

Present: Warren Doty, Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Jim Neuman, Camile Rose, Spencer Booker, Jim Sanfilipo, Vern Welch, Julia Rappaport, Heather, John Larsen, John Armstrong

Meeting Called to order at 7:30 PM in the Selectmen's Meeting Room and the

Public Hearing on the petition of Vineyard Green Tours was opened.

Mr. Sanfilipo and Mr. Welch described their intended environmentally friendly tour bus operations from the Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven ferry terminals to Aquinnah in the summer season. They asked to be allowed to travel North Road, Menemsha Cross Road, State Road and South Road in Chilmark. There were no public questions. Hearing closed at 7:35 PM.

The selectmen discussed the proposal with the Aquinnah Selectmen and themselves. It was agreed that the operation would be May 1st through October 30th and that buses would not be longer than 28 feet. Mr. Sanfilipo questioned the one year license and asked for a renewable license to convince his bank that this was not a one year venture. The Selectmen agreed to include renewal language on the license as long as it was only renewed at their discretion based on good performance during the first year.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to issue a one year street license to Vern Welch and James Sanfilipo dba Vineyard Green Tours to travel over North Road, Menemsha Cross Road, State Road and South Road, with environmentally friendly bio diesel buses of less than 28 feet in length, said license to be renewable on the town's option based on good performance in the preceding year. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Joint Meeting of the Aquinnah and Chilmark Boards of Selectmen

Menemsha Dredging

Spencer Booker described the history of his interest in seeking Tribal grants to help dredge Menemsha Pond. The Tribal Council asked to the towns to consider uniform rules for the pond and a whole pond plan. Mr. Doty said that Chilmark would like to improve circulation to the pond but not navigation. He said he was worried we could get large overnight cruising fleet using Menemsha Pond. Mr. Parker was concerned about the attendant costs. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Doty discussed paying Woods Hole Associates to run a computer model of any proposed changes to the pond.

Mr. Booker said that he wants to improve navigation into West Basin and to improve water flow at the Herring Creek into Squibnocket Pond. Chilmark had no objection to these goals, but was very concerned about any improvements to navigation south of the #4 nun. Camile Rose said she opposed allowing big boats into the pond and opposes any dredging in Menemsha Pond for navigation beyond West Basin.

Mr. Larsen and John Armstrong, members of the Chilmark Shellfish Advisory Committee, asked the joint meeting to not change the circulation at this time. They

described a number of positive indicators showing a restoration of Bay Scallops for next season.

Ms. Rose said that joint management of Menemsha Pond would be a good goal. The Selectmen discussed moorings. Both towns prohibit Personal Water Craft. Chilmark prohibits waterskiing in Quitsa Pond. The Selectmen discussed possible enforcement issues, including disparity of application. Mr. Booker suggested unified enforcement and patrols on both sides of the town line. Ms. Rose suggested having the Harbor Masters meet to discuss possible joint management by Aquinnah and Chilmark of Menemsha Pond.

Mr. Doty asked about applying this idea to the shellfisheries also. Ms. Rose said that the only difference in the rules she was aware of was the temperature rule. Mr. Doty requested cooperation on shellfish propagation and aquaculture. Ms. Rose agreed that better conditions are needed on shellfish grants based on Aquinnah's experience.

Distributed Antenna System

Mr. Newman discussed the DAS efforts underway. He asked for a memorandum of understanding between the towns so that a joint RFP could be released soon. Mr. Parker reported that the new wireless zoning bylaw had cleared the Planning Board and would be on the Annual Town Meeting warrant this Spring. The Chilmark Selectmen agreed to having a memorandum with Aquinnah.

Joint Meeting ended at 8:38 PM

Minutes of November 20th 2007 approved with two additions.

Community Center

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to allow Janette Vanderhoop free use of the center for a memorial service fund raiser. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Harbor - Tribe's Boat

The board received a memo from the Tribe asking that the boat they have loaned to Chilmark be kept in the water as long as possible, given its susceptibility to ice damage, in order to be available in an emergency during the active Bay Scallop fishery this winter. The board agreed to honor the Tribe's request. Mr. Parker asked Mr. Carroll to check on the insurance for the boat.

Menemsha Trash

The Selectmen agreed to extend the contract for servicing the trash cans in Menemsha through January 2nd 2008.

Budget FY 2009

The Selectmen agreed to Zero Based budget. They discussed that the Finance Advisory Committee was short two members. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to zero out any budgets not submitted by December 28th and to place a letter in the staff member's personnel file of this failure. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Wireless Zoning

The board reviewed the bylaw submitted by the Planning Board for Town Meeting vote. Mr. Fenner questioned the plan review process. It was agreed to send the bylaw to Legal Counsel for the Annual Town Meeting.

Schedule in January

It was agreed to meet on January 8th and 15th. It was also agreed to meet at 6 PM on any Wednesday before the FINCOM meetings if necessary.

West Tisbury School - Windmill

Mr. Doty reported on the committee working to have a windmill at the WT School to generate electricity. He volunteered to serve on this committee. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Parker thanked him for agreeing to serve.

Mr. Carroll reported on a conversation he had with Aquinnah Selectmen regarding their interest in having a windfarm in their town. They had expressed interest in siting a turbine on Nomansland Island, but the US F&WS informed Mr. Carroll that this would not be a compatible land use for the refuge.

Bio Diesel

Mr. Doty made a presentation on the potential benefits of converting school buses to bio diesel on Martha's Vineyard. He will continue to investigate this with the schools and VTA.

Expense Warrant

Mr. Doty expressed outrage at being billed \$495 an hour for a lawyer and refused to sign this invoice. The board had a discussion about the types of litigation it enters into and agreed to keep a sharp watch on legal expenses.

9:13 PM Mr. Doty announced that the Selectmen would go into executive session and not return to regular session for the purpose of discussing two land acquisitions.
Parker – Aye Fenner – Aye Doty – Aye

Meeting Adjourned at 9:43 PM

APPROVED: January 15th 2008