

Present: J.B. Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Sam Bungey, Todd Christy, Robert Elliston, Jonathan Revere, Jack Shea.

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Mr. Parker called for any changes or corrections to the Board of Selectmen meeting minutes from July 21, 2009. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded the motion to adopt the minutes as amended. SO VOTED: Two (2) Ayes.

Mr. Parker requested that Mr. Carroll have the approved minutes from the past six months posted to the Town website before the next Selectmen's meeting on August 18, 2009.

Todd Christy: Completion of Six Month Probationary Period as Administrative Assistant

Mr. Parker referred to letters from the Housing Committee and Planning Board requesting that the Selectmen appoint Todd Christy to permanent employee status since he has completed his six month probation period. Mr. Parker said that he had nothing but good things to say about Mr. Christy and Mr. Fenner said he would be pleased to move to appoint him. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded to appoint Mr. Christy a permanent part-time employee for the Town of Chilmark as Administrative Assistant to the Housing Committee and Planning Board. SO VOTED: Two (2) Ayes.

Proposal from Superintendent Weiss for New MVSSU Office

Mr. Parker deferred discussion of the proposal the Selectmen received from Dr. Weiss regarding the relocation of the MVSSU Office until he can speak with Dr. Weiss about the financial data.

Verizon Wireless Request to Park a Cell On Wheels (COW) for Presidential Visit on Peaked Hill

Mr. Carroll informed the Selectmen that Verizon Wireless had received a request from the White House Communications Office to enhance cellular coverage on Martha's Vineyard for two weeks in August while President Obama vacations here. Mr. Carroll met with George Evsiouk from Verizon Wireless on July 29 to discuss parking a Cell On Wheels (COW) at Peaked Hill to enhance cellular service in town, but had not received any further information since then. Mr. Parker stated that the Town has been working very hard to establish the Distributed Antenna System in order to improve cell phone service in Chilmark as an alternative to a cell phone tower on Peaked Hill. Mr. Parker went on to address the fact that a proposed cell phone tower on Peaked Hill has been rejected twice at Town meetings in addition to there being a Massachusetts statue that states Peaked Hill can only be used for noncommercial public safety purposes. Given these factors Mr. Parker saw no way he could legally support Verizon Wirelesses parking a COW at Peaked Hill. Mr. Fenner said that he did not receive enough information from Verizon to understand the function and use of the COW. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Parker noted that this service would most likely be used for the Press rather than the President who uses a secured satellite service. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Parker agreed to take no action regarding this issue due to lack of information provided to them.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living: At Large Board Member

The Martha's Vineyard Center for Living (formerly Island Council on Aging) is seeking an At Large Board Member to represent Chilmark on their board. Mr. Parker requested that Mr. Carroll gather more information from the Martha's Vineyard Center for Living on what requirements the board member would have to fulfill and then advertise it in order to solicit a member of the community.

Massachusetts Ocean Draft Plan

The Selectmen briefly made note of the Massachusetts Ocean Draft Plan which is to be discussed at the Martha's Vineyard Commission on August 6 and brought before the Selectmen at their next meeting. Mr. Carroll stated Mr. Doty has a sincere interest in the Massachusetts Ocean Plan.

Warrant Articles

Mr. Carroll reported that the only warrants he has received so far were from the Planning Board with regard to changes to the Zoning Bylaw; Mr. Bunker, Town Custodian, submitted Capital Plans for the Community Center and Police Station; Mr. Emin, Highway Superintendent, is working on a warrant article to finish the removal of dead trees in Town. Mr. Carroll said that due to the lack of warrant articles there would not be a need for a Special Town Meeting in September. Mr. Carroll said that the Middle Line Road Building Committee is working on a plan with cost estimates proposed to be completed by October. Therefore, the Selectmen could call a Special Town Meeting on November 16 to discuss the aforementioned warrant articles in addition to the cost estimate for Middle Line Road.

General Discussion:

Mr. Fenner said that he reviewed the Russian Olive trees at the Teel property at 96 Menemsha Crossroad and agreed that there is limited visibility. Mr. Parker requested that Mr. Carroll, on behalf of the Selectmen, ask the Teal's permission to prune the trees to increase driving and pedestrian safety.

Commercial Shellfish Permits for Students

Mr. Carroll addressed the need for a different fee for students who would like commercial shell fishing licenses. The State's commercial shellfish fee is \$55.00 and a Chilmark commercial license is \$150.00 for all shellfish; \$50.00 each for quahogs/mussels and clams, \$75.00 each for scallops and oysters, and \$15 for eels. To obtain a Town commercial shellfish license you must have a State license as well. Mr. Fenner said when he was a student the Town allowed students to commercially shellfish on Saturdays. Mr. Fenner suggested that a student (defined as up through the end of high school) could pay half of the commercial fee. The Selectmen agreed to speak with the Shellfish Warden and Shellfish committee to determine a student commercial shellfish license fee.

Middle Line Road

Robert Elliston spoke with regard to the DCAM workshop for Martha's Vineyard prime and sub contractors to get State certification in order bid on large scale Town projects such as Middle Line Road (MLR). Mr. Elliston stated that he had previously spoke with Mr. Carroll and the MLR Building Committee to asked if it could be considered to make the MLR project of three proposed buildings, three separate bids instead of one large contracted bid. The proposed project is \$1.5 million dollars which can be extremely difficult for an island contractor to get bonded for. Creating three separate bids of \$500,000 would create an opportunity for an island contractor to be awarded at least one job if their bid was the lowest. Mr. Elliston stated that this would help to improve the island's economy and the Selectmen agreed and were in favor of the idea. The Selectmen asked Mr. Carroll to research the procurement laws to see if that would be legally be an option.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to proceed into Executive Session to discuss land acquisition and security matters. SO VOTED: Two Ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: August 18th 2009