

Draft Chilmark Board of Selectmen January 18, 2012 Meeting Minutes

Present: Frank Fenner, Jonathan Mayhew, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Chuck Hodgkinson, Pam Goff, Clark Goff, Jane Slater, Dennis Jason, Isaiah Scheffer, Wendy Weldon, Bret Sterns, Jim Hickey, Melinda Defeo, Clare Rabbit

7:30 pm Chairman Fenner called meeting to order in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Minutes: Draft minutes from January 3, 2012 were reviewed, corrections were made. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Massachusetts Estuaries Project:

Wendy Weldon presented the Selectmen with information from the Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee. The S.P.D.A.C. supports the town of Chilmark to appropriate the sum of \$54,500.00 to enroll Chilmark Pond and Squibnocket / Menemsha Ponds in the Massachusetts Estuaries Project.

Bret Stearns spoke of the importance of the project to be completed. Mr. Doty made it clear he is disappointed in this group (M.E.P.), they have been very slow in delivering information that has been paid for already.

Mr. Doty moved to approve a warrant article for the annual town meeting for up to \$54,500.00 for M.E.P. to complete Chilmark Pond, and another article for up to \$31,767.00 for M.E.P. to complete Menemsha, Squibnocket Ponds. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Tea Lane Farm:

Mr. Doty reported that the TLF open house that was held January 7, 2012 was attended by approximately 100 people. The Farm Committee asked interested parties to send a letter of interest no later than January 13, 2012. Thirty six letters have been received.

The Farm Committee; Mr. Doty, Mr. Megan, Mr. Cioffi, Mr. Smith, Mr. Posin all met on January 11, 2012. The Farm Committee recommended seeking a Special Town Meeting for approval of the lease concept, before soliciting applications. The Farm Committee will pick semifinalists for interviews. Then have semifinalists to recommend to the Board of Selectmen for final interviews to pick the finalist.

Mr. Doty reported that the Community Preservation Committee voted a \$100,000.00 grant for Tea Lane Farm. Mr. Fenner said he would like to move forward with the TLF project.

Mr. Mayhew said that this is a fine project but would like to have an article for Regular Town Meeting and not to rush this. Mrs. Goff said she is in favor of a Special Town Meeting and reminded everyone that the Tea Lane Farm was purchased at Special Town Meeting.

Mrs. Slater said there is enough interest to get a good crowd for a STM. Mr. Mayhew moved to call STM for February 13, 2012. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

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Special Town Meeting:

The articles for the STM were discussed. The proposed wording is as follows:

Article 1. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen (the “Board”) to: a.) lease the approximately three (3) acre parcel of Town-owned land known as the Tea Lane Farmstead, identified on Assessors Map 12 as Lot 4.2 (the “Farmstead”), to a resident farmer, selected by the Board, based on criteria developed by the Board in conjunction with the Farm Committee; and 2.) sell the historic farmhouse, barn, garage, two metal outbuildings, well and septic system (the “Farmstead infrastructure”) to the selected resident farmer, or take any other action relative thereto. The lease of the Farmstead will be for an initial period of seventy-five (75) years at a cost of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000.00), and the sale of the Farmstead infrastructure will be for one dollar (\$1.00). Both the lease and the sale will be on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen, with the input of the Farm Committee, determine, consistent with the Intermunicipal Agreement between the Town and the Martha’s Vineyard Land Bank Commission, dated May 7, 2001, and the restrictions contained in the deed to the Town dated June 14, 2001.

Mr. Doty moved to approve article 1. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to approve the following request of the Community Preservation Committee: to appropriate **\$100,000.00** of CPA Historic Resources Reserve Funds as a grant to fund renovations, under the administration of the Historical Commission, of the historic Tea Lane Farmhouse; and to meet this appropriation use CPA funds as follows: \$70,000.00 from the Community Preservation Historic Resources Reserve and \$30,000.00 from the Community Preservation Budgeted Reserve Funds.

Recommended by the Community Preservation Committee.

Mr. Doty moved to approve article 2 pending approval from legal counsel. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Article 3. To see if the town will vote to rescind Article 7 of the September 26th 2011 Special Town Meeting (\$6,500 for boat repair) and to appropriate the sum of \$24,000 from the Waterways Improvement Fund to purchase and equip a boat for the Harbor Department, including the payment of costs incidental and related thereto.

Mr. Doty moved to approve article 1. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Dukes County Integrated Pest Management:

T.J. Hegarty the DCIPM agent presented the Selectmen with a breakdown of the budget and an unpaid bill for the town’s portion of pest management. Mr. Fenner said that the budget will be addressed at the FinCom / Selectmen Budget hearings later this month.

Mr. Hegarty said that the outstanding bill was for the mosquito trapping program and spraying that the towns approved at the June 2011 Board of Health Agents meeting. Ms. Lent the Chilmark BOH Inspector did not approve this program and the BOH has not agreed to pay.

Mr. Hegarty remembers this differently. Mr. Fenner recommended that this be addressed when the BOH can be present. Mr. Fenner said the Selectmen will take under advisement and do more research on this bill.

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Health Insurance Reform:

Mr. Carroll presented the Selectmen with a draft letter he and the Treasurer Melanie Becker created to form the Insurance Advisory Committee election. Mr. Doty moved to approve the draft IAC letter to be mailed to all paid town employees. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

As part of the health insurance reform the second committee to be formed is the Public Employee Committee which needs an appointment of a Chilmark retiree. Catherine Thompson would like to be appointed as this member. Mr. Doty moved to approve the appointment of Catherine Thompson. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Payroll:

Mr. Carroll reported to the Selectmen employee input about changing the payroll biweekly pay day to Thursday instead of Wednesdays. Most of the responses were positive a few asked that this be started in July. Mrs. Becker said this would be unadvisable because of the summer staff will have started in June. Mrs. Becker has recommended to compromise with a start date of May 10, 2012.

Mr. Doty moved to approve this payroll change to May 10, 2012. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

USCG Boathouse:

Mr. Fenner said he was unhappy with the outcome of the latest meeting with USCG officials on January 11, 2012. The changes that Chilmark had requested were not met. Mr. Mayhew requested selectmen's office draft letters to our Senators and Congressmen. Mr. Fenner recommended drafting letters urging State Senator Wolf and Representative Madden to ask Massachusetts Historical to work with Chilmark on this.

Chairman Fenner moved to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation and not return to regular session. Mr. Mayhew Seconded the motion.

Mr. Fenner: Aye, Mr. Mayhew: Aye, Mr. Doty: Aye.

9:05 pm

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase