

Chilmark Select Board July 20, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present in person: Chairman James Malkin, Bill Rossi, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, **Present remotely on Zoom:** Kara Shemeth, Rob McCarron, Geagan of Sheriffs Meadow, Ann Wallace, MVTV, Peter Cook, Mollie Doyle, Kerry Ryan, Eunki Seonwoo, Chris Murphy, Pam Goff, Barbara Fenner, Joan Malkin, Police Chief Klaren, Noah Asimow, Maggie, Susan Murphy, Tim Rich, Timothy Moriarty, Diana Smith, Robert Doyle, Sarah Nixon, Melanie Becker, Diana DeBlase.

At 5:00 PM Chairperson Malkin called meeting to order in the Select Board Meeting room & on the Zoom platform.

Abutter Appeal of Conservation Commission - local wetlands protection bylaw and regulations:

Chairperson Malkin said we have received legal counsel and Legal Counsel responded: filers have no standing as they are not the applicants. Advice is superior court could hear this. Pam Goff said there has been an appeal sent to the State. Mr. Doty said our advice from Town Counsel is to refuse appeal.

Menemsha Properties – Homeport, Bite & Menemsha Market:

Chairperson Malkin said the Select Board has been fielding questions from public concerning businesses in Menemsha that have not opened.

Mr. Doty said Deborah Packer sent a notice to Select Board stating she is not prepared to discuss plans at this time. Mr. Rossi said he contacted Nixon's and Sarah Nixon is here on Zoom if she would like to discuss at this time. Sarah Nixon said last year could not get workers. Same thing is happening this year. Bite waiting for soil perk test and VLS working on septic plan. Homeport this summer trying to figure it out. Workers just came. Could not get plumber until this Monday. Eager to try and get things going. Ms. Nixon ended with we have intentions to get Bite & Homeport open as soon as we can.

Cape Light Compact joint power entity –agreement:

Mr. Doty moved to approve and sign agreement. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**
Mr. Doty said that a Eversource power cable to the island has failed. Mr. Carroll gave update. Island operating with 2 power cables and combination of generators.

Public Safety Building- Update:

Mr. Rossi said the Conservation Commission hearing was extended to August 17th as technical difficulties during Reid Silva's report (remote zoom hearing) to the ConCom. Mr. Doty said he attended meeting; ConCom concern is the building comes to the edge of wetland and the runoff that can happen from washing trucks. Fire Chief said they would wash trucks at the North Road Station. Mr. Rossi said we hope to satisfy the ConCom concerns. There were no comments from public.

FY2021 Yearend transfers:

Mr. Carroll said the FinCom recommended to vote to approve and sign. Mr. Doty said these transfers were all very reasonable we are in good financial shape. Mr. Doty moved to sign Mr. Rossi seconded. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Staff Appointments:

Chief Klaren said he had asked to reserve agenda time to appoint new traffic staff but applicant informed him today that they were no longer interested in position. shorthanded for traffic division.

Town Staff appointments:

Select Board reviewed list recommended by Town Administrator. Mr. Rossi said new hires Kara Shemeth and Alison Kisselgof are doing a terrific job. Mr. Doty moved to approve and appoint Town Staff appointments recommended by Town Administrator. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Committee appointments tabled till next Select Board meeting. Chairperson Malkin said Chilmark members who would like to be appointed please send information about yourself and what you would do for our town.

MIIA membership \$164,798.00 renewal

Mr. Doty moved to approve renewal with MIIA. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Treasurer Melanie Becker spoke about the School HVAC project funding. Select Board asked for information and input about Chilmark borrow option rather than the school because bond rating lower than Chilmark's. Would recommend looking into more but has potential to be a good option. We would need a town meeting vote Fall STM could work. Chairman Malkin thanked Ms. Becker for this information.

Chairman Malkin said there will be a change in the regular schedule of Select Board meetings in August. Select Board agreed to meet August 10, 2021 and August 24, 2021 at 5:00 PM.

At 5:36 PM with no further items for discussion Chairperson Malkin asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**
Meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 08/10/2021**

Document list:

- Legal advice about appeal to ConCom decision
- Letter Select Board sent to Deb Packer asking for information about plans for Menemsha Market
- Letter Select Board sent to Sarah & Bob Nixon for information about plans to open Homeport & Bite
- Cape Light Compact JPE agreement
- FY21 Budget to actuals report from Town Accountant for yearend transfers
- FY21 Monthly Expense report from Town Accountant for yearend transfers
- FY21 final yearend transfers report to vote and sign by Select Board and FinCom Chairperson.
- Annual appointment from Planning Board their appointments made to Housing Committee