

Chilmark Board of Selectmen September 15, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present (remote participation): Selectmen: Chairman Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Paddy Moore, Cindy Trish, Nancy Grundman, Eddy Stall, Clark Goff, Ben Birnbach, Robert Hannemann, Cathy Thompson, Marina Lent, Jessica Roddy, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Maia Coleman, Margaret Maida, Mollie Doyle, Peter Cook, Rich_, Susan & Gary Mottau, Sydney Wargo and Diana DeBlase (21 participants, not all spoke)

Chairman Rossi called for a moment of silence for community members who passes away: Frank Yeomans, Will Holtham and John Early.

At 5:01 PM Chairman Rossi called meeting to order.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Sept 3, 2020 were reviewed. Mr. Doty recommended changes: a spelling correction and the section about Public Safety Building he recommended replacing words socialize the plan with publicize plan and put to residents for review. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes with these changes. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Healthy Aging MV

Paddy Moore said she would be passing the torch to Cindy Trish the new director of Healthy Aging MV and taking her roll of president of the board again. Ms. Trish spoke of important happenings at HAMV and what Chilmark Selectmen can do to help. Ms. Trish spoke to the following items:

- 1.) Introduction
- 2.) What is underway for older adult survey?
- 3.) Asking for Selectmen to support letter from Chilmark Selectmen introducing the survey and endorsement.

Selectmen shared some items for HAMV to consider.

Chairman Rossi recommended that Tim Carroll write the letter of endorsement for the Chilmark Selectmen to sign at their next meeting.

School reopening Update:

Mr. Doty gave an update on the school reopening schedule and points of interest.

- Kindergarten students will be brought in individually in school September 17, 2020.
- Chilmark will have 4 classrooms
- Additional children due to additional year-round residents
- COVID 19 testing machine 15 minute results working towards securing this.
- Remote learning center CCC school not supervising this but PTO
- Synchronous learning
- All island school meeting Thursday for updates.

Town Advisory Council -Tennis fall program proposal:

Chairman Rossi said he went to site today spoke with program director. School ok with this setup. Mr. Doty said he spoke with Ben and Katie (monitors for the fall program) and seems like fence to separate the area will work well. Open 8:00AM to noon and 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM. Key to success will be supervisor at the tennis building to make sure players are checked in and are aware of the regulations for everyone's safety. Weather permitting continue to end of October.

Nancy Grundman said Katie and Ben will be able to continue through November. Mr. Doty moved to approve this tennis program extension as presented for this fall season. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll requested that all monitors for the fall tennis program give (with a call or email) their contacts to the receptionist at town hall.

Menemsha Harbor fall walk about / review:

Mr. Carroll asked when the Selectmen wanted to hold the Menemsha harbor site visit. Selectmen settled on Thursday September 24, at 1:00 PM. The number of people will be limited to: Harbormaster, 3 Selectmen and Town Administrator Mr. Doty recommended having the Police Chief also.

Climate Working Group follow-up from report:

Mr. Malkin presented the follow-up plan:

5 recommendations

- Menemsha dock replacement harbormaster work with Perter Neiley from the group in writing grants to get this done
- Improve emergency planning Jim Malkin will work with Lenny Jason
- Increase communication and education Rob Doyle and Gary Motteau will work on this. How do we get this information out there?
- Long-term financial impacts Don Leopold and Tim Carroll work on this
- Establish standing Climate Committee. Working group would like to be appointed along with other town representatives.

COVID 19 Updates:

Mr. Doty said he had concerns what would happen at the beaches in town after Labor Day with less staffing. Mr. Doty said it has quieted down considerably.

Police Update: Chief Klaren said Squibnocket beach is busy and he is still full staff but will start to decrease. Chief Klaren asked what Selectmen wanted to do about the highway-cones in center of Menemsha parking lot. Was it time to remove them? Chairman Rossi directed to leave them in place till the weather gets colder. Chairman Rossi said the Harbor department can assist with keeping the cones in place when the Police department staffing is decreased.

Finance Update report:

Tim Carroll gave a revenue snapshot; Beach down \$10,000.00 Harbor down \$2,000.00 Miscellaneous is up \$40,000.00 but \$35,000.00 is COVID relief money. Chairman Rossi asked about town's free cash. Mr. Carroll said we are working on that, our auditor is working with town accountant at this time. Mr. Carroll reported we have \$126,000 left to collect in real-estate tax. Mr. Carroll said there is no concern for revenue collection. Mr. Carroll said as for room excise tax we hope to have figures in mid-October.

Clerk designate Town Hall as Early voting polling place:

Tim Carroll said the Chilmark Community Center (CCC) not available as we have turned the CCC over to School. Mr. Doty said the proposal of using the town hall for early voting sketch-plans looks good. Mr. Carroll said we will make space available for the times:
Monday – Friday 8:00 AM- Noon. Sat & Sun 10- to noon for 2 weekends. 2 Thursday nights 4:00 PM -7:00 PM. Starting October 17th for 2 weeks of early voting.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve the location designation and hours for Chilmark early voting. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Selectmen said they support the Town Clerk in getting help to cover hours.

Mr. Carroll talked about the flow of voters through town hall for early voting. Adjusting staff hours (Lenny Jason's office) so they are not here at town hall during the early voting hours.

Chairman Rossi asked when flu shots will be available. Chilmark Health Agent Marina Lent recommended not to start too early. Mid October we will look at combing with COVID 19 test site at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School.

Reopening Town hall to general public:

Mr. Doty asked for a November and December town hall plan? It was decided to Follow-up on this the week following election. Mr. Carroll said the Town Hall is open currently by appointment, phone & email.

Nomansland Island USFW public hearing -cleanup of bombing range:

Mr. Carroll said this will be for input from public, but public hearing being scheduled the same night as the presidential debate September 29, 2020. The Nomansland remote participation meeting starts at 7:00 PM. Mr. Carroll thought this was a bad idea. Mr. Carroll recommended folks interested in this item to see the news and announcement for links on our website.

November Selectmen Meeting-schedule:

Mr. Doty recommended the Selectmen not to have their meeting on Election Day and to move to Wednesday Nov. 4, 2020 at 5:00 PM. That date time was agreed by all Selectmen.

New Business:

Mr. Doty spoke about the Chilmark Planning Board meeting that MVC presented their recommendations and request for input for cycling up island. Mr. Doty said at the meeting a separate bike path along road was not supported by Chilmark North Road residents. Mr. Doty said there was good discussion about shared use of the road.

Mr. Malkin said there is a fair amount of stuff going on for communicating with our residents. Mr. Malkin supported giving thought how to have Town Informational settings.

Tim Carroll suggested reach out to folks in a webinar format rather than zoom meetings as we have been doing. There was discussion supporting monthly presentations.

Gary Mottau of the Climate working group said Ebba Heirta has allowed us to use the Library newsletter to communicate issues to our community.

At 6:15 PM with no further items for discussion the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 10/06/2020**

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen meeting held 9/3/2020
- PowerPoint information from Healthy Aging MV
- TAC tennis program proposal for extending program at CCC
- Climate working group follow-up recommendations
- Town Clerk's Early Voting schedule recommendation