

## Chilmark Board of Selectmen & FinCom June 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

**Remote participants:** Chairman Warren Doty, Bill Rossi and James Malkin. FinCom: Rob Hannemann, Eric Glasgow, Don Leopold, Vicki Divoll, Bruce Golden and Susan Murphy.

Others: Tim Carroll, Diana DeBlase, Margaret Maida, Cathy Thompson, Ann Wallace, Clark Goff, Peter Cook, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Judith Flanders, Marina Lent, News reporter Lucas Thors.

At 5:00 PM Chairman Doty called meeting to order.

Chairman Doty discussed the process of handing the chairman seat. Mr. Doty moved to appoint Bill Rossi Chairman of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

Mr. Rossi said at this time to also have Vice Chairman of Selectmen be Jim Malkin and Clerk of Selectmen be Warren Doty. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

At 5:01 PM Chairman Rossi took up the gavel.

Tim Carroll gave an explanation of where the town is financially. With a data sheet to follow. Friday the DOR said 60 day window open to collect the \$500,000.00 shortfall. Mr. Carroll said Treasurer said we don't need to apply for short term borrowing. Mr. Carroll said the Assessors reported this is first year there has been no subdivision applications so revenues will be lower.

Mr. Carroll ended with it looks like we will be ok for finances at this time. Mr. Carroll said the COVID grant monies are for FY20. And shared expenses spreadsheet.

*At 5:10 PM Melanie Becker joined the meeting.*

Ms. Becker said we have \$2.8 million in the treasury. There was discussion on possible revenue shortfall.

Rob Hannemann recommended discussing contingencies.

### Superintendent request letters of support

Mr. Carroll said Mr. Friedman sent email to us outlining the support letter. Ms. Divoll said This will not undermine our policy. Chairman Hanemann agreed. Mr. Carroll said this is a process to do under extreme circumstances and we will go back to regular process after. Mr. Doty moved to approve support letters. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

Ms. Divoll recommended including wordage in the letters.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Chairman Rossi said we give a big thanks to ATM and ATE workers from the Selectmen.

Chairman Rossi said Selectmen will intend starting in July go back to the regular sessions of 2 meetings a month (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays at 5:00 PM).

There was discussion about in person meetings and it will be discussed further at the June 30, 2020 Selectmen's meeting.

Town Hall - Office Opening:

Mr. Carroll said we will continue Staff meeting Tuesdays and Thursdays till July 1 and then a single meeting on Wednesdays July 8<sup>th</sup> onward. Town Hall open to public July 1 with appointments meeting only in Selectmen's 2<sup>nd</sup> floor meeting room and the first floor meeting room through phase 3. Some employees will continue to work from home until there is a vaccine.

Police Chief:

Chief Klaren discussed the George Floyd atrocity and how we are addressing how to move forward as a police department for the safety for all our citizens. Island Police Chiefs are pooling resources for training. Police officers may need licensing in the future. Adopt best practices that we already have in place. Chief Klaren said he is very proud of all of the Chilmark police employees.

Town Boards and Commissions CDC and Board of Health Guidelines:

Mr. Carroll said its time to have all of our boards and commissions to have a Zoom meeting prior to a public hearing and to be aware of the notices needed to do for posting. Mr. Carroll said we will utilize the MVC guide lines for public hearings and incorporate the guidelines from Chuck Hodgkinson and our legal counsel. Mr. Carroll said its time to readdress remote participation that the Selectmen have not approved yet.

Remote public hearing process was discussed. Chairman Rossi recommended continuing this to the next Selectmen's meeting June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Nan Doty request for discussion about School Playground:

Mr. Doty said Principal Stevens was concerned users of playground are not using masks and we have preschool daycare and children of health workers and responders who are appropriately using. Mr. Malkin said personal health and safety is our top priority.

Nan Doty joined the discussion. Principal Stevens would like clear communication about protocol of what is happening. Mr. Malkin said Katie Carroll (Board of Health Chairman) said she would like it to remain closed. Ms. Flanders (member of school Advisory) asked who is in charge of playground and who is cleaning it?

Chairman Rossi said he would like playground to be restricted to use by the daycare of first responders and cleaning to be done by them. Mr. Malkin moved to keep playground closed

other than preschool authorized use and Board of Health work with Town Administrator for signage. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Nan Doty added that the TAC marked off the Basketball court for that reason and have fencing that can be shared.

At 6: 17 PM with no further items for discussion Chairman Rossi adjourned the meeting.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

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