

Draft Minutes

Chilmark Board of Selectmen

August 7<sup>th</sup> 2007

People present: Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Andrew Nana, Jennie Greene, Stanley Larsen, Julia Rappaport.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room by Chairman Doty.

Minutes of July 24<sup>th</sup> 2007 approved with minor corrections.

#### MEMA

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize the chairman to sign a contract for FEMA assistance related to the Patriot's Day Storm this April. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Special Town Meeting

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to set the Fall STM on October 29<sup>th</sup>, to reschedule the October Selectmen's meetings to October 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup>, and to vote the warrant for the STM on October 9<sup>th</sup> 2007. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Shellfish Constable

The board discussed the change in the position description for the Shellfish Constable that removed all his duties to conduct propagation. Ms. Greene was present for the Personnel Board. Stanley Larsen told the board that the reduction in his hours from 20 to 14 a week were not enough to protect the town's assets of shellfish stock. He spoke about the history of his position. He said that he could be more use to the town if he was more than just a Shellfish Constable. Mr. Larsen said that this reduction in hours was not fair to the town or the Selectmen's efforts in shellfish restoration.

Mr. Fenner said that there was a time that Mr. Larsen did both the propagation and enforcement jobs for an average of 12 ½ hours a week. Mr. Larsen said that 12 month period was not a calendar year and included the worst winter in recent memory. He said that if the 12 month period had been shifted in either direction, he felt he would have had his 20 hours a week or more.

Mr. Fenner said that if the propagation program was successful, that in 3 or 4 years the board might want to increase the hours of the constable. There was discussion.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to accept the position description from the Personnel Board for the Shellfish Constable and to reduce the hours per week to 14 on August 11<sup>th</sup>. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Harbor Revenue

The revenue reports from the Treasurer and Accountant were reviewed. Overall harbor revenue was up \$20,000 for the year, while it was down \$5,000 in July. These included both seasonal and transient rentals.

#### Middle Line Road

Mr. Parker led a review of the status of the legal documents needed. He said the sub-committee would be meeting next week. The board agreed that the current controversy in the Boston Globe about the CPA distributions state wide needed to be monitored.

#### Customer Service

Mr. Parker said that several people have spoken to him about a couple employees at the Town Hall. He said the Selectmen should be on record as supporting only the best customer service and that the board should support the executive secretary to that end. Mr. Fenner and Doty agreed.

#### Andrew Nana – Global Protection Communication Systems

Mr. Nana discussed a possible Distributed Antenna System comprised of 16 whip antennas on top of 40 foot utility poles to cover the entire town of Chilmark. Mr. Fenner said that, on average, we currently have 28 poles per road mile. Mr. Nana said that GPCS's survey was based on the Sprint 1900 MHz signal propagation. He said they would also need a 20 x 30 foot concrete structure to serve as the "hotel" for the system. He said it could be shingled or painted as the town felt was appropriate.

#### Shellfish Grant

The board agreed to hold a public hearing, on the transfer of a shellfish grant from John Larsen to Donald Poole (the original grantee), discuss creating more grants and approving an application form, at 7:40 PM on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Doty said that the grants need to be increased from the 100x100 foot size initially created. He also commended Emmett Carroll for using smaller pipe buoys and Canadian Goose decoys to mark his cages.

#### Government Insurance Commission

The board received information on the new option of participating in the Commonwealth's health insurance. Mr. Carroll reported that at this time it would be more expensive for the town to switch to GIC from the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group.

#### TriTown Ambulance

The Selectmen reviewed the draft new regional agreement. They asked for the wording to be made more clear, incorporate any necessary parts of the preceding agreements, and define the term of the elected squad representative.

At 8:32 PM Mr. Fenner moved and it was approved in a roll call vote to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and to not return to regular session.  
Fenner-Aye Parker-Aye Doty-Aye

Executive Session ended at 8:58 PM.

APPROVED: August 21<sup>st</sup> 2007