

Present: Warren Doty, Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Melanie Becker, Jonathan Revere, Nan Doty, Andy Goldman, Julia Rappaport, Heather, Paddy Moore.

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

#### Treasurer

Melanie Becker came before the board to discuss the cost of using ADP for payroll. She said that in FY08 she had budgeted \$12,000 and that on July 1<sup>st</sup> there had been an increase. She reported that she had been looking into other payroll services used by towns. She recommended to the Selectmen that the town switch to Harper's. She said that it could cost considerably less than what we are paying ADP. She said that it would also provide a better benefit tracking of vacation time carried over from the previous fiscal year. She said that this was an opportune time to make the switch, as it would mean the employees would end calendar 2007 with ADP and start 2007 with Harper's. She said the software cost was only \$500 and a General Ledger interface was possible also.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to change to Harper's Payroll Service from ADP. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Lights Out MV

Nan Doty came before the Selectmen to ask them to participate in an event that would turn off as many lights as possible between 8 PM – 9 PM on March 29<sup>th</sup> 2008 as a public awareness event on the need to reduce the use of electricity.

Mr. Fenner asked her to remind the board closer to the date and thanked her for bringing this request to the board. Mr. Parker agreed with Mr. Fenner that this was a good movement.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion resolve to support "Lights out Martha's Vineyard". SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Photovoltaic Grants from the Governor

Mr. Doty asked the town to pursue PV installations on the Library, School, and possibly add more panels to the Community Center to help reduce the cost of electricity by selling power back to NSTAR from solar cells. Mr. Carroll will monitor the status of the Governor's initiative.

#### Sheriff's Meadow Pace Nominee Trust Conservation Restriction

Mr. Parker reported on his conversation with Eric Wodlinger. It was agreed to meet before the end of the month if the conservation restriction was ready for the Selectmen's approval before the end of the year.

There was discussion of establishing a fund to pay for reviews of future conservation restrictions. Mr. Carroll reported that no boards had adopted the regulations allowing them to make applicants pay for technical reviews. It was asked to have a report from the committees in time for their budget hearings.

#### Middle Line Road Affordable Housing

The board was told that the revised engineering and survey cost estimate was up \$28,000. After discussion, Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to increase the contract with Vineyard Land Surveying by \$28,000 and approve the addendum submitted by Vineyard Land Surveying. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Cost of Living Allowance

Mr. Carroll reported that the formula had resulted in a 2.5% COLA. Mr. Parker said that the Personnel Board was meeting Thursday morning to discuss the COLA.

#### Dukes County Charter Study Commission

Co-Chair Paddy Moore came before the Selectmen to report on the work of her commission and to seek their input. Mr. Fenner and Parker supported fewer county commissioners with staggered terms. Mr. Doty would like to impose a “town meeting” type of event into the county. He said that there is a disconnect with the county being elected on the state ballot instead of on local ballots. Mr. Parker suggested that the county come before each town finance committee. Various methods for making the county seem real to the island voters were discussed. The Selectmen would like to see the entire Sheriff’s budget published and available for discussion. The board thanked Mrs. Moore for tonight’s discussion and all her efforts on the commission.

#### Housing Committee – Implementation Guidelines

Andy Goldman reported that Chilmark has 20 affordable units in the pipeline right now. He asked the Selectmen to approve the November 5<sup>th</sup> 2007 final versions of the Implementation Guidelines. Mr. Fenner commended the committee for these fair and simple guidelines. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve both the Rental and Homesite Implementation Guidelines. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Nabs Corner Homesites

Mr. Doty would like to keep this on the agenda each meeting. He reported that the Historical Commission agreed with Nabs Corner Homesites being a good name. The Housing Committee will discuss the name.

The Home Rule Petition was back from House Counsel. It was not what the town wanted and James Lengyel of the Land Bank is working on new language. Mr. Fenner will contact the Land Bank tomorrow.

#### Martha’s Vineyard Commission

The Selectmen discussed the annual appointment of their representative on the MV Commission. It was recalled that they had agreed to consider the annual appointment to the MVC as a three year commitment and to advertise the position in November 2008 to solicit interested people to apply for the appointment.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to reappoint Mr. Chris Murphy as the Representative of the Chilmark Selectmen on the MV Commission for 2008. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### TriTown Ambulance – Inter-municipal Agreement

Mr. Carroll reported on the status of the Tri Town Ambulance. He told the board that Chief Rich had expressed his strong conviction that it was important to amend the agreement at this time to officially create the position of a squad representative on the board and to raise the number on the board to seven.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the amended Inter-municipal Agreement for the Tri Town Ambulance. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Joint Meeting with Aquinnah

It was agreed to schedule a meeting in March with Aquinnah to revisit the joint management of Menemsha Pond.

#### Distributed Antenna System

Mr. Parker asked to have the Executive Secretaries of Aquinnah, Chilmark and West Tisbury work together to issue the RFP jointly.

#### Conservation Restrictions

It was agreed to send a memorandum from special legal counsel regarding establishing a means of assessing a fee for the review of future conservation restrictions to the Conservation Commission.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:17 PM.

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