

Chilmark Board of Selectmen April 29, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Remote participation: Chairman Warren Doty, Bill Rossi, Jim Malkin, Others: Tim Carroll, Ann Wallace, Peter Cook, Tri town Ambulance Chief Ben Retmier, Cathy Thompson, Clark Goff, Jennifer Christy, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Jess Roddy, Police Chief Jonathan Klaren, Judith Flanders, Margaret Maida, Rob Hannemann, Virginia Morris, Katie Carroll. Reporter Lucas Thors

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

Subordination Request- Slavin:

Chairman Doty said we have reviewed these documents and is there a motion to support Slavin family approval to subordinate mortgage. James Malkin moved to approve this subordination. Bill Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

COVID 19 Updates:

Police Chief Klaren gave an update. Chief Klaren said all members of the department are healthy. Chief Klaren said call volume ok; no increase to domestic violence or mental health calls at this time. Chief Klaren reported there have been a few minor vehicle accidents. PPE supplies have been coming in. Brian Kennedy Chilmark traffic officer working to aid the Board of Health jobsite inspections going well. Brian is helping Forest Filler.

Tri Town Ambulance Chief Ben Retmire gave an update.

Chief Retmier said numbers are down compared to last year but as more people are arriving he is expecting increase.

As for masks advice; if there is any interaction wear mask or face cover. But if driving alone in car fine not to.

Fire Department Chief Jeremy Bradshaw gave an update:

Chief Bradshaw said we are working on grant money that is available to fire department for PPE equipment. Chief said he would like to hold a meeting with the department in parking lot to keep department ready if needed. Chairman Doty recommended the fire department be allowed to meet up to 20. Mr. Malkin recommended 2 meetings of less than 10. Mr. Carroll said he could assist in a zoom meeting. Chief Bradshaw said he would do that.

Town Administrator Tim Carroll gave update:

Mr. Carroll said he met with a contractor to measure for screening to be installed at some desks in town hall that are open (without doors).

Town Clerk Jennifer Christy gave an update:

Ms. Christy said town hall has had very smooth operations and was reassured with the cleaning measures being done.

Ms. Christy said as for Clerk items she has been aiding public with DBA for small business loans. Notarized documents for community with system approved by the Board of Health. Annual Town Meeting and Election planning.

Annual Town Meeting and Election Preparations:

Mr. Carroll said after discussion with Town Moderator Everett Poole and Town Counsel it was decided to hold the Annual Town Meeting outside the Community Center at 5:30 PM.

Ms. Christy said other towns are also considering having their meetings outside.

Board of Health Chairman Katie Carroll gave an update:

Ms. Carroll said the Back to Work protocol inspections are going very well. Forrest & Brian are doing a great job. Ms. Carroll said they will return to sites to make sure the sanitation that was apparent at inspection is being used.

Ms. Carroll said the Board of Health are working with the Beach Committee about opening the beaches and how to proceed with that.

Chairman Doty said he is very pleased that our Island wide regulations for Back to Work are being enforced.

Finance Committee Chairman Rob Hannemann gave an update:

Mr. Hannemann said the FinCom will be meeting via zoom tomorrow 4:00 PM and will review the warrant and give recommendations. Mr. Hannemann requested Mr. Carroll send materials to be reviewed.

Mr. Hannemann said island schools are hoping to lend a hand in cropping down their budgets with the loss of revenues COVID 19 is causing. Mr. Carroll said the Town Administrators have been in contact with the schools and are reviewing their budgets.

Construction / Back to Work plans update:

Chairman Doty said we are in Phase 1 and if we don't do anything May 4 it reverts to the Governor's order to allow construction but Chilmark might put some extended regulations in place.

Mr. Rossi said the other island towns need to weigh in as we need a unified decision for our regulations.

Mr. Carroll said the Town Administrators will meet tomorrow and if Chilmark would like to direct him and vote on this he will bring that to the meeting. Mr. Malkin said it's a Board of Health issue and we should support their direction. Ms. Carroll said Phase 1 is to continue to May 11 and then to Phase 1.5 after bringing in more workers to be allowed at a jobsite. Ms. Carroll said having the extra week for the contractors to have all the regulation requirements working is important.

Chairman Doty said the other down island towns were discussing large events and if they should be cancelled.

Mr. Malkin moved to supported extending Phase 1 till May 11, 2020 and then on to Phase 1.5 on the 18th of May. Bill Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Police Department budget plans:

Chief Klaren said we lent an officer 20 hours a week to the Board of Health to aid in inspections and to help enforcement of regulations. Chief Klaren said during this pandemic we have had no training and court not in session so we have not been spending our budget as expected. We will have a surplus for FY20 but will need to have the training budgeted for FY21.

Chief Klaren said what we can do online for training requirements we will continue to do. Chief Klaren said he is requesting to keep the hiring as planned for this summer. Chairman Doty said the Selectmen recommend that the Chilmark Police Department keep fully staffed as needed.

Katie Carroll said the Board OF Health is very pleased with having the help of Forest and Brian to help with inspections.

Mr. Malkin said he is concerned that when summer residents come we will need to assist our Board of Health and we may need additional staff.

At 5:47 PM with no other items for discussion meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase. **APPROVED 06/02/2020**