

People present: Warren Doty, Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Emmett Carroll, John Larsen, John Armstrong, Heather Sussman, Liz Lewenberg, Steve Larsen, Todd Christy, Amy Raitto, Jess Kanozak, Isaiah Scheffer, Lenny Jason, Chief David Norton, Susan Parker, Roxanne Ackerman.

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

Minutes of May 15th and May 17th approved with one correction each. Minutes of April 17th postponed to next meeting.

Shellfish Advisory Committee Chairman John Armstrong told the Selectmen that the committee was recommending three finalists for the Selectmen to interview for the position of Shellfish Propagation Agent. Amy Raitto, Isaiah Scheffer and Jessica Kanozak.

The Selectmen conducted three serial public interviews of the candidates. Mr. Doty opened the interviews and Chairman Armstrong asked twelve questions of each candidate. The candidates were given the opportunity to ask questions of the committee and the Selectmen.

The Selectmen concluded the interviews and said that these were three successful interviews with three excellent candidates. The board agreed to not make a decision tonight. The Shellfish Advisory Committee retired to another meeting room to discuss the interviews and to come back before the Selectmen. The Selectmen said they were pleased with the experience of the three candidates and that they would make a decision in the next few days.

Sprint Triathlon Todd Christy came before the Selectmen to request permission to hold a "sprint triathlon" as a community event and fund raiser for the Chilmark Library and the YMCA. He said it would involve a maximum of 200 participants, that it would start at 8 AM on the last Sunday in September and involve a 400 yard swim off Menemsha Beach, a 10 mile bike ride up and back on North Road and a five K run across the Menemsha Cross Road and back to Menemsha. He said that the YMCA would be providing event insurance.

The Selectmen said that the proposal sounded good, but that they wanted Mr. Christy to speak with Chief Rich and bring his recommendations and concerns back to the board. The Selectmen said they had a positive reaction to this proposal, but would not make a decision until Mr. Christy spoke with Chief Rich.

Special Town Meeting Mr. Doty opened discussion on the June 28th 2007 Special Town Meeting that was being called for an article on the MV Regional High School budget and the MV Refuse Disposal and Resource Recovery District's request to purchase land. Susan Parker spoke as the Chilmark School Committee member and Chairman of the Union School Committee for the island and informed the Selectmen that the West Tisbury Special Town Meeting had approved the budget article after a lively debate 84 to 20.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to call the Special Town Meeting on June 28th 2007 at 7:30 PM to call for local approval of the state regional school formula increasing Chilmark's assessment by \$75,258.00 to \$441,886.00 and to fund this article with free cash. There was discussion about various meetings attended and promises of "pot hole" fund with \$5.5 million in section 3 of the proposed state budget for regional school districts negatively affected by the new state formula.

Mr. Doty said that if state relief comes through, the school district must return the money to the towns. He said that the school committee would have to pass a resolution to do so. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to place an article to authorize the Refuse District to borrow a sum to not exceed \$1,529,000 to purchase land adjacent to the regional transfer station. Discussion followed concerning the 11 acre parcel and possible uses such as recycling, composting and material reuse. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Vineyard Conservation Society The board discussed the Vineyard Conservation Society's letter "A Case for Coordinated Action on Waste". They advocated a progressive and integrated waste management system and research in to composting waste. Mr. Fenner questioned how some of the proposals would be funded. Mr. Doty said that the Selectmen have seen and agree with the ideas, but that they needed to see a reasonable financial plan.

Arnold Carr A letter from Mr. Carr was received requesting that the Selectmen approve of a proposal to locate and recover a stone with possibly Norse runes from the waters off Nomansland Island. Jane Slater, chair of the Historical Commission, asked the Selectmen to refer this request to the Historical Commission for their review on June 20th before the board took any action. There was discussion on who can authorize such an endeavor. Mr. Doty said that Mr. Carr is a fine person, remarkable man, reasonable and respected. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to refer this request to the Historical Commission. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Caterpillars - Jim Thorpe Mr. Thorpe came before the board concerned that this infestation of caterpillars could devastate the trees in our community. He disagreed with the newspaper article that said the infestation was not as bad this year. He discussed the infestation in Nova Scotia and the loss of 40% of their forest. He asked if Chilmark could afford to lose 40% of its trees and what that much organic waste could do to the environment and our economy. He questioned the public health and public safety risks the town might be confronted with. He asked the Selectmen to appropriate funds to understand the problem for next year.

Mr. Doty commended Mr. Thorpe for a well written letter and his reasonable request. Mr. Doty said that the towns look to the land use agencies on the island for guidance in these areas. There was discussion of the use of Spinosad and Conserve, how the infestation was a cyclical event, and how the conservation groups chose to do nothing at this time.

There was a discussion of spraying to kill the caterpillars. There was discussion about obtaining satellite imagery for the same time period in May - June over a few years to compare the damage. Mr. Thorpe asked the Selectmen to hire a forest pathologist to help understand the problem. Mr. Doty suggested that the town, Polly Hill Arboretum, Sheriff's Meadow Foundation and the MV Land Bank cooperate on a study. There was discussion about creating a plan and a budget. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to send a letter to these organizations to set up a cooperative effort. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Harbor

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to reappoint Assistant Harbor Masters Richard Steves and Ian Yaffe and Assistant Wharfinger Ryan Rossi. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to appoint Tim Walsh as Assistant Wharfinger. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner expressed concern that personal flotation devices (pfd) were to be worn at all times when on the town boat and that harbor staff must be in uniform. It was discussed that Town Policy already required both and that town staff must adhere to the posted policy.

The Selectmen declined to address concerns about dockage from Steve Costas and the commercial Striped Bass fishing fleet. They referred Mr. Costas to the Harbor Master.

School Formula Committee

Mr. Doty volunteered to represent the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner

seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Doty and Mr. Frank Yeomans to represent the town on a regional work committee called by the Superintendent of School. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Shellfish Advisory Committee

Chairman Armstrong reported on their discussion regarding the three finalists. He reported that they had reduced their recommendation to one of two candidates and handed a slip of paper to Chairman Doty. The Committee told the Selectmen that either candidate would be a win for the town if they were hired. There was discussion.

Fire Department

Chief Norton told the Selectmen that the loaner program for the Personal Water craft had been canceled with no notice and that the dealership was recalling the PWC. Chief Norton said that he was working on extending the program, but that he might need to purchase the unit. He was told to ask the FINCOM for a Reserve Fund transfer if it became necessary.

Boat Use Agreement with the Tribe

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to authorize the chairman to sign the proposed agreement with the Wampanoag Tribe of Gay Head (Aquinnah) regarding a 21 foot Hurricane RIB owned by the Tribe and to be used by the Menemsha Harbor Master. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Energy DCPC Committee

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to appoint Anne Boyer as one of the three Chilmark members. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Food Network

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize the Food Network to conduct some filming for "Rachel Ray's Tasty Travels" in Chilmark and directed them to work with Chief Rich. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Cape Cod Municipal Health Group - Wellness Program

Mr. Carroll asked if the Selectmen supported any "on-clock" wellness programs. This was postponed.

Coast Guard Community

The request of Congressman Delahunt for the town to declare itself a "coast guard community" was postponed.

Chilmark Elementary School

A review of gutters, drains and other pending projects was postponed.

Massachusetts Collectors' and Treasurer's Association

The invite to attend the June 11th meeting in Falmouth was declined as no Selectmen were available.

Comfort Station

The Selectmen authorized the Executive Secretary to proceed with the septic tank upgrade at the Comfort Station in Menemsha.

Peaked Hill Pasture Road Assoc.

Mr. Doty said that the process by which work was done on town lands without permission was unacceptable and high handed. It was agreed to postpone this request for payment to the association and invite Josh Scott to come in and make his request in person.

Annette Anthony

Mr. Doty requested that the board grant Ms. Anthony an additional three Personal Days for her to take her son to attend various events in connection with the deployment of his father to Iraq. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded the granting of three additional Personal Days to Annette Anthony. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Tom Wilson

The Town Accountant asked that he be allowed to change his work schedule for a six month trial plan. Mr. Carroll asked for a commitment from both sides for the six months and monthly review. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to authorize the Town Accountant to work in the office three days a week and from home two days a week for a six month period to begin when Mr. Wilson moves off island. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Harbor - Pilings

Mr. Parker reported that there are two more pilings left to instal. He said that the moorings will be lifted and their chains replaced while the barge is here in the harbor.

A motion was made at 10:06 PM to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and the medical condition of an employee, and to return to regular session tomorrow, Wednesday June 6th 2007, at 11:00 AM to review and sign the Special Town Meeting Warrant and again at 5:30 PM to discuss the hiring of a Shellfish Propagation Agent. SO VOTED: Fenner - Aye, Parker - Aye, Doty - Aye.

Executive Session closed at 11:05 PM

JUNE 6th 2007, Wednesday

Meeting called to order at 11:00 AM.

Special Town Meeting

Mr. Fenner and Mr. Parker reviewed and signed the warrant to call the special town meeting. Meeting recessed to 5:30 PM.

Meeting called to order at 5:30 PM. Mr. Parker, Mr. Doty, Mr. Fenner and Mr. Carroll present.

Shellfish Propagation Agent

The selectmen reviewed the two recommended candidates. There was discussion. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to appoint Isaiah Scheffer the Shellfish Propagation Agent. SO VOTED: Unanimously.

The Selectmen discussed appointing the Propagation Agent an Assistant Shellfish Constable. It was decided to not do so at this time and have the Propagation Agent focus on propagation for the short term.

Meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

Approved: July 10th 2007