

Chilmark Select Board June 1, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Remotely present: James Malkin, Bill Rossi, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Amanda Sawyer, Rob Hannemann, Peter Cook, Sally Cook, Marina Lent, Ann Wallace, Melanie Becker, Susan Stevens, B Kennedy, Diana DeBlase, Judith Flanders, Forrest Filler, Clark Goff, MVTV agent, Janet Weidner, Joe Sullivan, Elizabeth_, Rebekah Thompson, Anja May, Jerald Katch, Police Chief Klaren, Harbormaster Ryan Rossi, reporters Rich Saltzberg (MVTimes) & Maia Coleman (VGazette) (28)

Minutes:

Draft Minutes from 5/4/2021 and 5/18/2021 were reviewed. Mr. Malkin moved to approve as written Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Reorganization of the Select Board:

Mr. Rossi moved to organize as Chairperson: James Malkin, Vice Chair: Warren Doty, Clerk: Bill Rossi. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Fire House /EMS Building Project:

Mr. Doty asked for an overview of the next steps to take for this project.

Member of the OPM team Amanda Sawyer spoke: it is exciting this project passed at Annual Town Meeting and outlined the next steps and schedule.

- Permitting started.
- Get together with architects, OPM, building department review schedule together.
- Revised cost estimate double check on our end.
- Submit for bid in fall with construction to begin start of the year.

Joe Sullivan of the OPM team spoke: we (the building committee and all parties for this project) will meet once a month and then every other week as we get closer to bid. Select Board updates of this project for the next 6 months is critical. Deliverables are on Amanda's job list. Jim Malkin said municipal projects take time but we want to be on time. Mr. Sullivan said we will reach out (to Select Board & Committees) when needed. Mr. Rossi said Reid Silva of Vineyard Land Surveying (VLS) has started the process of permitting. Mr. Rossi said both sites will need to go to Site Review and Fire house needs Zoning Board of Appeals & Conservation commission permits. Mr. Rossi stressed that VLS needs to be on these committees upcoming agendas. Mr. Doty said he would be happy to assist in the permitting meetings.

Mr. Rossi asked about the bid environment. Ms. Sawyer said there is a lot out there for contractors, they are busy but hopefully when we put this out there in 6 months we will have interested parties.

Expectations for borrowing / cash-flow:

Mr. Rossi said we will hold meetings of Select Board & Finance team. Mr. Malkin requested to set up a joint meeting of Finance Advisory Committee, Select Board and Finance team with Town Administrator. Town Treasurer Melanie Becker said our Financial advisor at Unibank is working with our town to get bond requirements together. Possibly a series of bonds. Building committee will work together with Amanda Sawyer and then that information will be supplied to Treasurer to work on for borrowing strategy.

Mr. Doty moved to approve extending the architect contract through construction amendment for additional services in amount of \$150,000.00. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

399 Middle Road – Old Building:

Mr. Carroll said he has had a couple different parties express interest in the old building on the site of the future Tri Town Ambulance Headquarters. Mr. Rossi moved to put the structure on 399 Middle Road out there in an advertisement to get offers for 30 days and in 60 days to get rid of it. Mr. Rossi stressed it must be gone by end of summer. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

OPM Joe Sullivan said if it doesn't go if we need to add cost of removal to the design documents. Mr. Rossi requested Mr. Carroll to schedule meeting with the building committee and the OPM team for this coming Monday morning.

Mr. Carroll asked for consideration of the Town Hall impacts: parking, noise remediation/considerations for staff, site lines, new covered porch entrance to direct public to Town Hall.

Chairperson Malkin gave expression of thanks to Chuck Hodgkinson for his volunteer efforts post retirement to this project. Chuck's efforts have been meaningful, measurable and very important.

Review of warrant articles:

Mr. Carroll guided discussion through the Annual Town Meeting warrant and how approved articles will be achieved moving forward.

Harbormaster reported about process to finish the improvements to the Charter Dock. \$20,000 for cameras but the timeline we don't have yet. Harbormaster met with Ron Burson last week and Mr. Burson said he will get projected timeline to him with the final numbers.

Mr. Doty spoke of importance of the Peaked hill housing project to still move forward while we have the firehouse and EMS building project progressing. Chairperson Malkin said he will work with Planning Board to keep moving it forward. Peter Cook of the Planning Board said they are meeting with consultant and getting the public input meetings on the calendar.

Mr. Carroll will follow up with the process of renaming Board of Selectmen to Select Board.

Chairperson Malkin gave his expression of thanks to Janet Wiedner as temporary moderator and best wishes as the newly elected Moderator. Chairperson Malkin gave one recommendation; rather than any questions ask if any discussion. Town Moderator Weidner said recommendation noted and will apply at next town meeting.

Select Board gave expression of thanks to Everett Poole for his decades of service to the town as Town Moderator.

MV Land Bank & Bliss Pond Farm Conservation Restriction - approval by the Select Board:

Chairperson Malkin acknowledged review of the memos from the Conservation Commission & Board of Assessors supporting the proposed restrictions. Mr. Rossi moved to approve the Conservation Restriction as presented. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

Chilmark School:

Chairperson Malkin started discussion asking what was the Pre School's use of the Chilmark Community Center. Preschool Director Anja May said we were in there December 2020 in the small room till the need to move out for Annual Town Meeting May 24 2021 and Annual Town Election May 26, 2021. Chairperson Malkin said he saw that the numbers for the coming year; was a huge class. Most are local Up Island students who are at first but last year of pre-school before kindergarten.

Chilmark School Principal Susan Stevens asked that we please do this space use delegation together prior than finding out after the fact (referring to the private preschool getting approval to use the Chilmark Community Center that is part of the School campus during the school year. Principal Stevens said we will have 64 students next year and will need another class room to accommodate these numbers.

Mr. Rossi said the Select Board allowed this to happen because of the pandemic. Mr. Rossi said he doesn't want to see preschool at the CCC after this year. Chairperson Malkin said you will need to reach out to your boards because with more kids they need to work on that space needs. If need more buildings start to figure that out. Ms. May said sharing is always harder but with more children it is really a challenge. I am motivated to try to share and problem solve as they come. Moving out is hard but we can try to do community lunch without preschool moving out. Mr. Doty said we are a retirement community but we have kids coming. Mr. Rossi said couple years ago we were working to fill our school and it worked. Mr. Doty said the Chilmark School; theater, Gym and music will continue at the CCC and the preschool will work around it. Rebekah Thomson of the Preschool board said they are very grateful for this space. Ms. Thompson said we have a working group to seek alternate space and will hope to continue to work with Select Board.

School HVAC update:

Mr. Carroll said the construction cost of battery updates where 3 times more expensive than Eversource had estimated. Mr. Carroll said the School advertised bid and that he had no further updates. Rob Hannemann reported that he spoke with school representative and the bids are due end of week, but not sure if we have optimism. Mark Freidman at Superintendents office is receiving bids. Chairperson Malkin said he is concerned we won't have an HVAC to heat school.

Maureen Healy memorial service at Chilmark Community Center July 24 at 1:00 PM:

Mr. Carroll said he is working with Town Advisory Council to do this and asked if he has Select Board support. All three Select Board members gave their support.

MV Commission Climate Adaption Group / Energy Working Group:

Mr. Hannemann said this is a roadmap for resilience, a response to climate change. We have come up with and outline of the challenges for the next couple decades. Energy working group 2018 – and accomplishments and goals. Energy use and carbon emissions as of 2018. "green the grid"

- Economics of Electrification
- The Island (MV) grid today 4 submarine cables 3 of them are near end of life. We are about at max capacity. And by 2030 expecting 60% increase.
- Our group meets with Eversource on a regular basis. RH/ Eversource adding 5th cable. Battery storage project was cancelled due to cost. Needs:
- Upgrades in power supply & resilience –smart metering

Key takeaways: market forces are driving electrification but need to accelerate the process. over next 5-10 years

- Education and outreach
- Policy evolution
- Projects, at both the town and island level
- Partnerships – collaboration with Eversource, CLC, CVEC, Vineyard Power, and the SSA.
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Energy Working Group Continued...

Chilmark Energy committee will continue to work on:

- Solar on our new project buildings.
- Connect our town critical service buildings to share power if needed.

Mr. Hannemann stressed that collaboration with Eversource will be very important. *For PowerPoint of report please see following link:*

[https://www.chilmarkma.gov/sites/g/files/vyhlif2951/f/agendas/transformation_summary_051021_sho
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ARPA & Dukes County - review of current proposals for steering committee (DCAB) & purposes (Sewer/septage/water/broadband/cable extension/municipal revenue shortfall replacement):

Mr. Carroll spoke of the \$3,000,000.00 of funding available to the County and who is going to be on the steering committee; Dukes County Advisory board. Chairperson Malkin supported DCAB review the funds island wide spending rather than breakup. But leave to the DCAB.

Mr. Rossi moved to approve County Commissioners and DCAB be the steering committee. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

Chilmark Town Hall- staff request to reinstate two passes to beaches:

Mr. Doty moved to approve this request. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

Annual Appointment of Board/Committee/Commission members

- a. Requests for Reappointment from Board/Committee/Commission members
- b. Offers to serve from other registered voters

Mr. Carroll requested to table appointments till next meeting, as requests are still coming in.

Staff Appointments:

Mr. Carroll said Harbormaster Rossi has submitted request for Select Board to appoint 5 seasonal employees. Select Board reviewed request. Mr. Rossi moved to appoint the 5 seasonal employees to the harbor department. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

Police Chief Klaren presented his requests for employee appointments. The list for Police – new & re appointments was reviewed. Mr. Doty moved to appoint list of employees requested by Police Chief Klaren. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll presented Select Board with the Beach– Seasonal appointment list.

Mr. Doty said the beach superintendent supplied a good request list and moved to appoint the list of employees as presented. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll said the Board of Health has organized a popup COVID 19 vaccination event at the Chilmark Community Center June 22, 2021. Chairperson Malkin said this is wonderful, we support fully.

Chairperson Malkin moved to have next Select Board meeting in person. Practice next week. R. Doty seconded motion. **SO VOTED 3 Ayes**

At 6:47 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 meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **Approved 8/10/2021**

Document list:

- Draft Select Board meeting minutes from 05/04/2021 & 05/18/2021
- Town Administrators final figures for departments FY22 budgets
- Conservation restriction letter from MV Land Bank for Bliss Pond Farm
- Vineyard Land Surveying sketch plan of Bliss Farm
- MVLB minutes about Bliss Farm 08/07/2020
- Conservation restriction for Bliss Farm
- Chilmark Assessors review and report concerning Bliss Farm Conservation restriction and how it would reflect on tax revenue
- Chilmark Conservation support letter for Bliss Farm Conservation restriction
- Summary of transforming island's energy system- created April 2021
- Beach committee recommended Seasonal employee list for Select Board to appoint
- Harbormaster recommended Seasonal employee list for Select Board to appoint
- Police Chief recommended Seasonal employee list for Select Board to appoint
- BOEM invitation to consult on Revolution Wind Farm
- Vineyard Land Surveyors – abutters notice to Chilmark for ConCom application filed for 53 Wequobsque Rd.