

Present: J.B. Riggs Parker, Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Laurie Atkinson, Mary Boyd, Sam Bungey, Brian Cioffi, Todd Christy, Walter Epstein, Andy Goldman, Max McCreery, Jonathan Revere, Dardy & Sean Slavin.

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 June 2 and 16, 2009 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes. After some discussion the Selectmen decided to postpone the approval of the minutes until their next meeting.

Chilmark Road Race

Walter Epstein, on behalf of the Chilmark Town Affairs, requested to have the annual Chilmark Road Race on August 8, 2009. Mr. Parker referred to a letter the Board of Health had written to the Chilmark Town Affairs Council, which expressed concern from residents on Middle Road, to provide race participants with additional port-o-potties this year. Mr. Epstein said that he had a copy of the letter and agreed to provide eight (8) port-o-potties at the start of the race on Middle Road, as requested by the Board of Health. Mr. Epstein also agreed to make whatever modifications necessary to the location of port-o-potties as suggested by the Board of Health and the Police Department. At the request of the Police Department and Tri-Town Ambulance, Mr. Parker directed Mr. Epstein to ensure that the number of runners is strictly limited to 1,500 runners. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to authorize the Chilmark Road Race on August 8, 2009 with the conditions addressed above. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Tri-Town Ambulance: End of Bob Belinger's Employee Probationary Period

Mary Boyd spoke on behalf of Tri-Town Ambulance to recommend Bob Belinger be made a permanent employee of Tri-Town Ambulance. Ms. Boyd complimented Mr. Belinger on his past six months of employment and said that Tri-Town Ambulance has been very pleased with his performance. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to appoint Bob Belinger permanent employee of the Tri-Town Ambulance. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Appointment of a Selectman to the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee

Mr. Parker began the discussion by recommending there be an annual appointment of a Selectman to the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee; Chilmark Police Chief is an automatic member of the Committee. Mr. Parker expressed the importance of a Selectman representative on the Committee in order to participate in the impending structural changes to Tri-Town Ambulance due to State regulations. Mr. Parker went on to compliment the current representative on the Committee, Mary Boyd, for her hard work but emphasized that it was an appropriate time to appoint a Selectman due to the ever-increasing role Tri-Town Ambulance plays in the Town budget. Mr. Fenner agreed that it would be in the best interest of the Town to have a Selectmen representative particularly because he was taken aback at the recent \$20,000 in Tri-Town Ambulance excess funds allocated to EMT incentive pay. Mr. Doty said that he disagreed with the Selectmen and pointed to the new chairman, Chief Belain, and his ability to run the Committee very well. Mr. Doty also praised Ms. Boyd about having the best interest of the Town in mind in all her actions as a Committee member. Mr. Doty agreed with the allocation of \$20,000 to incentive pay for EMT's who made multiple ambulance runs while on call and said he admired the EMTs for their service to the community.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded to appoint a Selectman to the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee. SO VOTED: Two Ayes; One Abstain.

Ms. Boyd expressed that she still had a lot to offer the Committee as well as the Selectmen and has several projects that she would like to see to their completion, for example the incentive pay schedule. Ms. Boyd stated that she sees a need for consistency and an in-depth understanding of the issues on the Committee due to the upcoming changes and many changes that have taken place already, such as the new Chilmark Police Chief, ALS Supervisor, Squad Representative and revised job descriptions. Ms. Boyd strongly expressed her opinion that whomever be appointed be able to commit more than one year of service to the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee.

The Selectmen all expressed their utmost respect for Ms. Boyd's work on the Committee and as an EMT over the years and thanked her for her service to the community.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded to have Mr. Parker be the Selectman representative on the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes

Housing Committee

Mr. Goldman spoke on behalf of the Housing Committee to request the Selectmen approve the Slavin Town Mortgage pursuant to the deed rider approval. Mr. Goldman stated that based on his professional experience working in the mortgage industry, the Slavin mortgage is very reasonable based on the income debt structure analysis used to determine mortgage affordability. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded to approve the Slavin Town Mortgage. Mr. Fenner abstained due to his membership on the Martha's Vineyard Savings Bank Mortgage Board. SO VOTED: Two Ayes; One Abstain.

Mr. Goldman stated that this was the Housing Committee's first experience in which private land owners were awarding two homesites to affordable recipients out of the goodness of their hearts. The willingness of the land owners to provide these homesites is related to the provisions they have asked for in their deed riders. The provision with the Atkinson deed rider states that if the initial recipients depart the affordable homesite, while the Atkinson's still own the primary lot, the Atkinson children are to become the designated recipients with the right of first refusal. In the event the Atkinson children would not be of age to receive the homesite lot at the time the initial recipients left the property, the Atkinson's would hold the property for them and provide it as an affordable rental unit. Mr. Parker stated that the copy of the deed rider he had was in an earlier draft format. Due to the differing drafts of the Atkinson deed rider the Selectmen agreed to continue the meeting and discussion to Friday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Mr. Goldman brought forth the Healy deed rider for discussion and approval from the Selectmen. Mr. Parker stated that he holds issue with the deed rider allowing the named inheritor to not be required to qualify for affordable housing. Mr. Parker stressed that if the zoning requirements are reduced from the three acre requirement to one acre, this should only be allowed in situations that create affordable housing that remains available only to eligible affordable housing recipients. Mr. Parker addressed that the bylaw calls for permanent affordable housing and it does not remain permanently affordable if it is inherited by someone who does not qualify under the income guidelines. Mr. Parker ensured that his opinion is not personal against the families involved, but that

he believes in creating permanent affordable housing. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to approve the Healy Deed Rider as presented. Mr. Doty and Mr. Fenner both agreed that there are many restrictions on the property that keep it in affordable housing but also allow keeping the property in the family. Mr. Parker believes the Selectmen should not be able to have a majority vote that change matters of affordable housing to matters of family, and perhaps the bylaw should be changed and brought before the Town for a vote. Mr. Goldman said he would be enthusiastic to work on amending the bylaw with Mr. Parker. SO VOTED: Two Ayes; One Nay.

Tax Collector Training

Mr. Carroll stated that Jessica Bradlee, the current Town Clerk, will begin training for the Tax Collector position on July 15 with Polly McDowell. In order to keep the Town Clerk position staffed during Ms. Bradlee's training period, Mr. Carroll has asked Ms. Bradlee to work a forty hour week and staff the Clerk's desk in the mornings and train with the Tax Collector in the afternoon until August 1. During this time Ms. Bradlee will be paid at her current step and grade.

Town Clerk Job Posting

Ms. Bradlee will be vacating her position as Town Clerk to become the Tax Collector as of August 1. Mr. Carroll had anticipated asking the Selectmen for their approval to post the vacancy and move forward in the same manner as last year when Ms. Bradlee was hired. However, Nina Lombardi, the Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Selectmen, asked for an opportunity to propose a change in the structure of her job and combine it with the Town Clerk's position. Ms. Lombardi expressed that she would like to take on the additional duties and responsibilities of Town Clerk in addition to her 40 hour week as Administrative Assistant to the Office of Selectmen. The Selectmen discussed the concept and recognized Ms. Lombardi's request as an example of her ambitious nature. The Selectmen expressed concern that merging the positions was not something they thought would work. Mr. Parker said that his idea for Ms. Lombardi's current position was to take on some of the Executive Secretary's duties as she learned her job. Mr. Fenner said that perhaps her position could be re-graded to a higher level when it incorporated some of those higher level duties. Mr. Parker suggested that Ms. Lombardi draft a plan and bring it to the Personnel Board at their meeting on Thursday.

Based on the Personnel Board's recommendation, the Selectmen will meet on Friday, July 10 at 9:30 a.m. to act on Mr. Carroll's request to authorize the posting of a vacancy in the Town Clerk position.

Cable TV Advisory Committee

Mr. Carroll recommended to the Selectmen that registered voter Travis Larsen be appointed as the Town's representative on the negotiating committee for the Cable TV Advisory Committee due to his expertise and employment in the information technology industry. The Selectmen agreed.

Oil Waste Deposited at the Docks in Menemsha

Mr. Fenner read a letter from the Harbormaster, Dennis Jason, sighting complaints about illegal depositing of oil on the docks in Menemsha, which is extremely costly and difficult to clean up. The Harbormaster recommended a \$500 fine be issued to anyone who illegally dumps oil on the docks. Mr. Fenner suggested the Harbormaster draft a written plan for issuing fines and present it to the Selectmen at their next meeting.

The Selectmen also read a letter from the Harbormaster expressing concern over recent large parties on the Menemsha docks due to a local band performing there on Sunday evenings. The Selectmen and Police Chief Cioffi expressed concern for people consuming alcoholic beverages, which could present a liability for the Town since these gatherings are taking place on Town land. Mr. Doty said that the intentions of these events are to be family oriented and that a number of the people participating do not violate that. Mr. Parker suggested that the Parks and Recreation Committee review the language in the Bulkhead leases to address concerns over lessees using the commercial fishing lots for parties. Mr. Parker also recommended that Mr. Carroll and Chief Cioffi work on crafting a regulation that would limit the consumption of alcohol in Menemsha. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded that there are no kegs allowed on the Town owned land on the Menemsha Waterfront. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to adjourn the Selectmen's meeting. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: September 1st 2009