Minutes Chilmark Board of Selectmen

February 17th 2009

Present: Warren Doty, Riggs Parker, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Leonard Jason Jr., Max McCreery, Chuck Hodgkinson, Jack Shea, Mr. & Mrs. Ken White, Mr. & Mrs. Seth Karlinsky, Sgt. Jonathan Klarèn, Brian Cioffi, Dardy Muldaur, Sam Bungey

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

Minutes of February 3rd 2009 approved with three changes.

Personnel Board

Max McCreery, personnel board Chairman, and Marina Lent their administrative assistant came before the Selectmen.

Mr. McCreery spoke to the board about the Performance Review process for this spring. He thanked Mr. Fenner for having started the ball rolling on this project again. Mr. McCreery said that this process was an intermediate plan simplified to deal with this year and allow the town to transition to a more advanced system in the future. The process focuses on goals and objectives for the ensuing year. The supervisor at the beginning of the year will have to think of goals and then discuss them with the staff to form mutual goals and objectives. Mr. Fenner expressed concern that it needs to be completed before the Annual Town Meeting on April 27th. He suggested giving the supervisors as much lead time as possible.

Mr. McCreery spoke the board about the Police Chief selection process. He asked who was the Selectman chosen to serve on the preliminary review committee. Mr. Fenner said that Mr. Parker had negotiated the police labor agreement and perhaps he had more detailed knowledge of the police department at this time. Mr. Doty said that the Selectmen had designated Mr. Parker for the committee.

The board discussed the timeline for the Chief of Police hiring process with Mr. McCreery.

The board discussed the memorandum from the Personnel Board regarding soliciting public input regarding the hiring of a new Chief of Police. It was agreed to hold a ¹/₂ hour public input session at the March 3rd 2009 Selectmen's meeting. Mr. Carroll was directed to advertise the session.

Mr. Doty suggested that the board start organizing a retirement party for Chief Rich. He asked the board about having a party on June 17th. He directed Mr. Carroll to start organizing the event.

Tri Town Ambulance

Mr. Carroll reported that the Personnel Board had not approved the position description for the Clerical Assistant to the Tri Town Ambulance because one member of the Personnel Board opposed requiring the position to be an EMT. Mr. McCreery said that the Ambulance squad would be discussing this change at 6 PM on Wednesday. The Selectmen took no action on the vacancy notice request at this time.

Housing Committee

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to appoint Roland Kluver to the Housing Committee for the ensuing year, subject to his acceptance. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

<u>Homesite Housing Lot – Slavin Deed Rider</u>

The Selectmen discussed the deed rider for the Homesite Housing lot awarded to Dardy Muldaur. Mrs. Slavin was objecting to the change made from the Cioffi deed rider and the handout distributed by the Housing Committee before the lottery. The change would prohibit the children of Mrs. Slavin from inheriting the land and home unless they were an eligible purchaser at that time.

There was discussion. Mr. Doty reported that the Island Housing Trust and other island towns allow the land and home to be left to a child. Mr. Fenner said it was unfortunate that the handout given by the Housing committee did not have the final deed rider in it. A compromise was crafted by Andrew Goldman, Housing committee chairman, that the income level be raised from 100% of median income to 200%. Mr. Parker questioned if the Selectmen had the authority to deviate from the 100%. There was discussion. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to table action on the Slavin Deed Rider until the next meeting on March 3rd to allow the Housing committee to act on this and to seek legal counsel. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Middle Line Road Affordable Housing – Wells

Chuck Hodgkinson reported that the low bidder had received outstanding references from everyone he contacted, however that they had withdrawn there bid this afternoon. Mr. Hodgkinson recommended the Selectmen award the contract to the next lowest bidder John Clark Island Water Source.

There was discussion of the extra charges and Mr. Clarks experience. It was agreed that Mr. Clark was the most informed of all the bidders on the site conditions. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to award the contract for the ten water wells to John Clark of Island Water Source. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Middle Line Road Affordable Housing – Rental Duplex Designs

Chuck reported that there will be a meeting with designer David Handlin on March 17th. There was discussion about the warrant article for this project on the Annual Town Meeting draft warrant and the need for a plan to fund the whole project. There was discussion about a project manager and how useful a clerk of the works was on the prior projects. Mr. Carroll urged that the Project Manager be local and qualified to serve as Clerk of the Works on a daily basis when work was being done on site.

Nabs Corner Affordable Housing

Mr. Hodgkinson reported on an informal meeting with the Planning Board and Vineyard Land Surveying to help develop a Form C plan.

Menemsha Comfort Station Cleaning & Trash Collection Bids

Mr. Carroll reported that the references were all good for the low bidder. Mr. Fenner said he wanted to negotiate the cost of addition weeks of cleaning from Columbus Day through early December. Both Mr. Karlinsky and Mr. White agreed. There was discussion. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded motion to award the contract to the low bidder Seth Karlinsky dba Smith Property management for one year. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Beach Committee – Lucy Vincent Beach Gate House

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the building of a replacement shed at the Lucy Vincent Beach gate. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner signed the authorization as President of the Chilmark Town Association.

Fire Engine

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to declare the 1976 Ford F-750 Brush Breaker as surplus to the needs of the town and advertise it for sale. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Community Center

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to authorize Coco Adams and Ethel Sherman to hold a flea market at the Community Center at a reduced fee under the usual rules. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Electric Farm Model

The Selectmen took the letter under advisement. They discussed why the MV Commission has been silent on this issue. The board agreed to address this issue if Chilmark Farmers asked them too.

Legal Fees

Attorney Wadlinger suggested that the town charge Mr. Small of Pacer Nominee Trust \$1,500 for the work done relating to the Conservation Restriction being sought. Mr. Parker agreed to handle this.

Shellfish

Mr. Doty reported on a possible joint oyster stock enhancement project in Tisbury Great Pond with the Town of West Tisbury to be modeled on the Edgartown project. It would involve tanks set up on the West Tisbury shore for spat and the use of shells imported from Rhode Island for the spat to set on and then be distributed around the Tisbury Great Pond. They are hoping to apply for two grants totaling \$20,000 to do this project. The town would be providing approximately 10 hours a week for ten weeks of the Assistant Shellfish Constable's time. This would be part of the five-year shellfish restoration plan. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Parker agreed that this was a good approach.

Mussel Grants

Mr. Doty reported on the progress of obtaining the state and federal permits for the Aquaculture Zones to raise mussels. Two sites should be licensed in time for an experiment to take place.

Mr. Doty told the Selectmen that the next issue to be decided will be whether to restrict applicants to Chilmark Residents or open it up to area commercial fishermen. He

spoke about how commercial fishermen from other island towns are a part of our harbor and how off island fishermen from Falmouth, Gosnold or nearby might want to participate. This matter will be discussed at a future meeting.

Island Elderly Housing

Mr. Fenner read a notice from IEH saying that there was an apartment available for immediate occupancy for a mobility impaired senior.

Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Selectmen

Mr. Fenner said that a letter of thanks should be sent to our temporary receptionist Deirdre Conroy.

Mr. Fenner reviewed the selection process and interviews of the applicants for the Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Selectmen. He commended the applicants for their good interviews and the fine writing samples they submitted. He recommended the Selectmen appoint Nina Lombardi.

Mr. Doty asked if the Executive Secretary was satisfied with this recommendation. Mr. Carroll said that he would be satisfied with either of the finalists. Mr. Doty said he would like to meet Nina Lombardi before appointing her. Mr. Parker said he would like to review the resume and applications. It was agreed to invite Nina Lombardi to the next Selectmen's meeting on March 3rd to be interviewed by the Selectmen.

Stimulus Package

Mr. Doty asked if the town should lobby for stimulus money. Mr. Parker encouraged him to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 PM.

APPROVED: March 3rd 2009 Three Ayes