

Chilmark Select Board (PKA Selectmen) March 2, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Remote Participants: Chairman Bill Rossi, Warren Doty and James Malkin. Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Mike Morano, Rich Osnoss, Brian Dowd, Clarissa Allen, Ann Wallace, Eunice Youmans, Rebecca Haag, Margaret Maida, Martina Mastromonaco, Peter Cook, Don Hatch, Maia Coleman, Rob Hannemann, Virginia Morris, Alison C Perry, Richard Dewitt, Doug West, JY Flanders, Ann Dewitt, Irene Ziebarth, Sally Cook (26)

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

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Selectmen's meeting held 2/16/2021 were tabled.

With time available till the public hearing chairman Rossi asked for items that could be addressed till 5:05 PM

Cable - negotiations Lawyer recommendation from Island town Administrators

Chilmark Town Administrator Tim Carroll said he recommends William Soloman as our legal representative for the cable contract negotiations. Mr. Carroll said the island Town administrators support this recommendation and asked if Chilmark Selectmen will as well. Mr. Doty moved to approve appointing William Soloman as he did good job last time we did cable negotiations. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

T2e – Chilmark School engineering services to HVAC:

Chairman Rossi asked Mr. Carroll to discuss this item with time prior to the public hearing. Mr. Carroll gave a description of what was needed with addition of additional funding for change order. Mr. Malkin said this is something the OPM brought to our attention and strongly endorsed this recommended increase.

Mr. Hannemann said the amount of increase is \$1,250.00. Mr. Malkin moved to approve the change order to the Chilmark school HVAC project. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

At 5:05 PM Chairman Rossi opened public hearing for public comment about the proposed raises to the Beach passes for 2021 season:

Chairman of the Beach Committee Clarissa Allen spoke to the process that the committee went through and said we believe it is a reasonable request. Beach Superintendent Martina Mastromonaco said in the last 25 years only a single raise has happened. Ms. Mastromonaco said it is \$15.00 increase to each pass and that this should keep us from asking for tax dollars to support the Beach Department. Chairman Rossi said with no public comment at this time requested closing of hearing. Mr. Malkin moved to close public hearing. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Doty moved to approve increased fees as presented by the Beach Committee. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Food waste initiative:

Chilmark Planning Board Chairman Rich Osnoss serves on Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal & Resource Recovery District (MVRD&RRD) and introduced Island Grown Initiative (IGI) members who will present the new design to handle food waste.

Food waste initiative Continued...

Rebecca Haag executive director and Eunice Youmans the food waste initiative Director of IGI gave a PowerPoint presentation of the proposed plan and answered questions.

An Island in-vessel drum composting system that can process over 6500 tons of food waste will cost \$9,826,496. Projected total yearly operating costs for the new in-vessel system are \$324,100. Capital costs will be recovered through export savings, tipping fees and compost within 11 years.

The MV Food Waste Initiative, along with partners Bruno's Rolloff and Keane's Excavation will continue to grow the compost collection pilot to reach 1800 tons of food waste collected, processed and sold in 2025.

Mr. Doty said MVRD can float a \$9,000,000 Municipal bond and towns support we pay through debt service through the MVRD budget. Chairman Rossi said maybe involve the County as it is an entity that all island towns are part of. Mr. Osness said we are determined to come to a consensus with Vineyard Haven and Oak Bluffs (who are not part of the MVRD&RRD). Selectmen's consensus was Endorse proposal and encourage to continue with this project.

Mr. Doty said at the Chilmark LDO (dump) older folks have reported to him that they are having hard time dumping trash into the dumpster. Mr. Doty said the way the dumpsters are situated a person must lift up to dump into dumpsters. MVRD & RRD Director Don Hatch said he will put signs up to ask for assistance if needed.

Planning Board - zoning amendment:

Planning Board Chairman Richard Osness and member Ann Wallace discussed the proposal for homesite lots. Propose removing acre required. Planning Board member Peter Cook said as the letter says we have had a lot of discussion on this. Chairman Rossi said this would be for only preexisting non-conforming. Mr. Carroll said we can use GIS data base and see what and where this applies. Chairman Rossi said there would be a low number of eligible properties.

Mr. Malkin asked where we were with the with Peaked Hill Pasture Road affordable housing project. Chairman Osness said there is surveying work then site visit this March with MVC VLS and Planning Board members. No action was taken at this time.

Chilmark Community Center (CCC) Summer Program:

Mr. Doty said the TAB (Town Advisory Board) is securing a federal loan to have a real summer program this year. Mr. Doty said the question from director of the program is can they put up tents. Mr. Doty said there will not decision now but bring to discussion. Chairman Rossi said the Chilmark Community Center Advisory Committee should meet to discuss this.

Mr. Doty said he has had folks asking about Potluck music at CCC as we have had but might be too soon to make any plans. Mr. Malkin said it is too early to take position on this.

Margaret Maida asked how many tents the TAB is proposing. Chairman Rossi said at this time we don't know. Chairman Rossi said the CCCAC will review and we will have recommendations for the Selectmen after meeting.

Mr. Doty said the Chilmark Preschool has 16 kids now would like to expand to 24 and utilize space for that at CCC. Mr. Doty said they are also seeking to continue use next September.

Mr. Carroll said that should be added to agenda for the CCCAC meeting.

Richard Dewitt - South Road speed reduction request:

Mr. Dewitt is a Chilmark representative on the bike & pedestrian committee of the MVC. Mr. Dewitt said the stretch from Carls Way up island to Ridgehill Rd is 40 MPH and recommends to reduce to 35 MPH. Mr. Dewitt said there are 3 businesses within that area. Mr. Malkin recommend that we find out from state what is involved to change speed as a town. Mike Mauro of MVC support town into looking into this. Sally Cook spoke passionately about lowering speed. Ms. Cook said the speed limit is too high, we have lost dogs and cats. 1996 wrote letter to Selectmen requesting reduction to speed limit from Quansoo to Ables Hill. Chairman Rossi said we will look into the process.

Chilmark Annual Town Meeting (ATM) - date discussion- No authority to move ATE-Override vote:

Mr. Carroll said he would like to acknowledge Everett Poole's many years of service as our town moderator. Mr. Carroll said Everett just informed the Selectmen's Office that he has retired from the position of town moderator. Mr. Carroll said he proposes to move ATM to the middle of May or later. Mr. Carroll said the original date for Annual Town Election (ATE) should happen for positions, then a Special Town Election (STE) for the overrides.

Mr. Doty said yesterday he got the email from Everett Poole. He is 90 years old he decided it was time to step down. A very big change for all of us. A big thank you for his years. Chairman Rossi said he has never known any other moderator for Chilmark. Had incredible presence. Mr. Malkin said he got me involved with the town work, been a bit of a god father to me. Integral part of our town and our integrity.

Chairman Rossi said with the fire and ambulance building on this Annual Town warrant we want ability for residence to come in person to support. Chairman Rossi said if we push ATM to May so more folks can be vaccinated and feel confident to attend. Selectmen supported Saturday in May at 1:00 PM 8th or 15th with rain date of Sunday to follow. Mr. Carroll said he will need to reserve tent soon as they get scarce. Mr. Malkin pointed out that the sound system is important as well as the large tent as we have large decisions. Mr. Carroll said the big money items will be on ballot as well so if folks don't want to come to meeting.

Ms. Maida asked if we can have a Town Meeting on a Sunday. Mr. Carroll said we have details to work out. Ms. Maida asked when Library will reopen. Mr. Doty said Mass Library Association is making the guidance during the pandemic and Chilmark is following their lead.

Mr. Rossi directed Mr. Carroll to send Selectmen a draft warrant for ATM prior to next meeting.

MCPPO - Recertification:

Mr. Carroll said he took online class for recertification.

Mass Inspector General webinar - Project Management for Municipal Construction:

Mr. Carroll said there is training for municipal building projects. Chairman Rossi said he will attend.

DUA Seasonal Employer application filed 2/25/21:

Mr. Carroll said he filed for Seasonal Exemption, and we will see what happens.

Nom Papers deadline March 10th 5:00 PM:

Mr. Carroll said this is a reminder for folks who are running for a position to be able to have their name on the ballot.

Mr. Malkin said as for the moderator position; at ATM town clerk will open nominations and then move forward, Everett Poole has a recommendation he will make on town floor.

At 6:41 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 04/06/2021

Document list:

- Newspaper advertisement for public hearing of beach pass fee increases
- MV Food waste initiative outline
- Power Point presentation from IGI for composting program at the MVRD&RRD
- Zoning amendment recommendation from Chilmark Planning Board about homesite lots
- Letter supporting amendment to zoning from the Chilmark Planning Board
- Proposal from William H Solomon to represent the island towns for the Cable TV negotiations
- Appendix B by William H Solomon regarding the scope of service for Comcast cable renewal
- Change order for T2e for the School HVAC project
- Chapter 90 funds notice from Mass DOT
- Letter of thanks to Chilmark police officer Slavin from West Tisbury resident