

Chilmark Board of Selectmen January 19, 2021 Meeting minutes

Remote participants Present: Chairman Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. **Others:** Joe Sullivan, Chuck Hodgkinson, Tim Carroll, Tri Town Ambulance Chief Ben Retmier, Jeremy Wood, Catherine Thomas, Margaret Maida, Clark Goff, Ann Wallace, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Amanda Sawyer, Keenan & Kenny, Jerry Thiboutot from K&K, Susan and Gary Mottau, Rich Saltsburg, Tim Rich, Skipper Manter, Peter Cook, Rob Hannemann, Rob Doyle, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Jane Slater, Judith Flanders, Anna Kieslowski, Forrest Filler, Maia Coleman (30)

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

Minutes:

Draft minutes from 12/15/2020 were not reviewed but were tabled to next meeting.

Draft minutes from 1/5/2021 were reviewed Mr. Malkin moved to approve as written. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Public Safety Building Committee (PSBC) Presentation on Fire & EMS Buildings:

Chairman Rossi (also Chairman of PSBC) said we have had 36 meetings of the PSBC since our Sept.10, 2019 meeting. The PSBC has settled on a Campus plan. We were surprised by the price but not in our control. Broke out the cost to each tax payer for a visual explanation. Project Administrator Chuck Hodgkinson presented with Amanda Sawyer of K&K the PowerPoint.

For complete presentation see link to Selectmen's website

https://www.chilmarkma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf2951/f/agendas/3chilmark_firehousecombined_emsforumjanuary2021.pdf

Antonia from Keenan & Kenny presented the new plans.

- Fire House Building: 4,507 sq feet
- Tri Town Ambulance & joint use with Fire department Building: 6,597 sq feet
- 10,761 sq feet Construction cost with additional contingency and fees.
- \$11.1 Million total cost to tax payers.
- Cost of EMS building construction will be shared with West Tisbury and Aquinnah and Chilmark. 1.5 Mil each town
- Chilmark \$8.1 Mil.

Mr. Hodgkinson discussed debt service.

- The next step if support this plan is to schedule public forums

Mr. Doty said he has design and cost estimate questions:

- 1.) Impact of new building on town hall

Mr. Rossi said we think it works with our space constraints. Tim Rich (PSBC member) agree with what was said. This will work.

Mr. Doty also asked 2.) How does this plan coordinate with Church and Yard as our abutters?

Bill Rossi said the Yard is doing a big expansion, we think it will work.

OPM Joe Sullivan said there have been a lot of renditions and the architect eloquently addressed the integrity of existing town hall. Mr. Rich said the Yard is increasing their size 4 times of what they have now. Mr. Rich said the sound would be quiet unless responding to a call. Mr. Malkin said it looks to be well in keeping what we have in town.

Chairman Rossi said that the Beetlebung farm is planning a large barn across the street.

Mr. Doty also asked 3.) Finance question; looks like you added 10% two times and 5% as well, can you explain? Joe Sullivan explained to hire General Contractor and general conditions. Covers cost increase.

Jane Slater said as tax payer I would be proud to put my taxes to these buildings, they are beautiful.

Chairman Rossi concluded with saying he is pleased we worked this out with Aquinnah and West Tisbury. Jim Newman and Skipper Manter were very helpful during this process.

Joe Sullivan asked for rollcall as a vote in favor of direction we are going. Mr. Doty: Aye, Mr. Malkin: Aye, Chairman Rossi: Aye

Park & Rec Committee – Lease of Lot 5A to John Keene to operate wholesale nonprofit fish house. Mr. Malkin reported we advertised and received 1 bid from John Keene with the Martha's Vineyard Fisheries Preservation Trust (MVFPT). Mr. Malkin said this looks to be a sound plan and hopefully long-lived enterprise. Mr. Malkin said the Park & Rec voted unanimously in support of awarding lease to John Keene. Jane Slater of Park & Recreation who oversee the Bulkhead leases said she has every faith John Keene will be a good addition in Menemsha Bulkhead leases.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve Lot 5A be leased to John Keene and MVFPT. Chairman Rossi seconded the motion. Mr. Doty recused himself from discussion and voting as he is on the Board of the MVFPT. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1, abstain Warren Doty**

Climate Committee – Jim Malkin:

Mr. Malkin said he would like to allow for discussion tonight about Advisory notice for households to get placards for Emergency Evacuation / storm or fire. Information sheets have been prepared by Gary Mottau & Rob Doyle. Rob Doyle spoke to this. These advisories will be up on the Chilmark town website but each home should have one copy in print. Mr. Malkin said this was estimated \$5,000 budget item. Gary Mottau spoke how this came about. We are tasked with education for our community. Chairman Rossi asked if there are funds left in the Selectmen's budget line. Mr. Malkin said the Climate Action Committee would like to distribute this at town meeting.

Mr. Doty asked to get an actual quote and that might bring cost down. Mr. Malkin said we can and will return for action at the Feb2, 2021 Selectmen's meeting.

Updates:

Mr. Doty asked for status of search to fill positions when Mr. Hodgkinson retires. Chairman Rossi said we are scheduling to interview 6 candidates and that he is really impressed with the applicants. Mr. Carroll said interviews will be on the Zoom platform and are scheduled for this Thursday & next Tuesday 3 interviews on each day.

Mr. Doty asked TTA Chief how the COVID Vaccination program was coming along for Public Safety personnel. Tri Town Ambulance Chief Ben Retmier said well. Next round in 21 days. Still in Phase 1 of rollout.

Margaret Maida asked when elderly can expect vaccinations. Mr. Malkin said March maybe.

At 6:22 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes** *meeting was adjourned.*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 2/2/2021

Document list:

- Chilmark Selectmen draft meeting minutes from 1/5/2021 & 12/15/2020
- EMS & Firehouse campus plan forum
- Letter from MVFPT proposal for Bulkhead lot 5A