute the guidelines to all Selectmen that town legal counsel sent him today. Discussion ensued. Mr. Doty asked about how the documents will be presented. Mr. Malkin said he has reviewed an assortment of procedures and if we follow a process from our legal counsel we should be set.

There was discussion about person hosting the Zoom meeting and if other towns have a person we could hire to do the same for us. Chairman Rossi said we will meet next Tuesday for a vote on a policy.

Mutual response thank you to Aquinnah and West Tisbury and Tisbury to fire in Chilmark:

Tim Carroll gave a description of the mutual aid. Chairman Rossi asked Mr. Carroll to draft a letter on behalf of the Selectmen to be mailed out tomorrow.

COVID-19 Updates: Social Distancing staff, Zoom Moderator, Housing Committee Admin.Asst., Training of custodial staff:

Katie Carroll/ Board of Health Chairman said we are working on stepping up signage in Menemsha. Banners and smaller signs are going to be posted hopefully by this weekend. Signage proposals were discussed. Jim Malkin gave 3 important points.

1. People are concerned about physical distancing and mask wearing
2. Hope what we are doing in preparation for July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend works.
3. Possibly consider closing Menemsha at 7:00 PM if needed. Hate to do that but might be necessary.

Discussion turned to talking to and educating persons who are not physically distancing and wearing masks. Chief Klaren said his officers have been doing so and have a log that notes when.

Putting walkway back from Menemsha Beach to Comfort station was recommended by Ms. Carroll Mr. Doty moved to do so. Tim Carroll said some of that was sent to Lucy Vincent.

Ms. Carroll said some is better than nothing and to put some signage asking folks to step off if passing others to keep distance. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Discussion turned to having someone educate the public in person when they see persons with no masks or are not distancing. Tim Carroll said we could do a temporary emergency staffing hire for this. Mr. Malkin moved get someone for this weekend for 4:00 PM till sunset. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Zoom moderator:

Mr. Malkin said we should pick what process from the procedures that our legal counsel sent and then ask the Administrative Assistant what will work for them.

Other matters to be addressed:

Town Administrator / Tim Carroll was directed to move forward with posting an advertisement for hiring Administrative Assistant for the Housing committee.

Mr. Carroll said Rodney Bunker and Seth Karlinsky have completed training for COVID 19 cleaning.

Legal release documents to receive payment for damage to dock in Menemsha. Vote to authorize Town Administrator to sign. Mr. Doty moved, Mr. Malkin seconded. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Sherriff technical support MOU

Mr. Malkin moved to approve the MOU. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

After items on the agenda had been addressed Candy Schweder asked to have permission to hold a popup at the Tea Lane property to sell her pottery. Chairman Rossi said we need to take this under consideration and are not prepared to approve this request tonight. Ms. Schweder was advised to write a proposal and also seek guidance from the Board of Health and to return to the next Selectmen's meeting.

At 6:20 PM with no further items for discussion meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

**Approved 07/07/2020**