

Draft Chilmark Board of Selectmen January 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Warren Doty and James Malkin, Bill Rossi was not present. Others: Tim Carroll, Peter Cook, Cathy Thompson, Ann Wallace, Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw, Clark Goff, Samantha Look, Isaiah Scheffer, Leonard Jason Jr. and news reporter Rich Saltzberg and MVTV Videographer.

At 5:00 PM Chairman Doty called the meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from the Selectmen's December 16, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve minutes as written. Chairman Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not Present Bill Rossi

Draft minutes from the Selectmen's December 30, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve minutes as written. Chairman Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not Present Bill Rossi

Public Hearing:

At 5:05 PM Chairman Doty opened the public hearing and said this is about regulation to when persons can work on Chilmark Oyster Grants. This amendment to the regulations would state no working ½ hour after sunset till ½ hour before sunrise.

Constable Scheffer said there were reports of someone working after dark and the Shellfish Advisory Board recommended this amendment to our shellfish regulations.

Chairman Doty asked if there was any public comment during the hearing. With no public comments Chairman Doty closed the public hearing at 5:08 PM.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve amending the Shellfish Regulations adding to the Oyster Grant section:

A 11. Operating hours for grant holders shall be limited to one half (1/2) hour before sunrise to one half (1/2) hour after sunset. Chairman Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not Present Bill Rossi

Vineyard Conservation Society - Warrant Article - voluntary elimination of polystyrene:

Samantha Look spoke about this proposed warrant article. Ms. Look said it is a non-binding resolution. The hope of the Conservation Society is that businesses in Chilmark (and all Vineyard towns) will eliminate polystyrene from their packaging. For example to go containers and eating utensils. Ms. Look said there are already many alternatives that island businesses are using. Mr. Cook said he and his wife asked relatives not to send gifts packed in Styrofoam (a type of polystyrene) and said if we could get big companies to agree to alternative packaging that would be very good. Ms. Look said there are companies utilizing the process of growing mushrooms in forms/molds to protect their products during shipping.

Chairman Doty said this will be an item on our Annual Town Meeting warrant in April 2020.

Resolution to Support the Voluntary Elimination of Polystyrene

- *WHEREAS polystyrene constitutes a human health risk as it is the only plastic used in food packaging that is composed of the chemical styrene, likely a human carcinogen, which leaches into food and beverages especially when in contact with heat, oil or acid; WHEREAS products made of polystyrene also cause harm to marine and terrestrial wildlife through entanglement and ingestion; exacerbate climate change due to hydrofluorocarbon (HFC) emissions during manufacturing; and, in the foam form, are not recyclable and contaminate our recycling stream; WHEREAS the Town believes it is important to protect the health of its citizens and the unique natural beauty and irreplaceable natural resources of the Town and given that inexpensive, safe alternatives to polystyrene are easily obtained; NOW THEREFORE, we express our support for voluntary action on the part of organizations and -businesses -*

Voluntary Elimination of Polystyrene Continued...

in the Town providing goods, food or services to stop selling, distributing, or otherwise making available the following products made from polystyrene (with the plastic recycling code #6), including Styrofoam®: Plates, cups, bowls, trays, cartons, containers, “clamshells”, lids, straws, stirrers, cutlery/utensils, and coolers used for serving, consuming, transporting, or packaging food or beverages New packing material such as packing ‘peanuts’, and molded and rigid sheet packing insulation.

Chairman Doty thanked Ms. Look for this presentation. Chairman Doty said we have members in the audience tonight about certain agenda items so we will discuss them next out of our posted agenda sequence.

Planning Board - Peaked Hill Pastures Report:

Mr. Cook said the committee looked at the pros and cons on 2 templates that they looked at. These were of Scotts Grove in West Tisbury and Smalley’s Grove in Aquinnah. Mr. Cook said he appreciated the effort these two templates had for dealing with neighbor’s resistance to the projects.

Mr. Cook said the next process to have completed at Peaked Hill Pastures is a survey that looks at showing in detail what areas in the property is not suitable for building. Then we would move forward to coming up with a site plan of the ideal area for affordable housing. Ann Wallace said the goal would be a presentation to the community with the initial survey for public input. Chairman Doty said we have a survey of the borders / lot lines of this property already. Mr. Cook said the topography survey would help determine the area to develop for affordable housing. Mr. Malkin said he believes the plan is to consider:

- Portion of the property for housing
- Portion for recreation
- Portion for grazing
- Portion for future development

Mr. Carroll said we have topography and wetlands delineation for the property already, what might be more appropriate is to have a planner, possibly from the MVC to work on this. Mr. Carroll said Chis Seidel at the MVC can overlay these maps and give you a better picture of the property. Cathy Thompson said usually a planner has something to work from. More discussion ensued. Chairman Doty asked to put this on the agenda for the next Selectmen’s meeting for continued discussion and to have Bill Rossi’s input as well.

Fire Chief Report:

Fire Chief Jeremy Bradshaw reported on the progress of education / bringing Firefighter I & Firefighter II classes to the vineyard that will run from September -December 2020. Chief Bradshaw said Chilmark has 3 new recruits that will be attending this training. Chief Bradshaw said he has begun cleaning up the Cross Road Fire Station in preparation for the future demolition.

Chief Bradshaw said the water source evaluation report will be completed by the Selectmen’s January 21, 2020 meeting. Chief Bradshaw also reported that Chilmark Fire department should have custody of the new equipment soon. These are the Jaws of Life and a windshield cutter.

Chief said he and his officers are actively looking for a new jet ski. Chief Bradshaw said the department is transitioning to the North Road Station. Chief Bradshaw gave a report of the vehicle maintenance schedule. Chief Bradshaw said there is a drone group on the Fire Department headed by Scott McDowell. Chief Bradshaw reported that the Fire and Police department will be able to utilize the drones to aid in search and rescue operations. Chief Bradshaw spoke of his plans to house the fire trucks during the future construction period.

Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) - Funding request:

Leonard Jason Jr. Chilmark representative on the Board of Directors for the VTA spoke to this request. Mr. Jason said the VTA is requesting \$667,858.00 to keep the full service to the island towns.

VTA Funding request Continued... Each town will be asked to pay 15.50 % of the total that is approximately \$93,000. Mr. Malkin asked if the State has increased funding. Mr. Jason said the State has not yet agreed to increase funding. Mr. Jason said without additional funding the VTA summer service will be considerably less than this past summer. Chairman Doty said this would be a warrant on our Annual Town Meeting and will go through the budget hearing process. Chairman Doty recommended having Angie Grant (Manager of the VTA) present at the FinCom hearing when this is discussed.

Police Chief -Report:

Police Chief Jonathan Klarén said the holidays came and went with no troubles. Deer hunting season has come to an end and there were a few complaints but all in all pretty average season.

Chief Klarén asked the status of The Mutual Aid agreement that he brought to the Selectmen a few weeks ago for approval. Mr. Malkin said we have yet to have comments from town counsel about this agreement but will follow up and complete approval soon.

Shellfish Growing Area Closures in Menemsha:

Chairman Doty said this closure is an annual closure that is anticipated but he has heard from our Shellfish Constable of the water quality decline in Tisbury Great Pond. Chairman Doty said this Tisbury Great Pond closure is concerning. There was no action taken at this time.

Bid for 2019 Chilmark Town Report -daRosa's Corporation:

Mr. Carroll said this bid is up \$1.20 per page from last year. The bid cost per page of our Town Report would be \$29.95. Mr. Carroll said it is still within the appropriation. Chairman Doty said he would very much like to stay with an island business for the town report. Mr. Malkin agreed.

Ongoing Project Updates:

Chairman Doty said we have advertised for proposals from engineers for a plan for the HVAC system at the Chilmark School. Mr. Carroll said we received one formal proposal and Mr. Hannemann was going to follow up with additional companies to hopefully get at least 3 proposals to review. Chairman Doty asked that this project move forward within the next week.

Mr. Carroll said the Chilmark Community Center Advisory Committee is meeting Thursday to discuss the HVAC engineered plans for the Community Center. Mr. Carroll said the temporary generator is at the Community Center. Chairman Doty said we also have a grant application for a permanent generator. Mr. Carroll said we should know the status of that application by the end of January.

Green Communities Act: Mr. Carroll said we have been moving forward and have answered all of the questions and eventually will be designated a Green Community. Mr. Carroll said they recommended that the group (Energy Committee) decide on what we would use the grant for so they can hit the ground running. Mr. Carroll said Mr. Hannemann had mentioned this would go to the School heat-pump project.

Mr. Carroll said as for the Basin Road sidewalk project we are waiting for the easement to be signed. We have verbal quotes but nothing in writing at this time. We will then go to the anonymous donors. Chairman Doty said Deb Hancock has been working hard at getting this project moving along.

At 6:06 PM with no further item for discussion Chairman Doty moved to adjourn. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.
SO VOTED: 2 Ayes, 1 not Present Bill Rossi

Draft Minutes submitted by Diana DeBlase

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen's 12/16/2019 & 12/30/2019 meetings
- Proposed amendment to the Shellfish Propagation Regulations -about not working oyster grants after dark.
- VCS warrant proposal for voluntary elimination of polystyrene products in Chilmark
- Bid proposal from daRosa's for printing the 2019 Chilmark Town Reports
- VTA request for funding budget shortfall for ATM warrant article
- DMF notice of Closures for shellfishing in Menemsha Harbor (annual)
- Planning Board report on Peaked Hill Pastures
- MIIA memorandum - report of the nominating committees
- PERAC- New Pension Fraud Poster notice
- Sheriffs FY21 formula for cooperative agreement for Emergency Communications Dispatch
- Town Clerks voter Statistics report