

Called to order at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room, Town Hall.

Present: Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Riggs Parker, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Heather Curtis, Julia Rappaport, Tom Wilson, Richard Sullivan, Melanie Becker, Tristan Israel, Lenny Jason Jr., Russell Smith, TJ Hagerty, Tom Osmer, Mike Tortalani.

#### Engley Land Swap

Russell Smith, Legislative Liaison, explained the process for the Home Rule petition and received the town's petition, which he will hand deliver to Representative Turkington and Senator O' Leary at the State House.

#### Audit

Dick Sullivan of Powers & Sullivan presented his findings on the FY2006 Audit. He told the Selectmen that "Chilmark is run pretty well". He told the board that they have a good handle on the town's finances. Mr. Sullivan said that the Management Letter was a reflection of internal controls and that essentially Chilmark was very good. He reported that testing had not manifested any problems. Mr. Sullivan said that there were five comments, but four were from the prior year or had been resolved already. He reviewed the Risk Assessment comment of the Management Letter. The town must identify the various situations where the handling of cash is involved and determine the potential risk. Once this is done, the town must determine what its tolerance to loss is given a cost benefit analysis.

#### Vineyard Fishery Sector

Mr. Doty read a letter in support of creating a vineyard Fishery Sector. The board signed the letter and gave it to Tom Osmer to be hand delivered to the New England Fisheries Management Council in Newport the next morning.

#### Dukes County Commissioners

Commissioners Tristan Israel and Lenny Jason Jr. came before the board to ask how the county could help the towns. They had a ring binder with a number of possible projects in it.

The Selectmen expressed concern that the Commission had asked Selectmen to serve on an advisory committee to select a new County Manager and then voted to ignore their advice to re-advertise.

Mr. Parker commended the county for its web site project. He said that some of the ideas in the county's binder can be attained by town departments working directly together and that the county might encounter a feeling that another layer of government isn't needed at that level. Mr. Parker suggested that the county focus on what it can do for the island that is unique and valuable to the towns.

Mr. Doty told the commissioners that he thought that rather than establish more revenue for the county, they should approach the towns for funding of specific projects when they have a good idea for the island. That way the towns could choose to fund the

projects they supported. Mr. Fenner said that he supported a regional dog pound. Mr. Parker said that he wanted to avoid budget building at the county.

### Rodent Control

TJ Hegarty reported on the rat program for Menemsha. He said that he trapped 200 mosquitoes this summer and that they all tested negative for EEE and West Nile viruses. He recommended that Martha's Vineyard have a Mosquito Control District.

### AFLAC

Mike Tortalini presented the Selectmen with a packet of information on his company's disability policy. The Selectmen asked for pricing information to be sent to the Treasurer.

### Bus Route – Street License

Vern Welch and Jim Sanfalipo came before the Selectmen to ask them for a Street License to run a tour bus over Chilmark roads on their way from the ferry terminals to Aquinnah cliffs. They told the Selectmen that they wanted to run a "green" tour company that potentially used biodiesel or other clean fuels. The buses would be the same size as the smaller VTA buses with 28-30 passengers. They said they would start with three or maybe five buses and make ten trips a day. Their requested route was North Road, Menemsha Cross Road, State Road and South Road.

The Selectmen agreed to hold a public hearing on their petition December 4<sup>th</sup> 2007. The size of the buses, the period of operation, number of trips and route would need to be detailed in their petition.

### Minutes

October 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> were accepted as corrected. The minutes of October 23<sup>rd</sup> were postponed to the next meeting.

### Comfort Station

Barbara Armstrong sent photographs showing how the "shell parking lot" was encroaching on the dune area. She asked that the Selectmen hold its back edge in line with the rear of the Comfort Station building. The Selectmen agreed to have that done as part of the spring clean up and to also tell Stanley Larsen to not back his trucks into the dune area there.

### Menemsha Parking Lot

The Superintendent of Streets will be clearing the sand deposited by Hurricane Noel off the pavement this week.

### Agricultural Commission

The Selectmen took notice of the planned seminar being held by the MV Commission.

### Community Center

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to waive the rental fee for a cancer patient benefit event sponsored by Hillary Noyes. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Rental Assistance

Mr. Carroll reviewed the DCHA report on the Rental Assistance program with the Selectmen. He suggested that it might be a good time to start an outreach program to convert two seasonal rentals to year-round rentals. The board discussed the reduction in the use of this program, challenges and opportunities. Mr. Parker suggested referring this to the Housing Committee.

#### Harbor Department

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to award the replacement of 70 deck planks and one piling to Aqua Marine, \$9,045 and \$975. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

#### Dredging

The Selectmen are scheduled to meet with the Aquinnah Selectmen on December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:45 PM.

#### MV Land Bank

The Selectmen were told that the management Plan for the Middle Road properties was going to a public hearing on Monday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM.

#### Executive Session

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to go into Executive Session and not return to regular session to discuss land acquisition and medical records of an employee at 9:20 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 PM

APPROVED: November 20<sup>th</sup> 2007