

Chilmark Board of Selectmen December 16, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Warren Doty and Bill Rossi. *Selectman James Malkin was not present.* Others: Tim Carroll, Brooke Emin, Forrest Filler, MVTV Videographer Lynne Fraker.

At 5:00 PM Chairman Doty called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's 2nd floor meeting room in the Chilmark town hall.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Selectmen's December 3, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made. Mr. Rossi moved to approve as corrected. Chairman Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present James Malkin

Draft minutes from Selectmen's December 11, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Corrections were made. Mr. Rossi moved to approve as corrected. Chairman Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present James Malkin

Brook Emin - request for easement to install Comcast at Middle Line Road property:

Selectmen reviewed the request from Ms. Emin and Mr. Filler. Mr. Rossi moved to grant permission to bring Comcast wire across the town's parcel to serve the 3 Emin's lots. Chairman Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present James Malkin**

Moped - Homerule petition of Oak Bluffs, letter of support:

Chairman Doty said Tim Rich has worked hard on this project and supported Chilmark Selectmen sending a letter of support. Mr. Rossi moved to send a letter in support of banning moped rentals. Chairman Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present James Malkin**

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Sheriff's Department & Emergency Communication Systems - RECC:

Chairman Doty said for the Sheriff's Department we have two different committees. Mr. Carroll said there is a technical committee made up of Police Chiefs, Fire Chiefs and Ambulance Chiefs from all the island towns. The second committee is a Finance Committee made up of Town Administrators except for Tisbury they are sending a FinCom member. Mr. Carroll went into a lengthy description of what is happening. The Technical Committee has recommendations and the Finance Committee meets tomorrow 12/17/2019 to discuss these recommendations. Last year the cost to Chilmark was \$35,000.00 in a warrant article and it's proposed to be the same amount for FY21. Chairman Doty said there is not action to be taken tonight.

Chilmark Police Chief - contract:

Chairman Doty said Jim Malkin and Chief Klarén have been working together negotiating the Police Chief contract and Jim has submitted some recommendations. Mr. Rossi and Chairman Doty both said they reviewed these recommendations and support them.

- New Contract will be three years commencing March 21, 2020.
on March 21, 2020 the Chief will receive the COLA provided to town employees on July 1, 2019.
- Increases to compensation will occur on 1 July of each year, starting on 1 July 2020.
- Salary increase to \$140,000 on 1 July 2020 and will increase by the town COLA on each 1 July thereafter for the duration of the agreement.
- Eliminate Section 2 B under Hours of Work. The BOS will supervise the Chief's work and hours.

Mr. Rossi moved to approve the changes to the Police Chief contract. Chairman Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present James Malkin**

Dukes County - MV Parking Clerk - rate increase:

Mr. Carroll said the MV Parking Clerk has been turned into a self-funded operation. To do this they need to raise the Processing fee from \$2.00 to \$2.50 per ticket the Notice fee will go from \$.99 to \$1.50 and the Commission they are paid now is 15% and they are requesting that be raised to 17%.

Mr. Rossi moved to approve the three fee increases as requested by the Parking Clerk. Chairman Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present** *James Malkin*

Tax Rate & Levy Cap:

Mr. Carroll said the tax rate has been set and now we are working to get the tax bills out. The tax rate is down 2 cents from last year and will now be 2.86%. There was also discussion about the levy limit and the discovery that Chilmark will not be going over. Chairman Doty recommended for our budget season coming up that we are conservative with our revenue estimates. Chairman Doty referred to the revenue from short term rental tax.

Chilmark Pond - Total Nitrogen Daily Load (TNDL):

Chairman Doty said the State and the US departments have approved the TNDL. Tim Carroll said this establishes a base line for our Chilmark Pond. No action was taken.

Sidewalk easement - Basin Road project:

Chairman Doty said he recommends we pay the total legal bill that was incurred by the homeowner because they are giving the easement at no cost to the town. Mr. Rossi agreed. Mr. Rossi moved to pay the full legal fees to the DiMaura concerning the Basin Road sidewalk easement. Chairman Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present** *James Malkin*

CVA Grant:

Mr. Carroll said this is the Clean Vessels Act annual grant that will reimburse the town up to a certain amount of money (\$3,500.00) for our vessel pump-out system. The town must submit documentation through the harbor department. Chairman Doty said we encourage every vessel in the harbor to utilize this free of charge. Chairman Doty moved to approve the CVA Grant. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present** *James Malkin*

Safety Buildings Update:

Mr. Rossi said the committee will meet again tomorrow. There is a Special Selectmen's meeting scheduled for 10 AM Monday December 30, 2019 to hopefully sign a contract with the Keenan & Kenny architectural firm. Mr. Rossi said we will hold public hearings for input once we have architectural renderings.

Town Administrator -Updates on ongoing projects:

Mr. Carroll said he is waiting to hear back from Keene Excavation on estimates for the Basin Road sidewalk project. The project for expanding the parking envelope at the capped landfill area; we are waiting to hear from the DEP on our application. Chairman Doty asked if there were updates on the HVAC projects for the Chilmark School and the Community Center. Mr. Carroll said we have received a proposal from a vendor and was hoping for 3 different vendors to send proposals. Mr. Carroll said he will call 2 others to see if we can get them to send proposals. Mr. Carroll said the engineering for the HVAC system proposed by Rise Engineering has the entire under stage area filled with duct work, eliminating the storage we count on. Mr. Carroll said we sent our comments back to them to see if there can be a revision and we have not heard back yet. Mr. Rossi asked that any changes to the engineering plans get certified. Mr. Carroll said he hopes to move forward with these projects in February.

At 5:33 PM with no further items for discussion. Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn. Chairman Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present** *James Malkin*

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 1/07/2020**

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen's December 3, 2019 and December 11, 2019 meetings
- Comcast Easement & Right of Way Application & map of location.
- Email from Oak Bluffs Town Administrator asking for Selectmen to send a letter of support to the Legislation to stop moped rentals on Martha's Vineyard
- 4 section act to ban scooters and mopeds on Martha's Vineyard
- Oak Bluffs Selectmen's letter to Senator Rausch and Representative O'Day in support to ban scooters and mopeds
- Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communications System draft FY21 budget request
- Martha's Vineyard Public Safety Communications System draft minutes from 11/26/19 meeting
- James Malkin's recommendations for Police Chief contract
- MV Parking Clerk's request for rate increase
- 12/12/19 notice from Mass DOR certifying 2020 Tax Rate
- Mass DEP letter to Commissioner Suuberg concerning Chilmark Pond Estuarian System Total Maximum Daily Load for Total Nitrogen.
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