

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

Meeting called to order at 7:31 PM.

OPEB (Post retirement costs)

Treasurer Melanie Becker presented the Selectmen with a request to authorize a warrant article at the annual town meeting for a special act to authorize the creation of a Pooled Trust Fund for Dukes County that would fund the cost of retirees' health insurance in the future. The board discussed the Declaration of Trust and Joiner Application with the Treasurer. There was discussion. Mr. Doty hoped that the governing board would not be paid for their service, unlike the county retirement board. Mr. Fenner asked what was different about doing it ourselves. Mrs. Becker said that no legal mechanism exists to do this yet and we might be able to do better with pooled investments. There was discussion. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to place the draft article on the Annual Town Meeting Warrant. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Administrative Assistant

Planning Board Chair, Janet Weidner, came before the Selectmen representing the interview committee. She, Housing Committee Chair Andy Goldman, and the Coordinator of Administrative Support (representing the Executive Secretary) reviewed the applications and recommended Todd Christy to the Selectmen for appointment as Administrative Assistant. This position serves the Planning Board 15 hours a week and the Housing Committee 10 hours a week.

Mr. Fenner asked Mr. Christy if he was available to work more hours during the week for other committees. Mr. Christy said that he was. Janet Weidner said that the Planning Board and Housing Committee will ask the Personnel Board that Todd Christy be hired at step 3. Mr. Doty asked why not start at step 1 as we are trying to do a zero based budget for FY2010. The board agreed that it was pleased to have Mr. Christy recommended for the appointment.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint Todd Christy an Administrative Assistant for 25 hours a week at step 1 until the Personnel Board acted on the request for step 3. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

MV Commission

Mr. Fenner asked that this position be advertised so interested people could respond. Mr. Parker agreed. It was agreed to appoint someone on January 20th if possible.

COLA

Mr. Fenner asked what other towns are planning to give their staff. Mr. Carroll provided a chart showing Edgartown at 4%, Oak Bluffs at 3%, Tisbury at 3.5%, Social Security at 5.8%. Aquinnah and West Tisbury had not set a proposed COLA yet.

Mr. Parker said that he did not see how the town could set a cola until we do the entire budget. Mr. Fenner said that he was not proposing to balance the budget on the backs of the employees, but that 4.6% is high. Mr. Parker said that senior citizens are not getting a raise. Mr. Doty said he was in favor of a cola in the 3.5 to 4.0% range. Mr. Parker said that he did not favor any cola until the budget was done. Mr. Fenner agreed that the town could back into a number for cola then.

MV RD&RRD

Mr. Doty asked for time to discuss the status of the Refuse District and the rejoining of Tisbury and Oak Bluffs. There was discussion. The board heard about the MVC working towards a RFP for the terms and conditions to rejoin or cooperate with the MVRD&RRD. There was discussion.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to support the efforts of the Martha's Vineyard Commission & Martha's Vineyard Refuse Disposal & Resource Recovery District to move towards a single island refuse district and transfer station. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

All Island Selectmen

Meeting with state senator and representative at 5:00 PM January 14th 2009 in Tisbury.

Middle Line Road

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize the flagging and stakes needed. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to go ahead with this concept and advertise in the central Register for the wells only. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

January 6th was the date for approval of an IFB for the Wells.

Nab's Corner

The board discussed the possible closing of the old road and a new access to the South Road over the Turner Lots. Mr. Fenner directed town counsel to find out who had access rights over lots 46 & 45 to South Road.

Cape Light Compact

Mr. Fenner lead a discussion on the new electrical rates.

MV Cultural Council

Mr. Doty directed the board's attention to a letter from Nan Doty requesting she be appointed to the MV Cultural Council to replace Mrs. Greely. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to appoint Nan Doty if a vacancy existed. SO VOTED: Two Ayes, Mr. Doty Abstaining.

DAS

Mr. Parker gave an update on the DAS project.

Mr. Fenner wished everyone a Happy Holiday and adjourned the meeting at 8:38 PM.

Approved: January 6th 2009