

Chilmark Board of Selectmen December 11, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Warren Doty, James Malkin, Bill Rossi. Others: Tim Carroll, Chuck Hodgkinson, Lucas Thors and MVTV videographer Lynn Christoffers.

At 11:00 AM Chairman Doty called meeting to order in the selectmen's meeting room.

Chairman Doty said we called this special meeting to hear the recommendation from the Public Safety Building Committee (PSBC) and possibly appoint an architectural firm.

Mr. Rossi who is the Chairman of the PSBC said we interviewed 3 very qualified architectural firms yesterday with the OPM we have hired. Mr. Rossi said the company that received the most votes is Kennan & Kenny Architects from Falmouth. Mr. Rossi gave some examples of the structures on the Vineyard that this company worked on.

Mr. Hodgkinson of West Tisbury said this company worked on the WT Town Hall and it was their first island job. They came in under budget and were on time. Mr. Hodgkinson said our OPM has done 2 projects with this firm on the island so they already have a relationship and they understand how they like to work.

Mr. Rossi moved to hire Keenan & Kenny Architects from Falmouth and to enter into contractual negotiations. Mr. Hodgkinson said we have a contract template that our legal counsel has reviewed. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. Mr. Malkin asked if the PSBC has made the architect aware of some of our citizen's concerns at the scale, particularly as they pertain to the Oak Bluffs Fire station (being too large).

Mr. Rossi said that yes that has been conveyed to them and they understand these are our community's buildings. Mr. Hodgkinson added that they don't want a monument to Keenan & Kenny in Chilmark.

Chairman Doty said his comments are similar and just yesterday he was at the airport and viewed the extremely large fire station there and did not want anything like that and shared his concerns that Keenan & Kenny did the architectural plans for that building. Mr. Hodgkinson said Keenan & Kenny were hired after the original architectural company they hired failed to design within the budget. Chairman Doty said the Ambulance building is next to the Dance the Yard and we want to keep them supportive of our project. We need a building that respects the Yard on one side and our Community Church on the other. We want a low roofline to keep our abutters supportive of this building project.

Mr. Rossi assured Chairman Doty that this is something he will be on top of. Mr. Rossi said we will invite our neighbors and interested Chilmark residents to review some of the initial designs to make comments. Mr. Rossi said we have a very tight schedule to have plans completed for our ATM and we are confident that Keenan & Kenny will deliver.

Chairman Doty asked Mr. Hodgkinson to give a timeline of what happens if we move to appoint Keenan & Kenny. Mr. Hodgkinson gave the outline:

- We immediately start working on negotiations for the contract and compensation.
- And have all parties sign by the end of this year.

Mr. Carroll said the next meeting this could be done at is January 7, 2020. Mr. Carroll said we could schedule a special meeting for the selectmen to complete this before the regular meeting in January.

Chairman Doty and Bill Rossi agreed to post a special Selectmen's meeting for 10:00 AM December 30th to review and approve the contract. James Malkin said he would not be available for this meeting but is willing to review documents. Mr. Hodgkinson said he would forward the contract electronically and will copy Mr. Carroll as well.

Mr. Carroll said on a separate topic the State called to invite the town to attend their meeting on Tuesday December 17th at 10 AM in the Department of Corrections office building in Milford Massachusetts to speak to the letter the town sent requesting special consideration under section 98 for deviation from the state building codes for Chilmark to have more stringent pool zoning bylaws.

Mr. Carroll said Chris Murphy is representing Chilmark after talking with town counsel.

Mr. Carroll said also in the Emergency Management there is a \$2,000.00 grant the State gives the towns towards planning. We have agreed for West Tisbury, Aquinnah and Chilmark to wrap those three together and complete purchasing the remaining ballistic vests and equipment needed for Tri Town Ambulance. Mr. Carroll said with your approval I will send that out today. Chairman Doty approved.

At 11:21 AM With no further items for discussion Chairman Doty moved to adjourn. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase

Approved 12/16/2019

Document List:

- 5 page (large, color formatted) description and work samples and photos from Keenan & Kenny Architects