Minutes Chilmark Board of Selectmen

May 1st 2007

Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Riggs Parker, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Stanley Present:

Larsen, Betsy Larsen, Marshall Carroll III, T.J. Hagerty, Julia Rappaport, Ebba

Heirta.

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

Reorganization of the Board

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to appoint Warren Doty Chairman for the ensuing year. SO VOTED: Two Ayes.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint Frank Fenner Vice Chairman for the ensuing year. SO VOTED: Two Ayes.

Minutes of April 17th postponed to May 15th.

Menemsha Bulkhead Rents

The Park & Recreation Committee was represented by Jane Slater, Riggs Parker and Tim Carroll. While this is a quorum, Mr. Carroll announced he would recuse himself and leave the room since his brother and grand mother would be affected by the change in rent. This meant that a quorum would not be present to discuss the issue. Jane Slater said since the chairman was sick and Mr. Preston was absent, she would prefer to postpone this discussion. It was agreed to post pone this discussion until the next Selectmen's meeting on May 15th.

Betsy Larsen asked what the Selectmen were thinking about for a rent increase. Mr. Fenner said nothing was set yet.

Mosquito Control

TJ Hagerty of the Dukes County Rodent Control office made a presentation on the threat mosquitos pose to the public health and how the island could take some actions to control that threat. He talked about a spray that is safe for use in drinking water and is in use on Nantucket and in New York and New Jersey. He mentioned the one death last season from a mosquito disease and the presence of Eastern Equine Encephalitis and West Nile viruses in the area. He gave the Selectmen a packet of information and asked that the Board of Health receive a copy. Mr. Doty said he was opposed to any aerial spraying.

Library

Ebba Heirta said that the library would like to start the 13 extra hours a week on June 4th instead of waiting for July 1st. She asked the Selectmen to authorize the library to use excess funds in the Library Director line to fund these increased staff hours. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize the use of the excess funds in the Library Director budget line to fund up to 13 extra hours of staffing a week for June 2007. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Harbor

Mr. Fenner asked for a price quote to run a secondary line out to the West (Filled) Dock to avoid having a transformer on a telephone pole on that dock. Mr. Carroll said he thought that the price to do that was almost double the quote to run a primary line.

The Selectmen looked at samples of netting from a fence vendor. It was agreed to have the Harbor Advisory Committee meet and make the decision on what to have installed.

Lucy Vincent Beach

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to approve the April 27th quote of \$4,040 to repair Lucy Vincent Beach access road and parking lot after the Nor'Easter. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Squibnocket Beach

Mr. Parker left the room to avoid any conflict of interest involving his step son. The board reviewed the work done by John Keene. The repairs to the revetment were paid for by Squibnocket Farm and the town was asked to pay for the clean up of the parking lot. Mr. Parker returned.

Photocopier

The Selectmen reviewed the quotes from Advanced Imaging and daRosa's for a new color photo copier for the town hall. After discussion, Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize the Executive Secretary to purchase the Sharp copier from Advanced Imaging. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Jackie Carlin

Mr. Carroll reviewed a new bill for legal services related to weddings at the Carlin property. The Selectmen said that they back the Building Inspector in this action.

Postage Meter

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize the Executive Secretary to contract for a replacement postage meter from Pitney-Bowes, that would have built-in accounting to relieve the Town Accountant of this function, at approximately the same monthly cost to the Town. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Fire Department

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to authorize the Chairman, subject to legal review, to sign a contract with Bulldog Fire apparatus to provide the town with a new Brush Breaker at a cost of \$409,993.00. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Community Center

Mr. Carroll asked the Selectmen to consider the quote of Brent Bandi to service two trash cans at the Community Center every day for \$100 a week. The board agreed to this if the Summer Program would pay for the weeks they were open.

Comfort Station

The Selectmen agreed to install a baby-changing-station in both the men's and women's restrooms this summer at \$120 each.

The Selectmen agreed to purchase 6 new trash can lids at \$60 each. The Selectmen accepted Brent Bandi's proposal to open the Comfort Station now instead of for Memorial Day weekend.

Armstrong Family

The board read a letter from the Armstrong Family asking that the curb stops in the shell parking lot be straightened out and that next year the porta-pottie be moved to the North side of the building. The Selectmen agreed to ask the Highway Department to fix up the shell parking

lot and to discuss the possibility of moving the porta-pottie with the Board of Health next fall.

Harbor Clean-up

Mr. Fenner said that the harbor needs to be cleaned up. He mentioned the boat undergoing repairs at the bulkhead and various lots. Mr. Doty said that the lot between Dennis Jason and Robert Flanders needed to be cleaned up. He also mentioned the old batteries and an old outboard motor that needed to be removed. It was agreed the town would pay to have this removed and to ask Keith Emin if he could truck the scrap and debris.

Shellfish

OYSTERS - Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to extend the Commercial Oyster season to May 11th 2007. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

OYSTER TRANSFER - Mr. Doty discussed the possibility of moving Squibnocket wild oysters to Menemsha Pond. Shellfish Constable Stanley Larsen said he would contact the state and ask if there were any restrictions on this.

SHELLFISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE - Mr. Carroll reported that he had advertised in the local paper for interested people to write a letter to the Selectmen for interview and consideration for appointment on May 15th.

SHELLFISH PROPAGATION AGENT - Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to post a vacancy for the Shellfish Propagation Agent with a deadline of May 29th. SO VOTED: Three Ayes. It was expected that the Selectmen might appoint on June 5th.

SUPERVISION of Shellfish Department - Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion that for the ensuing year the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen will be supervising the Shellfish Propagation Agent and the Shellfish Constable. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

HIRING PROCESS for SHELLFISH PROPAGATION AGENT . - Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to have the Shellfish Advisory Committee screen the applicants for the Shellfish Propagation Agent job and select three finalists for the Board of Selectmen to interview, and to designate Chairman Doty as the liaison to this committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

UPWELLER - The Selectmen agreed to postpone purchasing the upweller until after the new employee has been hired. The Selectmen discussed a proposal from Emmett Carroll that could possible save the town \$8,000. It was agreed to discuss this with the new committee.

Landfill

Mr. Carroll reviewed his plan to hydroseed portions of the grass covered cap with the Selectmen.

North Road

The Selectmen discussed hydro seeding along North Road this winter. It was agreed to ask the Highway Department to look into fixing the ruts along the road.

Survey

Mr. Carroll asked if the board would like to participate in a survey of coastal barrier structures for the state. The board was concerned about what the information would be used for and what the ultimate goals of the new state agency are.

Meeting House Road

Mr. Fenner asked to have various trash removed from Meeting House Road by the

Highway Department. Mr. Carroll reported that this was the second time someone had left an appliance along the road.

Annual Appointments

It was agreed to take up annual appointments at the May 15th meeting.

Nantucket Sound Keeper

The Selectmen declined to give a permit to Dean Bragonier for the beaches. However, they did authorize the Executive Secretary and the Beach Superintendent to give him access to the beaches on a day by day basis for the duties of the Nantucket Sound Keeper program.

Wind Farms

Mr. Doty reported on a meeting hosted by Mark Forest of Congressman Delahunt's office. They discussed creating a small area off Tuckernut Island for a Municipal Light Plant using an offshore wind farm. They could be 400 feet tall generators in 60 feet of water. Edgartown was interested. It was discussed that Chilmark might want to join with Edgartown and Nantucket to keep ownership and control of such a project local.

Menemsha Channel Buoy # 4

It was agreed to get a recommendation from the Harbor Master about whether or not the buoy should be maintained.

9:15 PM Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to go in to **executive session** to discuss land acquisition and not return to regular session. SO VOTED:

Fenner - Aye Parker - Aye Doty - Aye

Meeting adjourned at 10:08 PM.