

Chilmark Board of Selectmen November 5, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Remote participants: Chairman Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Peter Cook, Robert Hannemann, Cathy Thompson, Judith Flanders, Mike Jacobs, Wendy Weldon, Margaret Maida, Ed Greenebaum, Diana DeBlase reporter Mia Coleman Kelly Marolf of MVTV.

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

Minutes:

Draft Minutes from Selectmen's 10/20/2020 meeting were reviewed, a correction was made. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Hunting Permission requested by G. Demers:

Mr. Carroll said the police Chief confirmed there has been no problems with Mr. Demers hunting.

(Gary Demers has been given permission to hunt yearly since 2013)

Mr. Malkin moved to approve granting permission for Mr. Demers to hunt Fulling Mill (Land Bank) property.

Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

O'Gorman letter housing proposal letter:

Chairman Rossi said the Housing Committee will read this proposal at their next meeting. Selectmen supported to refer this proposal to the Chilmark Planning Board and Board of Health.

Letter from Stephanie Danforth requesting to be appointed to MV Cultural Council:

Wendy Weldon said as member of the MV Cultural Council, Stephanie would be a welcome member.

Mr. Doty moved to appoint Stephanie Danforth as a Chilmark representative to the MV Cultural Council. Mr.

Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

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Mr. Carroll said this is a Chilmark Conservation Commission hearing notification. No action was taken by Selectmen.

COVID 19 - new restrictions and advisory from Governor Baker:

Mr. Doty said there has been a huge uptick of persons infected with COVID. Mr. Doty stressed that we should all take notice and follow the new orders. Chairman Rossi said we need to stay vigilant. Mr. Doty said we (Selectmen) will attend the next Board of Health meeting on the 18th of November. Mr. Doty recommended to back off reopening Town hall and Library. Mr. Malkin recommended asking the Board of Health if there is something we should be acting on now and not wait till Nov 18.

November 10, 2020 5:00 PM Climate meeting:

Mr. Malkin said this is an Informational meeting for our residents and property owners to get their input.

HRB/COLA for FY22:

Mr. Carroll said the Human Resources Board met and reviewed the Cost of Living Adjustment and submitted their recommendation to approve an increase of 1.4%.

HRB/COLA for FY22 Continued...

Mr. Carroll said our Accountant requested that the Selectmen vote now so she can put into the figures for the Budget Hearings. Mr. Malkin moved to approve the recommended 1.4% COLA. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

School HVAC Update:

Mr. Carroll said we negotiated contract with TE2. Mr. Carroll said he has sent update to the proposers and next week he will scan them and send them. Mr. Hannemann said he is pleased to get some progress on this project.

Selectmen Requests:

Mr. Doty asked what the next steps are for the 4 North Ridge Road property. Mr. Carroll said he spoke to a real-estate broker who took a client looked at the property today. Mr. Carroll asked about allowing a Brokerage agreement for finder's fee and to check with town counsel about this. Chairman Rossi supported that the town offer to pay a fee to brokers. Selectmen supported Mr. Carroll seeking guidance from town counsel on this.

Town Administrator:

Mr. Carroll gave updates on the Cares act money the town has utilized for the COVID pandemic. Mr. Carroll said we have used about \$36,000.00 out of \$80,000.00. He has asked the staff let him know what we need. Mr. Carroll said we received \$10,000 from the Massachusetts boards of health. Mr. Carroll said we have some funds from this amount left and hopefully we can use it to pay a bill from previous fiscal year for COVID signage that was submitted after our deadlines.

Mr. Carroll said we have been experiencing technical difficulties at town hall. Mr. Carroll described some of the service tech. Mr. Carroll said the remote access to our offices might use some COVID 19 funding.

Mr. Carroll said we had planned to have staff at town hall November 18 2020. Mr. Doty said town hall should stay closed to public access, and to have outside appointments.

At 5:32 PM with no further items for discussion Chairman Rossi adjourned meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase

APPROVED 11/17/2020

Document list:

- Draft minutes from 10/20/2020 Selectmen's meeting
- Letter about proposal for 33 North Road property
- Request to be appointed to MVCC from S. Danforth
- Abutter notice for ConCom hearing about property near town forest
- Energy disclosure label from Nextra Energy