

Chilmark Select Board June 22, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman James Malkin, Bill Rossi, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Hugh Weisman, Amanda Sawyer, Joe Sullivan, Timmy Rich, Clark Goff, Don Leopold, Suellen Lazarus, Peter Cook, Rich Salzburg, Noah Asimow, MVTV, Diana DeBlase. (16)

At 5:00 PM chairperson Malkin called meeting to order via zoom platform

Chilmark Town Advisory Council:

Road Race: Hugh Weisman discussed the plans for holding the Chilmark Road Race. Mr. Weisman said we will issue a face mask with each registration as we will be bussing runners to start line.

Police Chief Klaren said he is confident in the plans being followed. Chief Klaren asked if road closures are expected to be longer than in the past. Mr. Weisman said no, it will be same as last year. Chief Klaren suggested signage stating: road race Saturday expect delays on Middle road. Mr. Weisman asked to utilize use of Town Hall and Police parking lots along with Tabor House parking lot. Mr. Doty moved to approve road race plan as presented. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Book Festival update: Suellen Lazarus explained with the changes to guidelines for COVID they are proposing 2 days (Sat&Sun) in Chilmark rather than 5 days that was previously approved. Previously plan was 150 people and 1 tent now 2 tents. Mr. Doty asked if all tickets are sold in advance. Ms. Lazarus said yes.

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

Ms. Lazarus said she is requesting same parking areas as the road race outlined. Mr. Rossi said he supports Tabor lot. Chief Klaren said he has concerns and can communicate directly with Ms. Lazarus; road race is a few hours on one day not 2 days with 8 hours each day.

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Building Committee Chilmark representative:

Mr. Carroll said Molly Glasgow has indicated that she would be willing to represent Chilmark on the MVRHS Building Committee. Mr. Doty moved to appoint Molly Glasgow as our representative on the MVRHS Building Committee. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Blessing of the Fleet:

Mr. Carroll said this will not happen this year but intend to do so next year. no action was taken.

Menemsha sunsets:

Police Chief Klaren gave report, and explained there are 3 phases during day at Menemsha:

- day time beach goers
- getting dinner
- sunset

Mr. Carroll screen shared Police Chief's Menemsha report

Chief Klaren said the parking lines need painting in Menemsha. Chairperson Malkin said the Chilmark Highway department will paint them. Chief Klaren reminded public that July 1 need parking permits in Menemsha and drive on dock as traffic officers will be enforcing and ticketing.

Police Chief Klaren said Tour vans so far ok. Though a bit longer than passenger cars so hard to see around. Chief Klaren spoke about reduce speed ahead signage across from flower stand on Menemsha Cross Road.

Mr. Rossi said the speed tracker in the 25 speed limit area is working good to reduce speed of vehicles entering Beetlebung Corner intersection. Mr. Rossi supported painting lines in Menemsha immediately. Mr. Doty requested extending boardwalk immediately too. Select Board recommended taking some (boardwalk) from Lucy Vincent Beach or Squibnocket about 50 to 70 feet. Mr. Carroll estimated that is everything from Squibnocket. Mr. Carroll said once he lets Clarissa Allen / chairperson of the Beach Committee know of this plan he will tell Seth to take and install in Menemsha.

Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) - Menemsha sunset park & ride:

Mr. Carroll said VTA had not hired driver yet but our schedule is July 1-Aug 31 5:30 PM everyday every 20 min loop from the Tabor House lot to Menemsha. There was discussion about removal (no overnight parking allowed) of unrefrigerated commercial vehicles from the Tabor house parking lot.

Dukes County steering committee on Federal funds- Bill Rossi and Don Leopold discussed grant application; within the next 6 weeks will award funds within 3 months for the COVID relief funds. Mr. Leopold said for criteria there is a good link on County website.

Mr. Rossi said all island Select Boards and Town Administrators work together on this, and the steering committee is the County.

Fire & EMS building updates:

Mr. Rossi said the permitting is moving forward and we will keep pressure on Reid Silva to move this forward to bring plans to boards to get permits. Mr. Doty said it was a good meeting yesterday and Bill Rossi did a great presentation at ATM with a very good committee. Mr. Doty said he is impressed with all of the many decisions that need to be made by the Public Safety Building Committee.

Amanda Sawyer gave update that the meeting with Reid Silva today went well. Notice of Intent (NOI) will be submitted this week. Amanda Sawyer said she will check in with Reid daily in preparation for ConCom July 20th hearing. As for the ZBA hearing Amanda Sawyer said Reid is hoping to submit this week would be for July 28th hearing if not August 25, 2021.

Mr. Rossi said Schedule was agreed yesterday with Keenan & Kenny. Mr. Rossi said he has signed new contract and remaining Select Board members will come sign.

Fire & EMS building updates Continued...

Chairperson Malkin asked Mr. Carroll to notify our town Committees & Boards to let them know we request they schedule meetings outside the regular schedule to move this project forward. Mr. Rossi asked when should we go look to get bonding in order. Mr. Carroll said we are working on that. Melanie Becker is working on this with our Financial advisors. Amanda Sawyer strongly encouraged town to lock in the low rate ASAP.

format of committee moving forward:

Chairperson Malkin said Warren Doty could drop in on meetings rather than be appointed to committee. Mr. Doty moved to appoint Chief Bradshaw, Chief Retmier, Tim Rich and Bill Rossi. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

School HVAC project update:

Chairman Malkin asked that we make sure heating at school is ok for winter and if market place improves go out to bid again. Mr. Carroll said window to do the work is summer. Mr. Carroll said we are having the same problem with Chilmark Community Center HVAC but maybe combine them when we go out to bid again.

Discussion of Board of health's memo on continuing Remote Participation by public boards:

Chairperson Malkin said his personal feeling; would like to see 3 select people meet with Tim Carroll and any other participants attend remotely. If person wants to attend they need to be vaccinated. Mr. Doty said other island towns are meeting in person we can too. Mr. Rossi recommended to allow chairs of other committees to seek opinion of their members. Mr. Carroll said law allows for in person now. Mr. Carroll said law also allows for remote meetings to continue. Mr. Rossi supported using hybrid method.

Tim Rich said the problem with remote participation is not everyone can participate without being zoom bombed.

Mr. Rich strongly recommended to open back up!

Sally Cook (Chairperson of the Cemetery Commission) said if board members say they have been vaccinated she would not expect them to show card; would take their word. Ms. Cook said July 8, 2021 meeting in person for the Cemetery Committee. Mr. Doty recommended that each chair of the committees and boards can decide for their board.

Peter Cook (of Planning Board - housing project) said they had over 40 participants via zoom. Mr. Cook said it is helpful to be able to have meetings via zoom especially to have consultants available who are off island.

At 6:12 PM with no further agenda items to discuss Chairperson Malkin asked for motion to adjourn. Mr. Doty moved to adjourn. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

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

Document list:

- Letter from Mr. Weisman about Road Race plan for 2021

- Complete plan for Road Race 2021
- Road race street use permit form for Mass DOT
- Letter from Suellen Lazarus about the 2021 Book Festival plan
- Fire station & EMS building project schedule & billing sequence