

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

Minutes: December 4th, 18th, 31st, and January 8th approved as corrected.

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Mr. Parker requested an update. Mr. Carroll reported on his conversation and communications with Mr. Burgoyne. Mr. Parker said he would contact Jeff Burgoyne.

Menemsha Pond Meeting with Aquinnah

Dennis Jason said he had spoken with Aquinnah Selectman Booker, but had not met with the Aquinnah Harbor Master yet. The Selectmen agreed late March was a good time to meet with Aquinnah once the Harbor Masters and Shellfish Constables had met.

Shellfish Propagation Agent

Mr. Doty reported on the 6 month performance review for Isaiah Scheffer and recommended that he be made a Permanent Employee. The agent's log was discussed. Mr. Parker commented that the agent should consider promoting his proposed crab eradication program which seeks volunteers now for the summer. Mr. Fenner suggested that the agent do a presentation in early summer, possibly on community TV.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to make Isaiah Scheffer a Permanent Employee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Shellfish Regulations

Mr. Doty reported that he had installed a new digital thermometer at Menemsha Texaco for the purpose of having an official temperature so everyone would know when it was too cold to harvest Bay Scallops. He reviewed the rules and asked the Selectmen to vote to release a reminder document to the fishermen.

1. No fishing before 7 AM or after 5 PM. 2. The temperature must be above 30 degrees F before 10 AM or fishing is canceled for that day. (The temperature is determined by the new digital thermometer mounted inside Menemsha Texaco.) 3. The catch limit is two (2) struck bushels per permit holder per day. 4. Saturday is a make up day in any week where a day is canceled because of temperature. 5. Any fisherman disregarding any of these regulations will be subject to suspension of his license.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to publish this document. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner suggested that fishing should be prohibited on all national holidays. Mr. Parker said that the Selectmen should move forward with their review of the entire shellfish regulations. Mr. Doty said this should also be referred to the Shellfish Advisory Committee.

MV Land Bank

The request for permission to relocate the Land Bank's trailhead parking along Meeting House Road was tabled to the next meeting to allow the Selectmen time to visit the site.

Nab's Corner Affordable Housing

The Selectmen reviewed the status of the Home Rule petition.

Harbor

Harbor Master Dennis Jason reviewed the six month performance evaluation for Ginny Jones as Administrative Assistant to the Harbor Department. He recommend Ms. Jones for completion of her probation and asked the Selectmen to make her a Permanent Employee.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to make Ginny Jones a Permanent Employee as Administrative Assistant. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

UpIsland Regional School – WT Wind Turbine

Mr. Doty described the project being pursued to erect a 250 kilowatt wind turbine at the West Tisbury School. He told the board that the turbine was approximately the size of the unit in Dorchester along the Southeast Expressway and that it would generate power to reduce the \$70,000 a year electric bill for the school. He read a possible warrant article asking for non-binding town support to conduct the feasibility study. He said that if a meteorological tower was needed, that the study could cost up to \$70,000. If no tower was needed, the study could be up to \$40,000. The MassTech Collaborative would fund up to \$40,000 of a study.

UpIsland Regional School – FY2009 Budget

The Selectmen discussed the fact that the school still had no certified budget and that the High School committee had voted to remove the Facilities Manager in the Superintendent's department from the FY2009 budget. Mr. Parker suggested that the Selectmen attend next week's meeting of the UIRSDC on Monday.

Mr. Doty reported on the islandwide meeting regarding the regional school formula for allocating cost. He said that Edgartown did not attend.

The Selectmen discussed the lawsuit being brought by the Town of Tisbury against the Town of Oak Bluffs, School District and the State Department of Education. Mr. Parker volunteered to read the complaint and make a recommendation back to the board. Mr. Doty said that he was not disposed to join in the law suit.

100th Birthday

At the request of the Library, Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to declare March 6th 2008 as "Margaret Howe Freydborg Day" in honor of Peggy's 100th birthday. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Records Management

The board reviewed a proposal for a records audit by a company that would recommend storage and filing systems to meet the needs of the town. It was agreed to draft a tentative warrant article and conduct more research.

Executive Session

Mr. Parker moved that the board go into Executive Session to discuss Real Estate Acquisition and litigation and not return to regular session. Parker – Aye Fenner – Aye Doty – Aye. 8:28 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Approved: February 5th 2008