

Chilmark Select Board October 5, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present Remotely: Chairperson James Malkin, Warren Doty. Bill Rossi not yet present; *will be arriving at 5:10 PM*. Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Peter Cook, Sally Cook, MVTV agent, Ann Wallace, Judith Flanders, Laurisa Rich, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Debbi Zetterberg, Elizabeth Hirsch, Laurie David, Anja May, Alicia Knight, V Gazette reporter Louisa Hufstader and MV Times reporter Rich Saltzber.

At 5:00 PM Chairperson Malkin called the meeting to order on the Zoom platform. Chairperson Malkin said he would wait to approve minutes until Bill Rossi arrives to meeting.

Chairperson Malkin requested to proceed to the proposal from Planning Board.

Planning Board Proposal:

To remove but not less than 1 acre from Chilmark Zoning Bylaws section 6.9

- *may be less than three (3) acres in size ~~but not less than one (1) acre~~ and has the approval of the Planning Board as a Homesite Housing Lot*

Mr. Cook (of Planning Board) said this has been in the works for a while about one and a half years. This article is proposed and recommended by the Housing Committee. Mr. Cook said this would not come into application often but would help to streamline our guidelines. Ms. Wallace (Housing Committee member and Planning Board member) said that with COVID it was not included on Warrant for Annual Town Meeting last April so we are going to move forward this year. Ms. Wallace said the Chilmark Housing Committee considers this a tool to help the Housing Committee to aid our community to attain affordable housing.

Mr. Doty moved to bring this to Annual Town Meeting, and support the Chilmark Planning Board to hold public hearings. Chairperson Malkin seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not present *Bill Rossi*

Cemetery Commission:

Ms. Cook (Cemetery Commission Chairperson) said Commissioners; Lourisa Rich and Judith Flanders are also here to discuss these recommended revisions to the applications for Cemetery plot.

Mr. Rossi joined the meeting

Ms. Cook said we are redoing general application form to lease a cemetery plot. There will be four categories to be able to lease a plot. Recommended to submit redline version of application be sent to Town Counsel. Mr. Doty asked what the four categories for applications are. Ms. Cook gave a quick outline of the categories.

- 1.) Chilmark Resident
- 2.) Chilmark Veteran
- 3.) Chilmark Property Owner.
- 4.) Chilmark Property held in partnership or Trust

Mr. Rossi said this sounds reasonable. Chairperson Malkin requested legal counsel review and Cemetery Commissioners bring back to Select Board after review.

Chairperson Malkin said his dear friend Arnie Riesman passed away. He was a great dinner and wine companion and will be laid to rest at the Abel's Hill Cemetery in the near future.

Ms. Cook said the Cemetery Commissioners have submitted a warrant article from funds of sales of plots. This will be to erect fence with stable posts of concrete and split rails from new section *Mr. Carroll screen shared map of cemetery that indicated location of proposes fence.*

Minutes:

Draft Minutes from 7/28/2021 (Joint meeting with Board of Health) were reviewed. Draft Minutes from Select Board meetings held September 14, 2021 & September 21, 2021 were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve all of these minutes as written. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Public Safety Buildings –Update:

Mr. Doty said the walkway coming into town hall could be concrete instead of raised wooden walkway. Mr. Doty said similar to what we have at the School for walkways. Chairperson Malkin said it would last longer and he supported that option. Chairperson Malkin said please take that request to ConCom so we can go forward. Mr. Carroll said we have a site visit for this on Friday. Mr. Rossi reported that the Public Safety Building Committee project is in step with all the committees. Mr. Carroll said we would be doing an online bid document rather than us having to make copies.

Seaport Economic Advisory Council grant - delegation to sign to Town Administrator:

Mr. Doty moved to accept grant and authorize Tim Carroll to sign documents. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chairperson Malkin said thank you to Peter Neiley and Harbormaster for their work on this grant.

School HVAC - updates on Inter Municipal Agreement:

Select Board supported Mr. Carroll adding the School HVAC to the agenda for discussion at the joint Select Board meeting October 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM. This Meeting will be Aquinnah, West Tisbury and Chilmark Select Board joint meeting.

Letter from Up Island School District Committee - West Tisbury School Roof repairs \$ 41,114.92:

Mr. Doty asked what total cost of the roof repairs is. Mr. Doty also asked what have we already paid. Chairperson Malkin said we would put this article on our Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant but need this information for our voters. Mr. Carroll said he hope to have the requested information for the Fincom meeting scheduled for Thursday 10/7/2021 when they review and recommend STM warrant.

School Enrollment Projections:

Mr. Doty said school enrollment is up to the UIRSD to determine capacity. Do not need new building as long as we have capacity in the district and that we do.

Chairperson Malkin said we need Pre-School figures for enrollment. Mr. Rossi said the enrollment projections need to come from our community. Mr. Carroll said some preschool members are here on the Zoom meeting. Chilmark Preschool director Anja May said we have twenty-three children at Chilmark preschool; three from West Tisbury others are all Chilmark and Aquinnah. Ms. May said the three West Tisbury children have siblings who are attending Chilmark K-5th. Next year so far sixteen on waitlist, six staying with us, others from other island towns bring it to 20.

Chairperson Malkin said the Select Board has jurisdiction about town property for preschool but if less urgent, we can hold off on action. Ms. May said I think that is the impression. Mr. Doty said if have 26 children cannot all fit in the one classroom; you would need another room. Ms. May said folks cannot come if we do not have the space. Mr. Doty said at this time we have CCC front room this year for preschool, but if we decide COVID under control and we turn back over to Community, you would have to turn folks away. Ms. May said yes. Ms. May said we have space for 20. Chairperson Malkin asked to confirm that preschool did not need action from us now. Ms. May said she is hopeful.

Alicia Knight said for the immediate future increase (have a bubble) philosophically we do not want to push Chilmark children out of town school. If for some reason the Select Board had approved us using the space in the Chilmark School. Chairperson Malkin said it is a town school. Mr. Doty said we need to do (whatever is decided) in concert with the UIRSD, it is a together project. Great to keep preschool at school, an annex might be a good space. Possibly a trailer if we had 10-15 preschoolers in a temporary classroom. Chairperson Malkin said he agreed, and Mr. Rossi brought up more data is needed. Chairperson Malkin said we would need Anja (Preschool director) to come to us saying we need extra space. Mr. Rossi said he recommends forming a committee to determine the preschool needs and then present to taxpayers. Chairman Malkin said we might not need that action yet.

Chairman Malkin recommended Ms. Knight address preschool constituents and families together to determine the need and when. In addition, return to Select Board. Ms. Knight thanked Select Board.

Request of MVC Climate Change Planner to fund Storm Tide Pathways Project \$5,000:

Mr. Carroll said the Martha's Vineyard Commission has sent us a late Special Town Meeting warrant request. Joan Malkin was present (as a MVC commissioner) on the zoom and said she could verify this is being sent to every town on Martha's Vineyard. Mr. Rossi moved to include on the Special Town Meeting Warrant. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Janet Weidner Chilmark Town Moderator joined meeting

Special Town Meeting warrant:

Tim Carroll screen shared figures and where the article funding may come from. Mr. Doty asked if free cash was certified yet. Mr. Carroll said no, but was told we are likely to have more than \$800,000.00. Chairperson Malkin said Ellen (Town Accountant) is conservative with figures, if she said it would be \$800,000 he feels confident.

Mr. Carroll spoke to the 20 articles

Mr. Doty asked to specify wording for article #6 Shellfish group seawater repairs: If costs less to complete project money will be returned to the town.

Ms. Maida pointed out that it looked as if there were a couple duplications on the draft warrant. Mr. Carroll said he will remove the duplicated \$12,000.00 and \$26,000.00 articles and that will bring the total figure down by that figure.

Mr. Doty asked where to we stand with chapter 90 road funds.

Mr. Carroll discussed paving projects more in-depth.

Paving projects - site visits Friday:

- a. Squibnocket Road (first priority) 1300 feet 19 feet wide
- b. North Road from Larsen Lane to Boathouse Road (second priority) 600 feet at 37 feet wide
- c. Meeting with White-Lynch representative Wednesday afternoon. \$170,000 of state aid funds available without Town Meeting vote.
- d. Maps and letter to abutters and stakeholders (contractors, caretakers, public safety, water coop)

Mr. Doty estimated we now have \$370,000 for paving project. Mr. Carroll said we might have more from previous article, should have available to start projects in spring. Mr. Rossi said he supported doing this project before cost keep going up. Mr. Carroll said 500 foot pulls (of asphalt) needed to utilize the State Chapter 90 funds. Mr. Carroll said we could not really afford the 1 mile a year (previous practice) without a substantial financial commitment.

Select Board supported moving forward as presented.

Mr. Doty said pertaining to the Special Town Meeting Warrant we could vote to approve figures as presented and edited tonight. Mr. Rossi clarified not approving wording we will sign once you have. Mr. Doty moved, Mr. Rossi seconded **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes.**

Granicus update:

Mr. Carroll said we are negotiating the Granicus contract language with assistance of Town Counsel.

Dukes County - ARPA request submitted:

- \$90,000 of \$150,000 project to renovate the Comfort Station (Use \$60,000 of direct ARPA funds)
- \$30,000 of \$40,000 to fund the Police Reform Act "Bridge Academy"

Mr. Doty asked for discussion about this police department request. Chilmark Police Chief Klaren said the State did away with special officer training. We use them a lot to augment our staff in the summer. Approximately 200 hours per officer. Chief Klaren said many of these hours are online training. We are hoping to convince the State to approve in person training to be done on the island for the 6 island towns to train officers.

FEMA Public Assistance (CvRF-MP reallocation) pending \$11,329.09

Mr. Carroll said we had \$3,000 cares act funds held up and now we have this released from a computer somewhere that we will follow-up on receiving.

Tent for Special Town Meeting –Update:

Mr. Carroll said the tent company that we were going to use told us they are closing operations at the end of the month. We contacted company we used last year. The desired larger tent would require center polls, so we are in negotiations for two smaller tents.

Opioid Settlement - Exec Session or delegate to Town Administrator & a Select member:

Jim Malkin said he was willing to participate in this session. Mr. Rossi and Mr. Doty supported that decision and thanked Chairperson Malkin.

Martha’s Vineyard Commission – Joint Transportation Committee - alternate volunteer:

Mr. Carroll said he reached out to this volunteer and is waiting for their response. Mr. Carroll recommended bringing this back to future meeting. No action taken at this time.

Park & Recreation Committee - approved request for two temporary storage containers:

Mr. Carroll said the ConCom met and approved the temporary storage containers October 1 - May 1, 2022. The ConCom changed the location from the shell-lot to store at lot 7A.

Projects & Requests:

Mr. Carroll said Vineyard Land Surveying let him know today that the Harbor dredging application to the ConCom did not include Squibnocket beach nourishment for the dredging spoils. If we want to do that, we would need a last minutes STM article of \$5,000.

Chairperson Malkin said he would like Beach committee to propose this not our surveyors. Mr. Doty said we just set our articles and do not support to do this now. No action was taken.

Janet Weidner (Town Moderator) said the warrant looked pretty straight forward.

At 6:24 PM with no further items for discussion Chairperson Malkin asked for motion to adjourn. Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn, Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 10/19/2021

Document list:

- Draft Select Board meeting minutes from 7/28/2021, 9/14/2021 & 9/21/2021

- Planning Board letter to Select Board about review of amendment to bylaw and to hold public hearing
- Proposed amendment to Homesite Housing 6.9 bylaw
- Template for electronic bidding advertisement (Fire Station & Ambulance HQ)
- Price proposal from BidDocs ONLINE Inc. for Fire Station & Ambulance HQ
- Letter from LG Polito to congratulate Chilmark on receiving Seaport Economic Council grant for \$55,000.00
- UIRSD warrant request to fund increases to roofing West Tisbury School project
- Chilmark School enrollment figures and projections.
- NESDEC 2018 enrollment projections report
- Coastal Hazard Management project outline by MVC Conservation agent Durkee
- STM warrant article request from MVC agent Durkee for Storm Tide Pathways Project
- Dukes County preparation to receive ARPA funds and Chilmark's application