

## Chilmark Board of Selectmen August 4, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Remote participation by: Chairman Bill Rossi, Jima Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Ann Wallace, Cathy Thompson, Jennifer Christy, Margaret Maida, Peter Cook, Robert Hannemann, Spider Andresen, Melanie Becker, Ellen Biskis, Judith Flanders, Seth Karlinsky, Fred Khedouri, Clark Goff, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Harbormaster Ryan Rossi, Diana DeBlase. (20 participants)

At 3:00 PM Chairman Rossi called the remote participation meeting to order.

### Minutes:

Draft minutes from Selectmen's July 7, 2020 and July 21, 2020 meetings were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve both sets of minutes as written. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

### Chief of Police Report:

Chief Klaren said a vehicle drove off the dock into Menemsha Harbor; there were many emergency response teams that assisted from all around. Sloan Oliver's and Heidi Blau's assistance was notable. Chairman Rossi and Selectmen spoke of their appreciation for Sloan & Heidi's assistance in this emergency.

Mr. Malkin said there was a sign that stated commercial fisherman vehicles only beyond this area by the Galley. Mr. Carroll said we had a sign that said no unauthorized vehicles beyond this area, but they went missing at the beginning of season. Mr. Carroll said he reordered signs and will replace them when they arrive. Spider (Edward) Andresen said these signs have been ignored for 20 plus years. Mr. Andresen said this is a traffic issue. Mr. Khedouri said there is a safety issue having fewer vehicles allowed would help. Chairman Rossi asked if it was possible to have another officer at times to keep drivers away from the drive on dock to help with the safety congestion. Chief Klaren said yes. Mr. Khedouri said lunch and sunset are the most congested times in that area. Chairman Rossi recommended 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM and then 6:00 PM to 8:00PM. Mr. Andresen said set hours will encourage abuse when we are not policing. Mr. Andresen recommended random hours with a traffic guard by the USCG boat house. Mr. Doty supported leaving this up to the Police Chief.

Mr. Carroll said we will install a 12x12 with a stringer to shore up the area where the vehicle went in the water. Mr. Malkin talked about expanding the turnaround area by the Galley so it would help alleviate the congestion for when vehicles need to turn around. Chairman Rossi supported talking to a traffic engineer about this. Margaret Maida said folks are not turning around at the Galley because there are people standing in the street for COVID 19 -distancing.

### Menemsha Mandatory Mask order follow-up:

Seth Karlinsky said its 50% 50% without and with masks in Menemsha on any given day. We are reminding folks but if some folks are looking to have confrontations we leave them be. Mr. Karlinsky said pointing to our own masks is a good way. Mr. Karlinsky said as soon as they get on the beach the masks come off. Mr. Doty said from his observations he would say folks in lines are wearing masks and would say about 2/3 compliant.

### Van Tours in Menemsha and congestion:

Mr. Carroll said there was discussion of need for code of conduct with drivers and town officials as we have had in the past but for updating the material to have COVID 19 protocols understood. Mr. Karlinsky said tour vans are parking in 30 minute parking and the food pickup stations and also in the Commercial shellfishing parking areas. Vans are not following the Governor's orders for safety standards during COVID 19.

Van Tours in Menemsha and congestion Continued...

Ms. Maida said there were 7 tour vans at noon in Menemsha the other day. Mr. Carroll said he can contact the State to find out what the guidelines are for compliance and for helping with enforcement. Mr. Doty recommended a letter from Selectmen and Board of Health and hand this out to each van driver by the parking/traffic officers. Mr. Doty recommended building on the letter we received from the Chilmark Board of Health.

School use of Chilmark Community Center (CCC):

Mr. Carroll asked for Selectmen to decide how the CCC will be used this year. Mr. Doty spoke about the complexity the school will be facing and recommended not committing the CCC to anything other than school use. Selectmen agreed that our school comes first.

Finance updates:

Town Accountant Ellen Biskis discussed the updated report from June 30 year end estimated receipts. Ms. Biskis said it is actually better this year than last. Real-estate and personal property tax collection is now at 98%. Ms. Biskis said we did meet our estimated revenues. Room's tax was certainly helpful. \$144,000 room's tax for last year was collected.

State aid:

Mr. Carroll said we put in for \$30,000.00 but have not received notice of our request yet. Town Treasurer Melanie Becker gave a report of recent revenues that were realized after the Accountant's report. Chairman Rossi said our finances are not showing the dire possibilities we were worried about.

State Warrant for September 1, 2020 Election:

Town Clerk Jennifer Christy requested Chilmark Board of Selectmen to call State Warrant Election for September 1, 2020 and said this will need signatures by each of the Selectmen. Mr. Doty moved to sign the State Warrant for the September Election. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.  
**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Ms. Christy said 221 mail-in-ballots have already been sent out to Chilmark Voters who have requested to vote by mail.

Planning Board Annual Board Representative Appointments to Committees / Boards:

Ms. Christy said at their last meeting the members of the Chilmark Planning Board requested Selectmen appoint the following: Planning Board member to the Community Preservation Committee - Catherine Thompson Site review co-rep Peter Cook & Janet Weidner and rest of Planning Board as alternates. Chairman Rossi moved to appoint members as requested. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.  
**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Planning Board Peaked Hill site plan analysis:

Ms. Wallace and Cathy Thompson spoke to this Conceptual stage of Peaked Hill Pastures property. There was discussion about the District of Local Technical Assistant site review of the whole area. Chairman Rossi recommended using the funds we have to move forward. Mr. Cook said the Martha's Vineyard Commission is willing to foot the entire bill for this process. Mr. Malkin supported moving forward with this proposal.

At 4:00 PM with no further items for discussion Chairman Rossi moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen's 7/7/2020 & 7/21/2020 meetings. **APPROVED 08/18/2020**