

Chilmark Board of Selectmen February 16, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Remote participants: (20)

Chairman Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Elaine Miller, Margaret Maida, Cathy Thompson, Peter Cook, Rob Hannemann, Mike Jacobs, Steve Lewenberg, Doug West, Ann Wallace, Irene Ziebarth, Julie Fay, Laura Silber, Liz Durkee, Lucas Thors, Maia Coleman.

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

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Selectmen's 2/2/2021 meeting were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes as written. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

MV Commission Climate Change Planner – Liz Durkee:

Martha's Vineyard Commission Planner Liz Durkee introduced herself and outlined the areas she will be working on at the MVC for the community. Education, energy efficacy, adaptation, public health & safety and resilience.

Mr. Malkin said the Chilmark Climate Group has shared our work with Liz. Mr. Malkin said we (Climate Group) are waiting to hear about Hariph's Creek embankment base line from the State.

Mr. Doty said he continues to be concern for Menemsha Texaco gas station. Mr. Doty said this is our only fueling station for vehicles and boats. Mr. Doty said we need a plan for the gas station. Ms. Durkee said she would put that on her list. Chairman Rossi thanked Ms. Durkee for reaching out to Chilmark and making this introduction.

MV Commission – Storm Tide Pathways:

Ms. Durkee said the MVC through a grant will hire Center for Coastal Studies that will provide an app for each town that will have the storm tide pathways for each town. Ms. Durkee said the Grant is for \$370,000 and about \$70,000 of this will be local match that MVC is working on (in-kind work). Ms. Durkee said with this are still short. Ms. Durkee said I am asking if your town will consider contributing. Chairman Rossi said we already wrapped up our ATM warrant. Peter Cook recommended Ms. Durkee to share a sample of what these apps would look like. Mr. Doty asked what is amount of money you are asking for. Ms. Durkee said \$5,000.00 for up island towns more for others. Chairman Rossi recommended submitting a warrant request for our fall Special Town Meeting. Chairman Rossi thanked Ms. Durkee for reaching out to Chilmark and making this introduction.

CCMVHB- Housing Bank Initiative #3 – Introduction from Julie Fay & Laura Silber:

Julie Fay introduced herself as co-chair with Arielle Faria of the Coalition to Create the MV Housing Bank. Ms. Fay said Laura Silber is present with me tonight to help answer question you might have about our campaign.

Ms. Fay gave an outline of forming the CCMVHB:

- 55-60 people started meeting in November. Then we formed a 12 -13 person steering committee, and then working committees from that group.

CCMVHB- Housing Bank Initiative Continued...

- Proposal is a transfer fee on homes sold.
- Once design is created then next fall establish ATM warrants for 2022.
- Hope there will be a Town Committee for the housing bank in the future.
- Fernandez & Cyr are working with us for the legislation.

Laura Silber we are here tonight asking that you designate a Select Board Member to the CCMVHB. Warren Doty said he would welcome to be the representative. Mr. Malkin moved to appoint Mr. Doty to the CCMVHB. Chairman Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

There was discussion of the design proposals. Chairman Rossi thanked Ms. Fay and Ms. Silber for this presentation and said he was glad you want to include the Selectmen.

For information about the CCMVHB here is link to FAQ page from agenda posting:

https://www.chilmarkma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlf2951/f/agendas/faq_2_5_21_ccmvhb_.pdf

Chairman Rossi said we have members of the Energy Committee present to discuss an item that has a time constraint and at this time will allow discussion on this topic.

Electric Vehicle Charging Station –Grant:

Energy Committee Chairman Rob Hannemann thanked Chairman Rossi for entertaining this item. Mr. Hannemann said EVs are at a tipping point. Mr. Hannemann said we received an opportunity for a state grant for Public Chargers owned by Municipalities. Mr. Hannemann said Eversource already has a make ready program but that will end soon.

Mr. Hannemann introduced Mike Jacobs and said he has done most of the work on this grant application. Mr. Jacob said 100% cost of fast charging pedestal and installation is paid by grant and Eversource. Mr. Jacob said this is a first come first serve grant so we need to move quickly on this. We are requesting your guidance on location and support to move forward.

This proposal needs 2 parking places designated for EV charging only and one needs to also be ADA compliant.

Mr. Carroll screen shared a map of the proposed charging station locations. 1 was at the Chilmark Community Center in 2 locations and another was proposed at the Chilmark Library parking lot. Mr. Doty said the issue of parking is a huge issue we have debates every summer. We are trying to address this with our new Public safety building. That will have a charging station when we move that project forward. Chairman Rossi said the Chilmark Post Office might be a good spot for this.

Mr. Doty said we are not ready to agree what location should listed on grant application because we need to hear from the USPO, Library and CCC Committee. Mr. Hannemann said we are presenting this as an opportunity. Mr. Hannemann said we will need to come up with over \$100,000.00 to install on our own without this grant. Mr. Hannemann said we are the only town without a charging facility.

Director of the CCC Summer Program Alexander London Thompson said this is all very new to her and she has not gotten committee together.

EV Charging Station Grant Continued...

Ms. London Thompson said this (EV Charging stations) is the future, but CCC might not be the first location picked and probably library will feel the same way. Mr. London Thompson said this is only speaking for myself. Mr. Malkin asked what the deadline date is. Mr. Hannemann said last day to submit is March 19 but it's also first come first serve.

Mr. Malkin suggested the need for appropriate parties to weigh in on this. Mr. Hannemann said we will see what we can do to move forward with this opportunity. Mr. Hannemann said the Chilmark School Principal has asked for years when Chilmark will get an EV charging station. Chairman Rossi said the School and Post Office are both good locations to work with. Mr. Carroll said as for communicating with the Post Office we have a lease manager we can talk to. Steve Lewenberg said this is a golden opportunity, a fast charging station is an enormous opportunity and if installed would be the first on Martha's Vineyard.

Mr. Malkin moved to authorize moving ahead with Chilmark School lot at 8 State Road address for the grant application and communicate with parties involved. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

AT 6:12 PM Police Chief Jonathan Klaren & Wendy Weldon joined meeting

Housing Committee – Appointments of Allison Cameron Parry & Nettie Kent Ruel by the Planning Board:

Chairman Rossi said he is happy to have these community members willing to serve on the Housing Committee. Mr. Doty moved to appoint both as Housing Committee members. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

HRB– Recommendation to adopt Juneteenth as an additional holiday for town employees:

Mr. Malkin said this is already a State holiday that is a recognition of emancipation of slaves in the USA. Mr. Doty said he endorses idea of holiday and recommended to put aside for 2 weeks to look at the implications. Chairman Rossi said he agrees. Mr. Carroll said its State law we should ask Legal counsel. Mr. Malkin said we support this, just need to figure out the mechanics and address at next Selectmen meeting.

Squibnocket Beach – Storm damage & Repair proposal:

Chairman Rossi said we received this proposal for the damaged fencing at Squibnocket and the proposal looks good with a total cost of \$450.00 for 30 hrs. Mr. Doty moved to approve proposal. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Police Department – acceptance of gifts and authorized use:

Police Chief Jonathan Klaren spoke about the \$10,000.00 gift to Police department for them to do their jobs better. Chief Klaren said the Spending at discretion of Police Chief.

Chief Klaren said he is looking at portable speed sign and data collection with this gift money. Mr. Malkin moved to accept the gift for the Police Department as presented. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Climate Action Group request for \$3,400 to distribute plastic coated fliers on Storm & Fire dangers:

Mr. Malkin said we (Climate Action Group) have returned with quote of \$3,400.00 to complete this project. Mr. Malkin asked Selectmen to Support authorizing this and hand out the materials at town meeting and remainder of distribution at town hall. Mr. Doty moved to approve. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll asked were funds are coming from Chairman Rossi said the Selectmen's maintenance line.

4 North Ridge Road – Update:

Chairman Rossi said we had to postpone the virtual open house last week to tomorrow at 1:00 PM.

Correspondence Comcast report 500 – no action

At 630 PM with no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 03/16/2021**

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen's 2/2/2021 meeting
- Coalition to Create the MV Housing Bank 2/2021 FAQ
- Planning Board letter in support of appointing 2 new members to Housing Committee
- HRB letter recommending adoption of Juneteenth as an additional employee holiday
- Flat contract fee of \$450.00 Proposal for cleaning up broken fencing at Squibnocket Beach
- Photo of Squibnocket beach fencing when installed
- 2 Photos of storm damage to fencing at Squibnocket Beach
- Email from Police Chief to have gifts from community to Police Department approved by Selectmen
- Comcast Form 500 report for 2020 (complaints addressed)
- EV charging station proposal of locations - *screen shared during meeting*