

## **Draft Chilmark Board of Selectmen August 19, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Chairman Bill Rossi, Warren Doty, Jonathan Mayhew, Tim Carroll, Rodney Bunker, Edie Prescott, Alex Elvin and Lynn Christophers.

At 7:30 PM Chairman Rossi called meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

### **Minutes:**

Draft minutes from August 5, 2014 were reviewed, corrections were made. Mr. Doty moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

### **Chilmark Community Center Vestibule vs New Door Replacement:**

Rodney Bunker town custodian discussed moving forward with the improvements on the Chilmark Community Center. Mr. Carroll supplied draft plans for a smaller vestibule project prepared by Doug Stefanov. The plan was reviewed, discussion ensued. Chairman Rossi requested an estimated cost for the specifications in this plan the Selectmen reviewed.

Mr. Doty said that the Town Affairs Council said they would be interested in helping financially on the capital improvements to the Community Center. Mr. Carroll said Jeff Herman chairman of the Town Affairs Council was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mr. Doty recommended asking the TAC for 50% match on the cost of the vestibule.

Mr. Carroll said there was \$17,000.00 in a warrant article for the Community Center Vestibule and he believed \$30,000.00 in joint maintenance for the CCC. Mr. Carroll asked if the Selectmen would move to spend up to \$30,000.00 so this project can move forward prior to the Special Town Meeting in October.

Mr. Doty moved to build vestibule as designed by Stefanov spending up to \$30,000.00 at this time and seeking significant contribution from the TAC. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

### **Community Center Floors:**

Mr. Bunker discussed what he did to try to correct the buckling floor. The attempt to correct the floor problem failed. Mr. Bunker recommended seeking a professional to identify the cause and to engineer a proper solution. Mr. Bunker said that January the School has gym class off site and would be a time that some improvements could be made.

Mr. Carroll recommended a warrant article to hire a professional evaluation for floor problem. Chairman Rossi requested that we make some calls to get an idea of how much we should request in the warrant.

### **Town Hall:**

Mr. Bunker said that he prepared an estimate of the cost for the stripping, restoring and painting of the façade of the town hall building. Mr. Bunker estimated \$89,000.00 to complete the work. Mr. Carroll said there is an existing warrant article of \$24,000.

#### Town Hall Continued...

Mr. Hodgkinson said Mr. Bunker has attended Historical Commission meetings and received the commissions' endorsement for historic CPA funds for this project. Mr. Hodgkinson said that Mr. Bunker has also attended Community Preservation Committee meeting with this proposal.

Mr. Doty moved to have the Selectmen sponsor this proposal to the Community Preservation Committee. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

#### Town Hall HVAC Report:

Mr. Carroll and Mr. Bunker spoke about the HVAC report of the inspection completed July 18, 2014 by Ross Trethewey of TE2 Engineering. Mr. Trethewey reported that the second story HVAC system is way overburdened with the layout of what exists today. Mr. Carroll said that the renovations made to town hall HVAC were not complete as the engineer died halfway through our renovations.

Mr. Doty moved to do the suggestion from Mr. Trethewey of venting attic space and to increase flow to Computer Room. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

#### Nab's Corner:

Chuck Hodgkinson gave an update of the Nab's Corner Project. The lots are staked and concrete bonds are in place. From the RFP for 4 wells the town received a single bid from Island Water that is slightly under our estimate. The total of this bid is \$23,000.00

Mr. Mayhew moved to accept this bid from Island Water and award this well project to Island Water. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

#### Nab's Roadway:

Mr. Hodgkinson said back in 2009 the Chilmark Planning Board approved the subdivision with a curb cut and access for parking lot for the MV Land Bank. Discussion took place about alternate plan to access property with an easement from neighbor which would save the town up to \$15,000.00. Mr. Doty said the plan the town committees spent many meetings preparing is a good plan. Mr. Doty moved to proceed with the approved plan of creating our curb cut and access road. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

#### Nab's Road Association:

Mr. Hodgkinson recommended meeting with all of the neighbors to inform them of our plans for a road association. Mr. Carroll said that Town Counsel is working on the road association information and get back to us.

#### Town Committee on Squibnocket Update:

Mr. Doty said he attended the Town Committee on Squibnocket and reported that there will be 2 more presentations made at future TCS meetings. Friends of Squibnocket will present on August 26, 2014, and Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee on September 2, 2014.

Town Committee on Squibnocket Update Continued....

Mr. Hodgkinson said that concerning the Coastal Management Grant of \$280,000 that was awarded to Chilmark for this project. We have confirmation from the grantors that this must be spent by the end of June 2015.

Mr. Hodgkinson said he told them that the project may not be completed by that time. The grantors advised sending invoices in as the job begins and we can always try to apply again but if it has not been completed by end of June 2014 the full grant cannot be spent. Chairman Rossi directed Mr. Hodgkinson to notify the Beach Committee and the Town Committee on Squibnocket of this information.

Creek Lot Repair Update:

Chairman Rossi reported that Jim Morgan was at work Saturday August 16, 2014 completing the emergency repairs to the creek lot revetment. Mr. Mayhew wanted to make it clear that the Selectmen are not doing this for Vernon Welch but for public safety. Chairman Rossi said it is much better but it could use a few more stones on the top.

Police Department:

Chief Cioffi said that the appointment he requested for tonight's agenda is withdrawn, the person of interest was offered a full time position off island. Chief Cioffi requested to advertise for a position. Chief Cioffi discussed his plan to allow non-academy certified applicants. The department would send them to the academy. This being a new concept to what the standard has been Mr. Mayhew recommended this go to the Human Resources Board. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Doty said he would be willing to be the Selectmen appointed to the interviewing and reviewing committee. Along with Chief Cioffi there would be Selectman an at large member needed and also a Human Resource member. Mr. Mayhew moved to appoint Mr. Doty as the Selectmen member. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Mayhew moved to allow posting advertisement for this police department position and discussions with the Human Resource Board concerning the new process Chief Cioffi proposed. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

POTUS:

Mr. Doty asked Chief Cioffi how the President's visit has been going. Chief Cioffi said great. Mr. Doty said he thinks the location worked well this year. Mr. Doty said "there have really been no disruptions to Chilmark." Mr. Mayhew reported the Lobstermen have not been able to access their pots on the North Shore for 2 weeks. Chief Cioffi said this was the first he had heard of the Lobstermen not being able to access their pots.

Mr. Doty spoke about getting the message out there for folks driving from down island wanting to catch the sunset in Menemsha to use our FREE shuttle service.

Chief Cioffi said we need better walking areas in Menemsha.

FinCom Appointment:

Mr. Doty said Susan Murphy has requested to be appointed as a member to the Finance Advisory Committee. Mr. Doty said he believes she would be a very good addition to the FinCom and Capital Planning Committee. Mr. Carroll said that there needs to be a joint meeting with FinCom and Selectmen for this appointment. Mr. Carroll said that FinCom meets September 10, 2014 at 5:30PM it was agreed that 2 Selectmen will attend to appoint Susan Murphy.

Beach Department:

Mr. Doty said that Karyn Robertson who has been the Beach Superintendent has written a request for a step increase. Mr. Carroll said that would go to the Human Resource Board. Mr. Doty said Selectmen could endorse a recommendation for the HRB to review. Mr. Doty moved to recommend Karyn to a step 3 to the HRB. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll said the letter that Karyn wrote requesting Liane Fitzgerald to be appointed Acting Superintendent starting September 1, 2014 also requested a step increase retroactive to June 1, 2014 for Ms Fitzgerald. Mr. Carroll said this letter never mentioned Stewart Roderkast or Rebecca Gorum who both worked as acting and assistant superintendents to get the beaches ready this season. Mr. Carroll recommended being fair to these other employees that they are also included in a recommendation to the Human Resources Board for a step increase. More discussion ensued.

Mr. Doty moved to recommend to the Human Resources Board that all of the acting superintendents and be raised to a step 3. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

The next Human Resources Board is scheduled for September 4, 2014 these items discussed will be on the agenda.

Conservation Commission:

Chuck Hodgkinson is present to seek assistance in a legal bill the ConCom accrued during a long case this June. Mr. Carroll said that in the future the legal opinion that was requested should be the burden of the applicant. Mr. Rossi moved to allow this to be paid from the wetlands protection account this time to closeout this bill. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Public Safety Site Committee:

Mr. Carroll said that both Andy Goldman and Tim Rich have volunteered to be on the Public Safety Site Committee. Mr. Doty recommended Liz Gude as an at large member and if she is willing would move to appoint her.

Chairman Rossi said that Fire Chief David Norton, Ambulance Chief Paul Wilkins, Jim Newman of Tri Town Ambulance Committee, himself (Bill Rossi) of the Selectmen, Tim Rich, Andy Goldman and if she agrees Liz Gude are recommended as the Public Safety Site Committee. Mr. Mayhew moved to appoint this list as presented. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

#### Board of Health:

Chairman Rossi reported having asked the Board of Health to check the Cross Road Fire Station conditions. Ms. Lent sent a report that said that a water sample has been sent for testing and that the water for now should be considered non potable. The stair grade is not code to today's standards and the ceiling of the kitchen is lower than today's regulations as well. But that there did not seem to be any health concerns other than the sulfur smell to water that has been sent for testing.

#### Preschool Lease:

Mr. Carroll said that the Chilmark Preschool has requested to renew their lease. Chairman Rossi said he has not had a chance to review the contract to be able to make any recommendations.

Mr. Doty said that the program has been going very well and would like to renew the contract without any changes. Mr. Mayhew agrees with Mr. Doty's remarks and would like to renew the sooner the better.

Mr. Carroll will meet with the (Preschool) tenants so see if they have recommendations and should return with an RFP in a month.

#### Town Center Sidewalk:

Mr. Carroll reported on the recent contact from the Martha's Vineyard Commission and a State representative from the DOT concerning sidewalks in the town center. Discussion ensued. Mr. Doty supported sidewalks. Chairman Rossi said there would be esthetic impact to consider.

Mr. Doty moved to have Mr. Carroll bring this to the Chilmark Planning Board to review and request that they give the Selectmen their input. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

**SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

#### Signage:

Mr. Carroll asked for the Selectmen to discuss the placement of sculptures and signage in the triangle at Beetlebung Corner. Mr. Doty said that he does not want to see Open House signs and Lobster signs but ok with public events, but not week after week of the same kind. IE Book Talks signs were getting left out. No action was taken.

Chief Cioffi returned and said that the Lobstermen will be allowed to retrieve their lobsterpots in the future during the visit from POTUS but they should be prepared to be boarded.

Chairman Rossi moved to adjourn. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**  
At 9:30 PM meeting was adjourned.

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase