

Chilmark Board of Selectmen November 5, 2019 Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Rossi and James Malkin *Chairman Warren Doty was not present.* Others: Tim Carroll, Matt D'Andrea, Martina Thornton, Christine Todd, Mark Friedman, Wayne Iacono, Vinnie Iacono, Isaiah Scheffer, Karsten Larsen, Robert Lionette, Rob Hannemann, Vicki Divoll, Roxanne Ackerman, John Larsen, Denny Jason, Police Chief Jonathan Klarén. News reporters; Will Senott, Rich Saltzberg and videographer Lynn Christoffers.

At 5:00 PM Acting Chairman Bill Rossi (Vice Chairman) called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Minutes:

Chairman Rossi tabled October 1, 2019 & October 15, 2019 meeting minutes to the November 19, 2019 meeting.

Superintendent of Schools - Discussion of MVRHS physical facility needs; cost & timeline for the work:

Superintendent Matt D'Andrea and Mark Friedman presented details for the discussion.

1. Mr. D'Andrea said MV High School Principal Sarah Dingley has real vision for the school and advised her to document that so we can see her vision and match it for what the building needs are.
2. We have applied to MSBA (for funding) we are scheduled to hear back in December 2019.
3. If we are approved for the MSBA (roughly 40% funding) we should send out the request to fund the feasibility study to all of the towns for approval to move forward with building renovations.
4. A parallel plan is a MVRHS Capital Plan that Mr. D'Andrea distributed to the Selectmen at the start of the meeting. Mr. Friedman said this is a format that he has used for the MV High School for some years; we are using this to quantify the needs that we know of. Mr. Friedman said this is more a Capital Projects we are waiting to hear back from the MSBA to move to a plan. Mr. D'Andrea said some of the items listed on this project list are small enough to work into the FY21 budget some items we will put into Town Meeting warrant items. Chairman Rossi said looks like (from the distributed materials from Mr. D'Andrea) over the next 6 years it's estimated to be about 21 million dollars needed. Mr. Friedman said it could be more but these are the numbers we are working with now.

Chairman Rossi and Mr. Malkin said this information is very helpful and thanked both Mr. D'Andrea and Mr. Friedman for the document. Chairman of the Finance Committee Rob Hannemann and FinCom member Ms. Divoll asked questions about some of the figures and shared their comments on support of having facility managers for the island schools. Mr. Lionette (Chilmark's representative on school committee) said the consensus from today's school meeting was to move the capital improvements to warrant articles for the sake of transparency. Chairman Rossi and Mr. Malkin thanked both Mr. D'Andrea and Mr. Friedman for coming to talk tonight.

Acting Chairman Rossi said he will have discussion on the Shellfish Department agenda item (out of order) as there are members of the community here specifically for this item.

Shellfish Department - Commercial Bay Scallop Season, Oyster season & discussion on rules and regulation:

Shellfish Constable Isaiah Scheffer presented and discussed this item. Mr. Scheffer discussed the recommended amendment to the regulations apply to the Oyster Grant lessees. Mr. Scheffer said this summer there was a lessee who was tending to their oyster seed and equipment at night. Shellfish Constable's recommendation that was endorsed by the Shellfish Advisory Committee is as follows: A 11. Operating hours for grant holders shall be limited to one half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one half (1/2) hour after sunset.

Shellfish Department Continued:

Mr. Malkin moved to approve the recommendation and hold a public hearing. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1, not present Mr. Doty

Mr. Carroll said that would be for the December 3, 2019 selectmen's meeting.

Constable Scheffer said the Shellfish Advisory Committee recommended December 2, (the first Monday) 2019 to be the start of Commercial Bay Scallop Season.

- 2 struck basket bushels

Constable Scheffer endorsed the committee's recommendations. Karsen Larsen said he would like to have Chockers and up inside the pond open now. John Larsen said he took a look yesterday and he did not see anything (scallops) up inside of Chockers. John Larsen recommended opening all areas December 2, 2019 because historically we will get the highest price for scallops after Thanksgiving.

Mr. Rossi moved to adopt the recommendation from the Shellfish Advisory Committee and our Shellfish Constable and open Commercial Scalping Dec 2, 2019. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1, not present Mr. Doty

Shellfish Constable Scheffer said with everyone here it's a good time to discuss the Tisbury Great Pond - Commercial Oyster Season possibility. The proposal is Monday - Wednesday 2 bushels a day (800 oysters) opening November 18, 2019. Mr. Rossi moved to open Commercial Oyster season in Tisbury Great Pond Nov. 18th as proposed by our Shellfish Constable. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1, not present Mr. Doty

Energy Committee - Appointment of Molly Doyle & Adoption of energy plan by UIRSDC:

Mr. Malkin moved to appoint Molly Doyle to the Energy Committee. Mr. Malkin said if members of Energy Committee are unable to contribute to the schedule and the committee is shorthanded to please let the Selectmen know and we will appoint members. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes 1, not present Mr. Doty

Selectmen acknowledged the adoption of the energy plan by the Up Island Regional School District Committee.

Dukes County Manager- Contract to pay 5% service fee to county:

County Manager Martina Thornton presented this proposed contract and said it was an umbrella contract for all the Health & Human Services departments (7 departments) that the County administers. Mr. Malkin asked if the contract had been reviewed by any attorneys. Ms. Thornton said Edgartown has had legal counsel review the contract as did Oak Bluffs and West Tisbury. Mr. Malkin said our finance committee would like to hear from each of these groups during the budget process for FY21. Ms. Thornton said that will still be the process.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve and sign this contract. Mr. Hannemann asked if there was a report that showed what the administrative cost is and asked if 5% is accurate. Ms. Thornton said she is meeting with the County Treasurer to work on a report to show the cost. Mr. Malkin asked for the absolute cost. Mr. Carroll asked what 7 social services are specifically included in this. Ms. Thornton said the seven that were approved at town meeting:

- Substance Abuse Prevention Program
- Healthcare Access
- Center For Living
- Healthy Aging
- First Stop
- CORE
- Dukes County Social Services

Dukes County Manager- Contract to pay 5% service fee to county continued...

Mr. Carroll pointed out that this is a 2 year contract. Mr. Malkin moved, Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present Warren Doty

Harbormaster - Evaluation period completed:

Acting Chairman Rossi tabled this discussion till we have all Selectmen present as he is related to Harbormaster Rossi.

Menemsha Harbor & Beach Wi-Fi:

Mr. Malkin said we have a proposal from American Tower Corp (ATC). ATC will maintain the equipment and Wi-Fi would be available for a monthly fee of \$250.00 (\$3,000.00 annual).

Mr. Malkin moved to accept this proposal. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present Warren Doty

Mr. Carroll discussed ways the town can recover the fee by charging a daily fee for folks who want to stream movies etc. Mr. Malkin recommended that Mr. Carroll talk with Harbormaster Rossi about this.

Resignation of Clark Goff from Public Safety Building Committee - discussion about possible replacement:

Mr. Rossi said the Selectmen wanted to thank Clark Goff for all of the work he put into the drafts for the public safety buildings and site concept sketches, these have been very helpful.

Mr. Rossi said he has talked with Will Parry who has asked to be appointed to the committee. Mr. Rossi said Mr. Parry was on the fire department for 27 years and is a very talented carpenter and would be an asset to the committee.

Mr. Malkin moved to appoint Will Parry to the Public Safety Building Committee. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present Warren Doty**

Mr. Rossi asked Mr. Carroll to contact Mr. Parry about meeting at town hall every Tuesday 8:00 AM

Chilmark Community Center - Ms. Burger's request concerning space between parking lot rails for pedestrians:

Mr. Rossi said this should not be a problem. Mr. Malkin asked that Mr. Carroll direct Mr. Bunker to space the post appropriately for pedestrians to walk through freely.

Review Special Town Meeting:

Acting Chairman Rossi tabled this discussion till Mr. Doty can participate in discussion at the next Selectmen's meeting.

Memo to Planning Board - invitation to report on Peaked Hill Pastures planning for 11/19/19 Meeting:

Mr. Carroll said we invited the Planning Board to come to the Selectmen's Nov 19, 2019 meeting for discussion on the Peaked Hill Pastures land plans.

Public Hearings for Override and Tax Classification:

Mr. Carroll said these will be on (as advertised) the agenda for the November 19, 2019 meeting.

Updates & Old Business:

Mr. Malkin said the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) has sent us a request to authorize the island wide adaptation plan grant application. This is in relation to the Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness funding. Mr. Malkin said the other island towns have already signed this. Mr. Malkin moved to write a letter of support and send it back to the MVC. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present Warren Doty

Human Resource Board (HRB)- COLA recommendation:

Mr. Carroll asked that the Selectmen acknowledge receiving the HRB recommendation for FY2021 COLA is a 1.5% increase. Mr. Carroll said this will be on the January agenda for adoption.

Mr. Carroll discussed the Town's fiscal planning and said will be discussing the policy's we have adopted in 2014 at the next Finance Committee meeting scheduled for November 14, 2019. Discussion turned to Capital Planning and process to keep our AAA (bond) rating.

Veterans Day - Governor Baker has sent a certificate of appreciation acknowledging our veterans. Mr. Rossi said we will post this at Town Hall. Mr. Carroll said there are 388,000 veterans in Massachusetts.

Mr. Carroll said we and the Cemetery Commission are seeking a Veteran that served at least 90 days with 1 day of combat to serve as Veteran's Graves Officer as Stan Mercer has resigned.

At 6:07 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Malkin moved to adjourn. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present Warren Doty

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 12/03/2019

Document List:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen's October 1, 2019 & October 15, 2019 meetings
- Figures from School Superintendent of MV High School physical facility needs and estimates of costs
- Letter from Molly Doyle expressing interest in being appointed to Energy Committee
- Molly Doyle's experience record / CV
- Up Island Regional School Committee notice of adoption of the Energy Reduction Plan
- Contract for 5% fee to cover administration costs the Social Services through Dukes County offices.
- American Tower Corp Wi-Fi proposal for Menemsha Harbor & Beach
- Resignation from Mr. Goff from the Safety Building Planning Committee
- Request from Ms. Burger to space parking lot delineation posts at the Community Center wide enough for pedestrians to pass through
- Memo from Selectmen inviting Planning Board to Selectmen's meeting Nov 19, to discuss Peaked Hill Pastures plans
- Advertisement in Vineyard Gazette for public hearing on override and a hearing on tax classification.
- Comcast notice on TV programming changes
- Cape Light Compact Energy Efficiency Report for April-June 2019
- Vineyard Power deferred rental accrued interest payment for lease agreement of Chilmark landfill solar array property.
- Abutter notice from Vineyard Land Surveying about elevated access to Menemsha Pond at 2 Chockers Way (Conservation Commission Hearing)
- Abutter notice from Vineyard Land Surveying about 100 Beach Plum and a request for variance at leaching facility (Board of Health Hearing)
- Sketches by Clark Goff of concepts for Fire station and Tri Town Ambulance headquarters
- MV Commission MVP action grant participation and request for endorsement for island wide adaptation plan
- Shellfish regulation amendment recommendation to Oyster Grant - limit to time (no after sunset or before sunrise work) at grants by the Shellfish Constable