

## Chilmark Board of Selectmen October 6, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Remotely Present: Chairman Bill Rossi, James Malkin and Warren Doty. Others: Tim Carroll, Ann Wallace, Isaiah Scheffer, Peter Cook, Margaret Maida, Annie Cook, Clark Goff, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Jerald Katch, Diana DeBlase and reporters: Lucas Thors, Maia Coleman (15 participants)

At 5:00 PM Chairman Rossi called the meeting to order.

Minutes: Draft minutes from September 15, 2020 were reviewed. Mr. Doty recommended 2 items to be corrected.

Mr. Doty moved to approve with corrections. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Town Clerk - Election Warrant for signatures:

Mr. Malkin moved to approve Election Warrant and to sign it. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Doty supported having Ann Wallace help with hours during the election.

Ms. Wallace confirmed that she is.

Chilmark School Reopening:

Mr. Doty gave an update of the Chilmark School operations. Mr. Doty said he went into the school to view operations. Mr. Doty reported that the Kindergarten is in school and there is a Zoom meeting platform projected on the school wall. 1<sup>st</sup> grade also in the school. Mr. Doty said the new custodian for the Chilmark School is Jeff Kurth. The Chilmark Community Center is hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders and is open 4 days a week Monday -Thursday.

Mr. Doty said the school is seeking funding to cover the CCC for 2 months Custodial Cleaning. Mr. Doty said he proposed funding the month of October from the Selectmen's Maintenance budget line for \$2,500.00 (1 moth of October). Mr. Doty said it is expected that November the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade will be in the school building.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve the \$2,500.00 from the Selectmen's Maintenance to cover the custodial cleaning of the Community Center for 1 month. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chilmark School - HVAC Engineering RFP working group update:

Mr. Carroll reported that we are moving forward on this stage of the project and the committee will review the RFPs at their next meeting this week.

### Shellfish Department - Advisory Committee:

#### Bay Scallop Season recommendations:

Shellfish Constable Isaiah Scheffer presented the Bay Scallops season recommendations to the Selectmen. And was available to answer questions if there were any.

Mr. Doty asked why Muddy Cove would be closed to dragging. Mr. Scheffer said this pertains to our eel grass restoration and there is some still alive in Muddy Cove.

Commercial Season start Nov 30, 2020; M-F 7A-4p, Two Struck Bushels per day, Check-in locations were defined.

Drags prohibited in Muddy Cove

Recreational/Family Season start October 26, 2020; One half Bushel a week.

### Oyster Season - Tisbury Great Pond

Constable Scheffer said we (Shellfish department) did a lot more work in the Great Pond to support oysters.

It is recommended that Commercial Oyster Season starts November 2, 2020, 800 animal count limit per day, only 3 days in a given week, Check-In at old Coast Guard Station

Recreational season starts November 2, 2020, one half bushel limit per week.

Mr. Doty moved to approve the recommended bay scallop and oyster season as presented.

Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Doty asked about the blue-green algae present in the ponds. Constable Scheffer said the island has many kinds in our waters. Sheri Caseau (of MVCommission) is carrying out testing and research. Mr. Scheffer said the ponds have had this (Blue/green algae) for about 10 years. Constable Scheffer attributes the algae presents to nutrient loading and climate change. Constable scheffer said there will be more research and water samples will continue. Constable Scheffer said he will keep Selectmen updated as more information comes in.

Peter Cook recommended reporting water quality regularly. Tim Carroll said our beach department, shellfish and MVC are doing the testing. Mr. Carroll said the Chilmark Conservation Commission discussed this at their meeting today. Mr. Carroll said the M.V. Commission is taking the lead on this. There was also discussion about remediation testing by Pond association.

### Anne Cook - Nomansland Island:

Ms. Cook began with recommending the town create a position of public information officer to maintain the website for keeping the relevant information up-to-date. Ms. Cook said she could not find the information about the Nomandsland Island public comment meeting on our site.

Mr. Carroll said it has been posted on our site since we were notified by the navy of the meeting.

### Anne Cook - Nomansland Island Continued...

Mr. Malkin recommended that folks subscribe to news on our website. Once you subscribe you will automatically get an email as soon as a notice is posted. This can be done by going to [Chilmarkma.gov/subscribe](http://Chilmarkma.gov/subscribe).

Mr. Doty discussed the Nomansland Island remaining a wildlife sanctuary area. Ms. Cook said the Navy is considering leaving ordinance subsurface USO, and keeping the area restricted to special invitation admittance. Ms. Cook also discussed the Tribe repatriation. Saying that Brett Sterns recommended the Navy address the ordinance so it won't wash up onshore. Navy considering posting signs and restricting access. Tribal or cultural events in future. Ms. Cook asked if Chilmark have any skin in the game. Chairman Rossi said he did not think so that it was up to the Federal Government. Ms. Cook said the public comment / input is supposed to be part of their (the Federal Government) decision in what to do. Ms. Cook said she has asked for extension of public comment deadline so we can form a consensus. Chairman Rossi said he is in support of cleaning up and making it (Nomansland Island) safe for future generations. Mr. Malkin said he is in support of community speaking up for themselves.

### **Zoom bomb at 5:48 PM Meeting was delayed...**

Ms. Cook came back to meeting at 5:51 and said that the Navy wants record of decision within months. This needs to be acted on now. Mr. Doty recommended we contact Bret Sterns to get their (Tribe) insights on this. Anne Cook ask if Chilmark would consider putting this up to the voters of Chilmark; for a consensus response of the stake holders. Mr. Malkin said if residents sign a petition it can be done. Mr. Doty said April 2021 Annual Town Meeting is our next meeting. Mr. Doty thanked Ms. Cook for calling this to our attention. We will put effort into this in the next few weeks. Ms. Cook said to tell the Navy that Chilmark needs 6 months to put in the comment.

### Cape Light Compact (CLC)/ JPE - MCESA 2020:

Town of Chilmark ("Participant") has indicated an interest in participating in the Cape Light Compact JPE Request for Proposals for All-Requirements Retail Electric Power Supply for Municipal/Government Rate Accounts (the "RFP"). The RFP will be issued by the Cape Light Compact JPE ("Compact") on behalf of participating Compact members and other governmental entities with municipal and governmental accounts located within the Compact's member municipalities. Issuance of the RFP is a power supply procurement activity authorized by the Compact's First Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement dated as of December 13, 2017 (the "JPA").

Mr. Carroll said he is on the Board of Directors for the CLC and asked that the Selectmen approve of his moving forward with this and signing agreement. Mr. Doty moved to authorize Tim Carroll to sign the agreement for Chilmark. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

DMF Grant Opportunity:

Mr. Doty said \$15,000.00 is not much \$ to acquire public access. Mr. Carroll said it could also be spent on lighting and improvements to boat launches.

It was discussed that the grant could go to repair landing at Hariph's Creek and lighting on west dock. Chairman Rossi recommended that the Harbormaster do this.

Selectmen also discussed the date of 10/7 for their harbor site visit.

Hunting Permission – Mr. & Mrs. Rogers:

Chairman Rossi said we received an additional request from Keith Maciel. Mr. Carroll said we have had no red flags for any of these hunters. Mr. Malkin said if we hear of hunters not cooperating then we will not issue permission next year. Mr. Doty Moved to approve as long as we have the required documents. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

4 North Ridge Road:

Chairman Rossi said the proposals are due October 14, 2020 at 2:00 PM.

We will open the sealed bids with a minimum bid of \$695,000.00 at the Board of Selectmen meeting 2:00 PM October 14, 2020.

Updates on Town Projects:

Chairman Rossi recommended the Fire Department Alarm service fee move forward and requested discussion at a future meeting. Mr. Carroll said the Fire Chief will have proposal soon.

Old/New Business:

Chairman Rossi said to add on the next meeting agenda; discussion of changing name of Selectmen to Select Board. Mr. Malkin said when he was on the Human Resource Board they were willing to make that change. Mr. Malkin said he supports this change.

Mr. Malkin recommended signage to bring attention to walkers, joggers & Mt bikers to please know that as of Monday Oct 5, 2020 hunting season is opened and licensed hunters are in the woods from dawn to dusk. In the interest of safety you and your pets should wear orange, should stay on the trails. Mr. Doty moved to support creating signage and posting around town. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

At 6: 18 PM with no further agenda items for discussion Chairman Rossi adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase **Approved 10/20/2020**

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen’s September 15, 2020 meeting *continued to next page*
- November 3, 2020 Election Warrant
- 2021 Annual Town Meeting & Election calendar and list of offices up for election
- School use of CCC and proposed COVID 19 cleaning plan and funding
- Shellfish Advisory September 24, 2020 meeting minutes and recommendations
- Commercial Bay scallop & oyster season recommendations
- Items Anne Cook wants to bring before Selectmen for discussion concerning the Noman’s Land ordinance cleanup
- Cape Light Compact agreement form for RFP
- Cape Light Compact Energy Efficiency Report; data from January – March 2020
- Division of Marine Fisheries notice of grant opportunity for \$15,000
- Chilmark RFP for sealed bids for 4 north Ridge Rd (min. \$695,000.00).