

Present: Warren Doty, Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Mary Boyd, Jane Greene, Ginny Jones, Julia Rappaport, Susan Vaughn, Stanley Larsen, John Larsen, Donald Poole, Rick Carney, Andrew Nanna, Mark Russell

Meeting called to order at 7:34 PM in the Meeting Room of the Chilmark Free Public Library.

Minutes of June 5th & 6th 2007 and June 26th approved as corrected.

Tri Town Ambulance Committee

Mary Boyd made a report to the Selectmen on an update to the mutual aid agreement, the creation of two ALS programs to replace the Island Medic program (West Side Medic program), a West Tisbury chase-vehicle for use by the duty medic and other staff, the pending re-write of the Tri Town Ambulance Agreement and the inclusion of a voting member to represent the EMTs, and the duty shifts and staffing coverage for summer 2007.

Mr. Doty said that he had spoken to staff and committee members and heard concerns from them in the past three weeks. Mrs. Boyd explained the use of volunteers and how personnel are employed. There was a discussion of a 24 hour paid EMS system and how Chilmark was not interested in it at this time. Mrs. Boyd said that the Tri Town Committee has not discussed moving to a 24 hour paid service. She said that first and foremost this was a volunteer service and it would remain about volunteers.

The board thanked Mrs. Boyd for her report and told her that they wanted to maintain fiscal oversight to keep the cost of the service down and to maintain the service as a volunteer system. Mr. Parker asked that Mrs. Boyd make regular reports to the Selectmen on the activities of the service.

Appointments

Tri Town Ambulance – The board discussed a request from the Fire Chief to be appointed as the Selectmen’s Representative on the Tri Town Ambulance Committee and Mrs. Boyd’s desire to be reappointed. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to appoint Mary Murphy Boyd as the Selectmen’s Designee on the Tri Town Ambulance Committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Shellfish Constable – Mr. Doty said the board was considering reducing the Shellfish Constable from 20 hours a week to 14. He said that it was based on 2 hours per day seven days a week. Stanley Larsen asked what instigated this and what the result would be. Mr. Doty said that with a 40 hour a week propagation agent, there was not as much need for the Constable to work 20 hours a week. Mr. Fenner said that there was not much of a shellfishery now to justify 20 hours a week. Mr. Larsen said that there are plenty of shellfish up in the pond. Mr. Parker said that Mr. Larsen’s job as Constable no longer includes propagation duties. Mr. Larsen asked what would happen next year when there are more people fishing, why not make it 15 hours a week and what would happen to his benefits. Mr. Parker said there were no benefits for employees that work less than 20 hours a week. He said that it makes economic sense to reduce the enforcement to a

lower level. Mr. Larsen said he was going into his 20th year and the health insurance benefits were important to him. He said he was being singled out for his involvement in Tisbury Great Pond Affordable Housing. Mr. Fenner said he did not understand that statement, but that the Selectmen had started out over a year ago on a new shellfish program. He said that the Selectmen now feel 2 hours a day is more appropriate. Mr. Larsen said he told Mr. Parker in the fall that he would need more work hours to accomplish his goals. Mr. Parker said that the whole board worked on the new shellfish program. There was discussion. Mr. John Larsen asked when the Selectmen decided to not use the Constable as the “helper” to the Shellfish Propagation Agent.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to ask the Personnel Board to rewrite the Shellfish Constable position description to include only enforcement duties and reduce the work to 14 hours a week. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Shellfish Grant

John Larsen and Donald Poole came before the Selectmen to ask that the grant originally given to Mr. Poole a number of years ago and subsequently transferred to Mr. Larsen two years ago be transferred back to Mr. Poole. Mr. Larsen said he was focusing on his lobstering business and could not dedicate the time necessary to grow out the oysters to market size this time of year. He said that Mr. Poole and he were in negotiations for the seed and gear on the grant. Mr. Fenner asked if they would do the project together until the state paper work was transferred. Mr. Poole and Mr. Larsen agreed. Mr. Doty said that the Selectmen should consider allowing four ½ acre grants moving forward. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to transfer the grant back to Donald Poole and ask they work together as grantees until all the permits are transferred to Mr. Poole. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to call for interest in up to two more shellfish grants being made available in Menemsha Pond. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Personnel Board

Jennie Greene asked that Chuck Hodgkinson be replaced with a 4 – 6 hours a month staff person to take minutes. Mr. Carroll said that there was funding available for Mr. Hodgkinson in the Selectmen’s Project line and that would free up the Personnel Board’s original budget amount for an Administrative Assistant. Mr. Carroll said that Ginny Jones had agreed to work for the Personnel Board. Mr. Carroll asked that she be appointed as a temporary employee until the position can be advertised and a permanent employee chosen. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to appoint Ginny Jones as the temporary Administrative Assistant to the Personnel Board. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Grain Communication

Mr. Fenner reported on a meeting he attended with Grain Communication’s staff and representatives of the USCG at the Peaked Hill antenna site. He said they need a 100 foot antenna as part of the Rescue 21 program to locate calls for rescue and reduce hoax calls. Mr. Fenner said that the board needed to know all of the restrictions and rights that exist now at Peaked Hill so the board can assess. Mr. Doty said that this changes what

we have at Peaked Hill from public ownership of the tower to private ownership. Ginny Jones asked about the increase of the height of the tower. Mr. Fenner said it was 35 feet now and might go to 100 feet. Mr. Doty spoke about the Conservation Restriction on this property, and how it was waived for a specific request by the town and USCG after a terrible sinking of the F/V Solemar and the loss of two fishermen. He said that the town was being asked to relax the restriction even more now. Mr. Parker said the Selectmen needed to know all the potential benefits and detriments and then hold a public hearing on it, before the Selectmen or Town Meeting asked to make a decision. There was discussion. Mr. Doty tabled this until the July 24th meeting for more information and review.

Distributed Antenna System

Andrew Naana was present and said he and Mark Russell were working on their proposal for a DAS. He said he hoped to have information to the board for their next meeting.

Appointments

Mr. Carroll asked to post pone the Election Officials and Registrars. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to appoint Mr. Fenner to the Mooring Assignment Committee. SO VOTED: Two Ayes. One Abstention.

The Selectmen agreed to appoint Leslie Weiss, Arlene Wise, Pam Bunker to the Beach Committee for the ensuing year. They agreed to appoint Judy Herman through September 30th. The board asked Mr. Carroll to advertise for two vacancies on the Beach Committee.

Mr. Fenner agreed to become the Selectmen's Harbor liaison. Mr. Doty agreed to remain as the Middle Line Road liaison. Mr. Parker agreed to remain the Personnel Board liaison and take up the Cellular telephone project and DAS.

Henry White

The Selectmen discussed the offer of the White family to donate a bench in Henry's name to be placed in Menemsha with a small plaque. After discussion, it was agreed to send this offer to the Park and Recreation Committee for their consideration as the town has not encouraged this type of activity in the past and we have now such benches in the area. Mr. Doty said that Menemsha is "just right" now. Mr. Parker said that we need to be careful about changing Menemsha.

Harbor

Mr. Doty reported 11 commercial fishing boats at the dock this evening. Mr. Parker said the town should consider the acquisition or construction of a fish storage facility. It was agreed to place this on a future agenda. Mr. Doty said that if an ice house was built, perhaps part of the building could be a new Harbor Master's office.

Community Center

Mr. Doty said that he wanted the town to explore a water source from the school to service all three buildings on the campus, the library, community center and school. Mr. Carroll said he would contact the engineer, well driller and Board of Health. Mr.

Doty asked to have an update at the next meeting. Mr. Doty asked to have the water tested every two weeks for the rest of the summer.

Town Accountant/FY2007 Budget

Mr. Carroll summarized the various deficits in town departmental budgets, the plan to cover these with requests from the Reserve Fund and transferring some expenses to the Selectmen's Maintenance/Unclassified account. The board agreed with that plan.

County Heating Oil Bid

The board agreed to accept the bid submitted by R.M.Packer for the County Heating Oil Bid at a fixed-per-gallon-price of \$2.495 through June 30, 2008.

At 9:28 PM Mr. Doty asked the board to go into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and litigation and to not return to regular session.
Fenner-Aye Doty-Aye Parker-Aye.

Executive Session concluded at 10:09 PM. Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: July 24th 2007