

Present: J B R Parker, Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Stanley Larsen, Melanie Becker, Andy Goldman, MV Times Reporter

Minutes of 19 September 2006 - strike three passages. Approved as amended.

Tea Lane

The board discussed a complaint of tour buses on Tea Lane. The board was told West Tisbury had taken down the "no-bus" sign on their end of Middle Road. The board said it would check on that sign and replace if possible. It was discussed to put "no-bus" signs on Tea Lane. Mr. Fenner said he hated to see more signs. It was agreed to tell Martz Bus Line to not use Tea Lane.

Shellfish

Constable Larsen asked the selectmen to open the non-commercial Bay Scallop season under the usual rules and to open the commercial season on 1 November 2006 with a limit of 2 bushels, a five day fishing week and the usual rules. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to open the non-commercial Bay Scallop season immediately with the usual rules and to open the commercial season on November 1st, with a two bushel limit and the usual rules. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Regional School Labor Negotiations

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to endorse West Tisbury FINCOM member Al DeVito as the Selectmen's Representative for the labor negotiating. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Regional School Formula

The Selectmen discussed Aquinnah's possible move to have the state chapter 70 (education) formula used to calculate the regional school assessments. Mr. Parker said that the use of the state's "wealth based formula" to override existing regional agreements was antithetical to joint school districts. Mr. Fenner said this new state regulation could potentially pit towns against one another. The board said it was unclear on how the state is deriving the formula. There was some question as to the use of zip codes to identify town wealth and how the weighting was achieved. The Selectmen asked the Executive Secretary to seek an island meeting with the Department of Education as soon as possible to address island concerns before the 24 October deadline for comments. The selectmen said that the economy of scale obtained through regionalization could be lost by small towns if this new rule was imposed.

Audit - Draft Management Letter & Financials

Mr. Fenner asked that the town's response to the recommendations be written.

Vacation Leave

Mr. Parker reported that the Personnel Board had voted to allow up to one week of negative vacation balances for the ensuing year and to amend the vacation bylaw to reflect the

Personnel Board's new policy about when earned leave expires.

Mr. Parker said that the Personnel Board needed to have reports of benefit time used by exempt employees. Mr. Carroll said he had spoken to the Chief of Police and was hopeful a system would be in place this week that will report benefit time used on a weekly basis.

Special Town Meeting

Mr. Carroll reviewed the votes and actions taken on the warrant articles. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Willoughby Renovations at \$20,000.00 to paint the Menemsha School (Police Station) and do minor repairs. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Middle Line Road

Mr. Doty reported on the status of the Process Committee's work and Architect David Handlin's pro bono services. Mr. Handlin said he wanted to be in control of the sub-division process from within his own organization and not use town hall staff. Mr. Doty said there was a 2:00 PM site visit scheduled for Wednesday 4 October with Kent Healy, and representatives of the Board of Health, the septic engineer, and anyone who would like to join them. Mr. Doty said he hoped they would be able to clarify when perc tests would be allowed. It was estimated that the cost to design each septic system would be \$1,500 and that there were nine to be designed. Mr. Doty said that the Town Hall staff would be used to work on the endangered species habitat, nitrogen loading of the ground water and historical preservation. All items that will be part of a MV Commission review of the DRI.

Mr. Parker asked for a Memorandum of Understanding to be written between Mr. Handlin's firm and the town. The town will pay certain sub-contractors directly, such as the "spec. writer", etc. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize Mr. Doty to approve payment of costs incurred by Handlin and his firm and to coordinate this in advance with Mr. Handlin and track it with the assistance of the Town Accountant. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker said he would like to see as much as possible done by Chuck and Lisa and not Mr. Carroll.

Mr. Parker said that the ground lease had to be prepared. He suggested taking the IHT ground lease as a starting point. He asked Mr. Goldman to shepherd this through. Mr. Parker said he would be happy to work on the ground lease with Mr. Goldman. The process was set as bringing the ground lease first to the Housing Committee for approval, then sending it to town counsel and lending institutions for review. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Doty agreed. Mr. Goldman accepted this assignment. The board agreed that this ground lease would be for the Middle Line Project only, and that in the future it could be a starting point for other ground leases and amended for use on other lots as appropriate.

The board discussed changing the Process Committee to the Implementation Committee with the same membership. Mr. Carroll reported that the Housing Committee chairman had suggested expanding the membership of the committee for the next phase as if it were a building committee. Mr. Doty said a perfect committee would be five not nine. Mr. Parker said that three might be perfect, that there was a good group now, that there would be public hearings and there was no need now to expand the committee. Mr. Doty agreed. Mr. Fenner asked when this would all happen. Mr. Doty said that we could have some homesites in April of 2007. Mr. Goldman

reported that the Housing Committee was not in favor of phasing in the resident homesites. They felt that to phase in these lots over time was inconsistent with the determination that a serious shortage of housing exists now. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to morph the Process Committee into the Implementation Committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker asked that regular reports on the status of the project be posted on the town's web page.

Resignations

The board agreed to send letters of thanks to Lois Norton and Lee Welch for their years of service to the town.

Dog Officers

Mr. Parker reported that Assistant Dog Officer Joan Jenkinson had requested that Chilmark pay a stipend equal to her annual amount to the other Assistant Dog Officer Alan Healy. There is \$2,000 in the current assistants line of the budget. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to appoint Alan Healy 2nd Assistant Dog Officer with an annual stipend of \$1,000. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

MIA Reward Program

The selectmen agreed to participate in the annual insurance company discount program and that it was good to have the various departments attend these trainings.

Illusion Films

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to approve the making of a documentary film on stone walls in town, with no special privileges. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Distributed Antenna System (cellular phones)

Mr. Fenner said that he is in discussion with the consultant at 10:30 AM Wednesday. He and the consultant will be driving around the town with a developer to assess the commercial viability of a DAS. Mr. Fenner will be attending a meeting of the West Tisbury Selectmen at 4:30 PM to hear a COMCAST presentation and then a DAS presentation. Mr. Fenner said he was in contact with Mr. Paul Pettigrove regarding the DAS.

Coastal Zone Management Grant

Mr. Fenner requested that the Executive Secretary apply for a grant from the Coastal Zone Management to purchase the Homeport properties. The deadline for this grant was next Friday at noon.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 PM.

APPROVED: October 24, 2006