

DRAFT Chilmark Board of Selectmen April 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Present: Chairman Warren Doty, Bill Rossi, Jim Malkin, Tim Carroll, Jane Kaplan, Chuck Hodgkinson, John Flender, Alex Elvin, Edie Prescott and videographer for MVTv.

At 5:00 PM Chairman Doty called meeting to order in the Selectmen's Meeting Room. Chairman Doty said this parenthetical note; tonight might be the last meeting that I will be Chairman for some time and after Annual Town Meeting I look forward to passing the gavel to the next chairman. As is the custom the Selectmen annually change their roles of chairman, vice chairman and clerk.

Minutes:

Draft Minutes from Selectmen's April 4, 2017 meeting were reviewed; corrections were made. Mr. Rossi moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Parking Agreement - Library & Film Festival:

Prior to the summer season Selectmen have requested an agreement concerning the parking during Wednesday events in town center. Chairman Doty said that the Library Director Ebba Hierta has submitted a letter outlining the Library's plans.

- When possible Library will start lectures at 5:00 PM on Wednesdays
- Festival will have an adult parking attendant at the Library lot to make sure that patrons for Library will have parking (and redirect the Festival attendees to alternate areas).
- When Festival is holding Children's Circus, Festival will provide additional parking near to the library.
- After Library closing Festival customers welcome to park at Library lot.

Mr. Rossi recommended keeping this agreement at hand for referencing this summer. Mr. Malkin recommended that Ms. Kaplan (member of the Library Trustees) keep this at hand and be available for mediation if needed. Chairman Doty said that Chief Klarèn is very interested in making this work and will follow up with the parking issues this summer season.

Town Center Pedestrian Paths Update:

Mr. Malkin said 10 months ago we had a request from Marie Larsen to work on pedestrian paths for the town center. The Selectmen setup a small working group consisting of Mitchel Posin, Marybeth Grady, Jennifer Christy, Marie Larsen, Marie Seward and Jim Malkin with participation from Jennifer Lo Russo and Brian Ditchfield. Overtime this group looked at an overview plan and composition for the paths. The Martha's Vineyard Commission also has reviewed the paths and has some funding avenues for the town to seek. Mr. Malkin said we believe that proposing plans with the individual property owners of how they can improve their properties for pedestrians to have safe walking in town center. This option was desirable rather than going with complex projects through the State. Here are the recommended improvements:

- The area along Stanley Larsen's property has been leveled off, the plants trimmed back & Kent Healy will talk to Mr. Larsen about safe (water) runoff.
- Crosswalk near Conroy's Real-estate crosswalk; the pedestrian crossing barrel be put back in place for summer.
- Direct walking flow with signage

Menemsha Dredging Update:

Chairman Doty said that the equipment has been removed. Mr. Malkin said there is some pipe left at the bottom of the harbor (submerged). Mr. Malkin said there is a meeting tomorrow with the Army Corps of Engineers to discuss if that (dredging pipe) would remain. Mr. Carroll said there are two ladders and two pilings that are supposed to be fixed that were damaged during the dredging.

Parks & Recreation - request funds to upgrade / repair electrical system to shack:

Chilmark Parks & Recreation Committee submitted a request to the Selectmen to fund repairs to the town owned shack on Bulkhead lot shack on lot # 3A. Chairman Doty said he had an update that the project for the repairs would cost \$3,900.00 but that it will be discounted by 50% for a total of \$2,095.00. Chairman Doty said that John Armstrong and Jimmy Morgan are in the process of donating their shack to the town as well. If the negotiations go through then the town would own two fish shacks in Menemsha harbor.

Chairman Doty recommended that the Parks & Recreation work on a proposal for the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) on external improvements for the work on the Historic Fish Shacks (roof, shingles and proper windows). Mr. Rossi said that would be an excellent use of CPC funds. Mr. Carroll discussed the process of receiving the shack. Mr. Malkin said he believes the electrical work should be the lessee's responsibility.

Chuck Hodgkinson (the Administrative Assistant for the Parks & Recreation) said he was asked to attend and speak on this on behalf of the Chairman of Parks & Recreation Andy Goldman who was unable to attend. Mr. Hodgkinson said because the leases are for only twelve months is hard for a tenant to put capital improvements into a building not knowing if they will get lease for the following year. The wiring was installed in 1939 and is in need of immediate repairs. Mr. Malkin recommended getting the Electrical Inspector to inspect this and determine if we need to turn it off. Mr. Hodgkinson said he did. Mr. Malkin asked if it was turned off. Mr. Hodgkinson said no that the inspector sent an estimate to do the repairs.

Mr. Malkin recommended that if the wiring inspector determined that this wiring was hazardous that we have the inspector turn off the electricity until we have a plan for the repairs. Mr. Rossi recommended seeking the CPC funds for repairs at Special Town Meeting this fall. Chairman Doty requested that this be recorded as our decision.

New & Old Business:

Mr. Carroll said he brought the West Tisbury response letter to Mass DOT about the proposal for the town to take on the responsibility of the State Roads maintenance. Basically West Tisbury is not in favor of taking on the State's responsibility for the roads. Chilmark Selectmen agreed that this is not something they would support either.

Mr. Malkin recommended sending a letter to our representative similar to the content of West Tisbury's letter but shorter. Without funding the town is not interested in taking on the additional financial burden of maintaining the State Road. Chairman Doty said even with funding it's not a desirable situation. Mr. Hodgkinson said that Chilmark has 14 miles of State Road and 21 miles of town roads in Chilmark.

Temporary tie-up dock for Menemsha Channel Update:

Mr. Carroll said the wild card last year was the stones in the channel and the cost of removing or relocating them prior to receiving and installing the dock. Mr. Carroll is expecting a quote soon from the contractor who is interested in the project. Mr. Carroll said the docks (come in sections) are to be delivered May 15, 2017. Chairman Doty requested that we keep on top of the quotes for installation too.

Menemsha Comfort Station / Menemsha trash removal:

Chairman Doty said we need a new contract for the trash removal and Comfort Station upkeep for the coming season. Mr. Carroll said we have one quote so far and he will try to get two more quotes. Mr. Carroll said this will be a single year contract. Chairman Doty said under the new procurement laws that if the project comes in under \$50,000.00 you only need to request three quotes prior to awarding to a contractor. Mr. Carroll said he will probably advertise this in the local newspaper. Selectmen supported advertising this contract.

Chairman Doty asked when the water would be turned on in Menemsha. Mr. Carroll said unfortunately the meter was not removed prior as was requested and when the Menemsha Water Company turned it on the manifold broke and now needs repairs prior to being functional. Mr. Carroll believed that this problem is being worked out and we will have water soon.

Mr. Malkin said adding to the Menemsha discussion:

- There is a railing on the drive-on dock that was broken by John Packer that he will replace.
- There is a cap off of one of the piles that needs to be replaced. Mr. Malkin said Harbormaster Jason is aware of these items and is on it.
- There are also electrical cover-boxes that need to be put on (some are in storage some may need to be purchased).
- Fire extinguisher boxes need covers; some need fixing or replacing.
- Nailing down planking
- Welding on commercial dock needs repair (gangway ramp)

Selectmen discussed the annual Harbor “walk-around” and scheduled it for May 1, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

STM review and discussion of assignments:

Special Town Meeting is at 7:00 PM April 24, 2017 at the Chilmark Community Center. Mr. Malkin said there is marketing add in the MV Times and a posted material distributed to Chilmark Votes and poster at Cronig’s market as well. Mr. Malkin wanted to state that this rendering is factually incorrect “fake news” trying to get a vote against the amendments to the Squibnocket bylaws. The Planning Board proposed bylaw amendments have nothing to do with the causeway for Squibnocket; the causeway was already approved last year at an ATM with a 2/3 vote.

Mr. Malkin said he would gladly speak to these issues at the Special Town Meeting. Mr. Rossi agreed that it is unfortunate that there is misinformation being put out there.

ATM review and discussion of assignments:

Annual Town Meeting is at 7:30 PM April 24, 2017 at the Chilmark Community Center.

Chairman Doty said there are Finance Committee (FinCom) members who are intending to speak about an article that was not recommended. Mr. Carroll said Susan Murphy and Rob Hannemann (FinCom members) are working on wording to the voters at ATM about not supporting funding the First Stop program.

Mr. Carroll said Marshall Carroll (FinCom Chairman) said he would speak to voters about the no action taken articles if voters had questions.

Chairman Doty said a possible article that may need clarifying for the voters is the other post-employment benefits (OPEB) funding for the Up Island Regional School District (UIRSD).

Mr. Carroll said he spoke to a newspaper reporter clarifying that we support this because the school system is behind in funding for this liability. Mr. Carroll said the issue (for discussion) was whether this should be billed directly to the tax payers or whether it should be included in the UIRSD budget for example their E & D funds.

Mr. Carroll said he would be working on an explanation sheet (describing in a clear manner what each article on the warrant is about) for voters. Chairman Doty said the explanation sheet is a very useful tool.

Cemetery Commission- submission of Final Regulations for adoption:

Chairman of the Cemetery Commission John Flender presented the amended regulations for Selectmen to adopt. These regulation changes have been processed through the posting of public hearing and review process and are now again presented to Selectmen for approval. Mr. Flender said that the "Green Burial" was a topic at the public hearing and that these regulations address some of the requests from the green burial lobby.

Mr. Malkin recommended that in the next year that the Cemetery Commission review the other town's policy changes (if any) concerning the cement liners around the casket or boxes for internment.

Mr. Rossi said possibly in the future if an internment did not have a cement liner that if and when the settling of the ground occurred the cost would be the burden of the lease holder.

Mr. Malkin moved to approve adopting the amended Cemetery Regulations submitted by the Cemetery Commission tonight. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

At 5:49 PM with no further items for discussion Mr. Rossi moved to adjourn. Mr. Malkin seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.

Document list:

- Draft minutes from Selectmen's 4/4/17 meeting
- Agreement for Library and the MV Film Festival Summer 2017 parking plan
- Parks & Recreation request to fund electrical repairs for shack on Bulkhead lot 3A
- Cemetery final regulations for adoption.
- ZBA report of permit applications acted on in month of March
- Comcast notice of changes to TV programming
- List of jobs for the town of Chilmark 2017 posted online and in the MV Times
- Mass DOT chapter 90 grant information
- Planning Board Memo to Mass DOT concerning the flooding on State Road in Chilmark