

Present: Frank M. Fenner Jr., Warren M. Doty, J. B. Riggs Parker, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Jack Shea, John Armstrong, Isaiah Scheffer, Bill Randol.

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

Minutes of September 16th approved with three changes. Minutes of September 22nd approved as written.

MV Airport Advertising

Bill Randol came before the board asking them to write a letter in opposition to the proposed luxury advertising plan for the MV Airport. The plan would involve two billboards on the airfield side of the fence and video screens in the terminal. The estimated revenue the airport would receive was \$100,000 to \$200,000 a year.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to write a letter in opposition to the proposed luxury advertising plan at the Martha's Vineyard Airport. The board discussed the visual impact of advertising on the airfield ramp and how they did not want to be like the Hamptons. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Shellfish

Chairman of the Shellfish Advisory Committee, John Armstrong and Shellfish Propagation Agent Isaiah Scheffer came before the board to present recommendations from the Shellfish Advisory Committee.

Shellfish Constable

The Shellfish Advisory Committee requested that the positions of Shellfish Constable and Shellfish Propagation Agent be merged and that Isaiah Scheffer be appointed the Shellfish Constable at 40 hours a week. Mr. Doty and Mr. Armstrong spoke in support of this request. Mr. Fenner asked what the Personnel Board's opinion was. Mr. Parker said that the Personnel Board totally supported the Shellfish Advisory Committee in this request.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to merge the Shellfish Constable and Shellfish Propagation Agent positions and to appoint Isaiah Scheffer as the Shellfish Constable. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Bay Scallops

The Shellfish Advisory Committee recommended that the Selectmen declare the non-commercial season open for the harvesting of Bay Scallops immediately, that the non-commercial season open on October 1st of each year in the future, that Nashaquitsa Pond be open to dip net and diving only (no dredges) until the commercial season opens, that the commercial season open on November 3rd.

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to open the Bay Scallop non-commercial season October 8th and to automatically open this season on October 1st in future years. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to limit harvesting in Nashaquitsa Pond to dip net and diving until further notice. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to open the Commercial Season on November 3rd. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

The Shellfish Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting with the commercial shell fishermen on October 16th 2008 to discuss what they would recommend to the Selectmen as the daily catch limit for the commercial bay scallop season. They will also discuss whether or not to open the commercial oyster season before January 2009.

It was discussed that the town waters had been re-opened by the state on Saturday. They had been closed for a number of days after a significant rainfall event last week.

Hiring Process Assistant Shellfish Constable

The board discussed the hiring process for the 14 hour a week Assistant Shellfish Constable. It was discussed that the Shellfish Advisory Committee could individually review the applications for the preliminary screening. Mr. Carroll explained the schedule and process. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve the process.

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint a selection committee comprised of the supervisor, Isaiah Scheffer, the Selectmen's liaison, Warren Doty, and a member of the Shellfish advisory committee; with a member of the Personnel Board as an observer. SO VOTED: Three Ayes. The Executive Secretary is doing the staff work in support of this hiring process.

Five Year Plan

Mr. Doty reported that the propagation efforts were being expanded from one pond to two ponds this year. Mr. Armstrong explained how this was in compliance with the guidance of the five-year plan proposed by the prior Shellfish Committee.

Assistant Shellfish Constable Position Description

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the position description for the Assistant Shellfish Constable they had received from the Personnel Board. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Personnel Board

The Selectmen received a request to post a vacancy for the Administrative Assistant to the Personnel Board and to advertise the vacancy with the comment that there was a strong in-house candidate for the four (4) hour a week position. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve the posting of a vacancy notice for the Administrative Assistant to the Personnel Board. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Library Assistant

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint the new Assistant Librarian Irene Tewksbury. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Board of Health Administrative Assistant/Inspector

Mr. Carroll announced the retirement of Sylvia Yeomans on October 31st 2008. He requested permission to post a vacancy notice. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the posting of the vacancy. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Parker asked about having an exit interview. Mr. Carroll said that he had requested Mrs. Yeomans participate in an exit interview and assist the Board of Health by sharing her observations, experiences and feelings about the job.

Chilmark Preschool

Mr. Fenner asked about looking into a longer term lease for the pre-school. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the lease of the extra classroom at the Chilmark School to the Chilmark Preschool on the same terms and conditions as last year. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Special Town Meeting September 22nd 2008

Mr. Fenner asked the board to review the warrant of the recent STM. The Selectmen said to find a place other than Peaked Hill Pastures to stockpile woodchips from the tree removal project. Mr. Carroll reported that Mr. Bunker was seeking quotes for the A/C units at the police station.

Menemsha Clean up Contract

Mr. Carroll reported that this was the end of the three year contract and it would need to go out to bid again soon. The board agreed to discuss the contract at their next meeting when the 2008 summer season at Menemsha was discussed.

Comfort Station

Mr. Carroll briefed the board on the planning work being done by Kent Healy to improve the septic system. Mr. Carroll expects to have a \$10,000 article on the next town meeting warrant to expand the leaching (infiltration) field at the comfort station in Menemsha.

MV Times

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to grant the MV Times permission to hold their annual staff clambake on Menemsha Beach on October 17th. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

All Board Meeting

The board agreed to call the annual All Town Board meeting on November 13th at 7 PM. The location to be the Chilmark Community Center, Library meeting room or Selectmen's meeting room.

DAS

Mr. Parker reported that two proposals had been received. They were from Crown-Castle and American Tower.

Middle Line Road

Mr. Parker reported that the road agreement and purchase and sale agreement with the Jenkinson/Emins was almost signed. The Selectmen discussed the October 22nd deadline for Pope Industries to furnish the additional information needed to finish the evaluation of their proposal.

Nabs Corner

The Selectmen discussed the Monday evening meeting held with the Planning Board and interested neighbors.

Menemsha Water Company

Mr. Fenner asked Mr. Carroll to research an issue involving the town waterline that crosses over the Packer lot at the head of the creek on North Road. Mr. Fenner would like to place a conduit in the ground for future repowering of the West Dock if the road is dug up for a new water line. Mr. Parker objected to providing more power for visiting yachts. The board discussed abandoning the overhead utility wires if possible.

Mr. Fenner also said that the town needed to install back-flow preventers on the West Dock line and near the Basin Road bridge.

Waterway Rules and Regulations

Mr. Fenner proposed reinserting the “commercial moorings” section “P” and the “mooring assignment committee” section “Q”. Mr. Parker suggested changing the name of the committee to “policy committee” to avoid political mischief on that committee. Mr. Fenner said that in the year and half he had served on that committee he had not committed any political mischief. Mr. Parker said that when he served on the committee there was plenty of mischief attempted. Mr. Parker said that the Harbor Master has the assignment power under state law and not a committee. Mr. Doty suggested calling it the “mooring review committee”. There was discussion. Mr. Parker and Mr. Fenner held opposing views. Mr. Doty suggested developing new wording.

The Selectmen agreed to discuss this as part of the public meeting on Menemsha at their next meeting on October 21st at 7:30 PM.

8:50 PM Executive Session to discuss a possible land acquisition and not return to regular session. Doty – Aye Parker – Aye Fenner – Aye.

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 PM

Approved as written: October 21st 2008