

Chilmark Select Board May 18, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present remotely:

Chairperson Bill Rossi, Warren Doty, Jim Malkin, Others: Tim Carroll, Harbormaster Rossi, Peter Cook, Sally Cook, Anne Wallace, Mary Boyd, Janet Weidner, Steve Fisher, Maia Coleman, Margaret Maida, Clark Goff, Valerie Rosenberg, Virginia Morris, Brian Dowd, Melanie Becker, Anne *no last name provided* Jerald Katch, M. Greess, Alison Cameron Parry and Diana DeBlase (23)

At 5:05 PM Chairperson Rossi asked for a motion to open public hearing to hear comments and answer questions from the public about the prop. 2 ½ override notice. Mr. Malkin moved to open hearing. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chairperson Rossi said we have 10 override questions for our ATM & ATE. The first item for discussion is:

- 1.) Borrowing for new fire station and EMS headquarters public information meeting 20th at 5:00 PM. This zoom link is available on the Chilmark town website: www.chilmarkma.gov

Mr. Doty said the most recent borrowing rate that was secured was 0 .38% an extraordinary low rate.

Chairperson Rossi said we should acknowledge our town treasurer for the work to get that great rate.

Mr. Carroll said the Fincom and Select Board have been working to keep our rating so good.

Town treasurer Melanie Becker said next January is when we purchase Bonds for the building project.

Ms. Becker said currently AAA town with 20 year bond near .50% Mr. Malkin said so less than \$0.15 tax rate increase is a safe estimate.

Chairperson Rossi said if anyone wants more information please attend our zoom informational meeting Thursday 5:00 PM. At this time there were no questions.

Chairperson Rossi read Questions 2 & 3 aloud.

There were no questions. Mr. Carroll said these are Capital exclusions after this spending they go away.

Mary Boyd said the walk-in (refrigerator) provides food for UIRSD, (West Tisbury, Chilmark & Aquinnah).

Ms. Boyd explained that the elevator / chair lift is for the theater / stage and is ADA requirement.

The remaining questions on the ballot were explained. Sally Cook asked of Questions 2-10 what is total and how does it effect my tax bill? Mr. Doty said \$250,000 or rate of \$36,400 per penny, or 7 cents to our tax rate. Chairperson Rossi said he would have the exact figure for town meeting. With no further questions Chairperson Rossi asked for a motion to close hearing. Mr. Doty moved to close public hearing. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

5:19 PM hearing closed.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from Select Board meeting held 4/20/2021 were reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes as written, Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. Chairperson Rossi asked to add the funding source from MVC be added to the Planning Board subcommittee work on the Peaked Hill Pastures project. With this addition **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

BAN Sale – Treasurer:

Ms. Becker explained this was supported at Special Town Meeting by voters in November of 2019. This has been processed and signed by the Select Board today but would like it on the record. Mr. Doty moved to approve and sign the BAN documents. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Closing Documents - 4 North Ridge Road:

Mr. Carroll said we need to have this on the record; vote to approve and sign documents. Mr. Doty moved, Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll said the Planning Board had released lot in 1986 but it was not recorded. Mr. Carroll thanked the Planning Board for their efforts in getting the paperwork completed.

Review of Summer Plans 2021:

Mr. Doty said the Oak Bluffs Fireworks are not happening this year but the Ag Fair is happening and also the Beach Road music festival is on. Mr. Doty said we have the TAC Summer program and Book Festival at the Chilmark Community Center and they are considering the Road Race and are meeting with Board of Health (via Zoom meeting) tomorrow. Mr. Doty said the Chilmark Fire Department will not hold a backyard bash and there will not be a Meet the fleet event in Menemsha Harbor. Mr. Doty said there will be Menemsha Sunset 30 to 40 times this season. Mr. Doty said already the Comfort Station has been seeing a lot of use. Mr. Doty said there could be 1500 (people) on beach in Menemsha on a nice night.

Mr. Malkin said he drove to Florida just recently and reported almost all states congregating and mask-less outside, most masked inside unless eating. Mr. Malkin reported that the bookings on Steam Ship Authority up 16% over 2019 numbers and we will need to do all we can to assist the Chilmark Police department keep order during sunsets in Menemsha. Chairperson Rossi said he is hoping to be able to revisit Tabor Beach shuttle lot 2019 parking plan. Chairperson Rossi said we should open follow CDC and Gov. Baker guidance. Police Chief Jonathan Klaren said it is imperative the Tabor lot open. Like to see no standing or parking along fish market side and keep that into the future as it really helps traffic flow and public safety.

Margaret Maida asked if we are opening per the CDC and Governor's guidelines does the TAC Summer program still need all the tents at the CCC fields. Mr. Doty said we reviewed and approved a good plan for TAC Summer program. Mr. Carroll said we are addressing this reopening at town hall; masks might still be worn. Still need spacing and fresh air. Mr. Carroll concluded that we will phase this in a bit.

Mr. Doty moved that the Select Board recommend to Board of Health that we reinstitute VTA sunset bus and parking guideline from 2019. Police Chief Klaren said (bus) riders still need masks for public transit. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Review of current state and CDC COVID-19 guidelines applicable to Chilmark:

Mr. Carroll outlined the June 1st 100% occupancy for industry. Also the June 15 removal of State of Emergency possibly need to meet in person to get quorum for Boards & Committees. Chairperson Rossi said some people approve both options; remote and in person. Mr. Carroll said the CCC was where we were going to start holding in person meetings but we do have some equipment to do this at town hall, we can try it. Mr. Malkin said the Governor's and Attorney General's office are working on this and more information will be forthcoming. Mr. Malkin said in person is what I want.

Mr. Carroll said Cape Light Compact & Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative and regional entities participation for the meetings via zoom got participation at 100%. Mr. Carroll asked does the Select Board support that option. Chairperson Rossi said we (Select Board) are all good with that.

REPA Grant - Update:

Mr. Carroll spoke about the grant of \$5,000.00 aggregate up to \$100,000 re-up on grant to assist on Green Community. Mr. Doty moved to approve re-up of REPA grant. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Granicus software GovServe – update:

Mr. Carroll said the permitting could be helpful but the \$40,000 startup cost was deal breaker for him. Mr. Carroll said Granicus has made an offer that if Edgartown agrees we can join in with \$9,000.00 annual access fee. Mr. Carroll said he will meet with Akeyah (Chilmark Building Department Administrative Assistant) as she is Edgartown employee who will be using this and can compare with our work flow. Mr. Malkin asked if Mr. Carroll had talked with Jim Hagerty (Edgartown's Town Administrator). Mr. Carroll said not yet as he would like to see what we get from Granicus. Chairperson Rossi said he will look forward to demo.

FIRE & EMS building project Presentation # 2 Thursday 5:00 PM on Zoom:

Chairperson Rossi said this will be the second public presentation this Thursday zoom at 5:00 PM. Chairperson Rossi recommended if you can't make that presentation to access the video from first public informational meeting on the Chilmark town website. www.chilmarkma.gov

SPDAC – memo:

Mr. Carroll said the Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee would like to connect to community on our website with information to the public. Mr. Carroll said it is pretty easy subscribe to news and can add SPADAC for newsletters. Mr. Carroll went on to say we are working to have News & Announcements for each department and activating the agenda and minutes for each committee and board. Chairperson Rossi advised Mr. Carroll to work on that together with Wendy Weldon.

Town Meeting & Election:

Mr. Carroll said Town Clerk Jennifer Christy is presenting tally clerk training 5/19 & 5/21 in preparation for ATE. Mr. Carroll said he hopes to have Select Board members choose speakers to talk to Articles for ATM. Mr. Carroll said he will prepare a Non voters who can speak at ATM list to give to moderator to approve. For example the EMS and Fire Chiefs.

Mr. Carroll said the FinCom needs to assign a person for each article there was disagreement on so they can speak to it at ATM if needed. Mr. Carroll said he will post meeting for FinCom this week. Mr. Carroll spoke about the handout printing; abbreviated budget, the warrant and explanation for articles. Legal counsel advised we need to add salaries of elected officials in the abbreviated budget. Mr. Doty advised to keep as simple as possible. Mr. Carroll said 85 people can fit under the tent and 25 is a quorum.

Chairperson Rossi requested a 4 page handout for the Fire Station & EMS headquarter project. Rossi recommended it be graphics and 1 page of bullet points. Mr. Doty said we need to be able to have more than 85 people at ATM. Mr. Carroll will work on this with latest protocols for public safety.

Town Administrator:

Mr. Carroll said Cape Cod Municipal Health Group has announced it is Open Enrollment for people on town's health insurance and to review options if you wish to make changes it is time to do so.

Chilmark Chocolate - letter of thanks to Town of Chilmark

Select Board members acknowledged the contribution that was made to the community through Alison & Marybeth's efforts and stated that they are great people.

Sister Island relief efforts

Mr. Carroll said St Vincent is still experiencing volcano eruption emergencies and we have the latest list of items needed for students with educational needs. If anyone can help this is posted on the Chilmark website for Select Board agenda for this May 18, 2021 meeting.

Janet Weidner spoke about Peaked Hill Pastures update. Ms. Weidner said the MVC hired planner for us to engage over the next calendar year. Karen Swavour is working on housing production plans in communities like ours. Ms. Weidner said we will have engagement discussions first one will be June 14, 2021 Monday night via zoom. Ms. Weidner said there will be 2 additional face to face engagement discussions and we want lots of input. Chairperson Rossi thanked Ms. Weidner for her action on this.

At 6:20 PM with no further items for discussion Chairperson Rossi asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Doty moved to adjourn. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Approved 06/01/2021

Document list:

- Proposition 2 ½ override notice
- Draft minutes from April 20, 2021
- Email from Treasurer about BAN sale
- Clerk's training - visual aid to tally staff for ATE
- Weldon letter asking to have Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee notices and news on the Chilmark website
- CCMHG insurance open enrollment plans
- Comparison of health benefit options
- Card from Chilmark Chocolates proprietors
- St Vincent / sister island list of needed items
- Comcast programing update