

Present: J.B. Riggs Parker, Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, John Armstrong, Melanie Becker, Brian Cioffi, Megan Dooley, Jonathan Revere, Isaiah Scheffer.

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

Approval of Selectmen Minutes

Mr. Parker called for any changes or corrections to the February 15, 2010 and March 2, 2010 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded to adopt the minutes as amended. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Treasurer: Bonding Schedule for Middle Line Road

Treasurer Melanie Becker presented the bonding schedule to borrow \$1.4 million for the construction of the Middle Line Road (MLR) rental duplexes. Ms. Becker suggested that a portion of the Community Preservation Act funds could be used for the first initial construction expenses this June and bonds could be issued in July, while we can still expect the rates to remain low. Ms. Becker explained that payment for the bonds was not factored into the FY11 budget and by issuing the bonds in July 2010 (FY11) it could be structured in such a way that the first payment would not be due until July 2011; therefore, factored into the FY12 budget. The final payment of the state house note for dock repairs will be paid in FY11 and the \$110,000 principal payment that has been budgeted for dock repairs can pay the MLR bond in FY12, which will keep debt service level with no increase to the FY12 budget. Ms. Becker asked the Selectmen for approval of the proposed target date to sign the MLR bonds on July 20, 2010 and the Selectmen consented. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded to approve the proposed bonding schedule as presented by the Treasurer. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust

The Selectmen discussed amending the language in the Molly Flender Affordable Housing Trust which gives the Trust authority to borrow money without a Town vote to require such a vote. Mr. Parker stated that Edgartown had amended their affordable housing trust bylaws to require a town vote to borrow money, which was approved by the Attorney General. Mr. Fenner suggested that the Trust have a limit to borrow \$500,000 without a Town vote and the Selectmen agreed. The Selectmen directed the Executive Secretary to explore the possibility of including that language and to present it to the Selectmen and Finance Advisory Committee at their next joint meeting.

Shellfish Advisory Committee

Shellfish Constable Isaiah Scheffer recommended that Tisbury Great Pond be closed to all oystering on March 18, 2010 and open Squibnocket Pond to oyster fishing Monday, March 22, 2010 at two level bushels a day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. Mr. Scheffer gave a brief update about the successful oyster seed set in Tisbury Great Pond this season. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to close Tisbury Great Pond to all oystering on March 18, 2010 and open Squibnocket Pond to oyster fishing Monday, March 22, 2010 at two level bushels a day Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner discussed the plan he created with John Keene Excavation to recreate the public access ramp to Squibnocket Pond. The Selectmen agreed to refer the plan to the Conservation Commission for approval.

Chair of the Shellfish Advisory Committee, John Armstrong, brought to the attention of the Selectmen that the circulation pipes at Short Beach are not functioning and need to be repaired.

There was discussion about researching how and why the pipes were installed and the need to obtain permission from the property owners. It was decided that a civil engineer should be consulted to draft a plan to repair the pipes and present it to the Conservation Commission for approval.

Mr. Armstrong also requested that Wes Brighton and Donald Poole be appointed as alternates to the Shellfish Advisory Committee. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to appoint Wes Brighton and Donald Poole alternates on the Shellfish Advisory Committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Doty suggested that the Chilmark Shellfish Advisory Committee schedule a meeting with the West Tisbury Shellfish Advisory Committee in order to work on the joint management plan for Tisbury Great Pond.

Constable Scheffer reported to the Selectmen that there was significant die off of scallop seed in Quitsa Pond due to a large algae bloom, which has resulted in 70% mortality of the scallop seed in the pond. Constable Scheffer stated that he and the assistant constable have been using dredges to disturb the algae mats on the bottom of the pond and will be conducting water testing to continue investigating what could have caused the large bloom of algae. Mr. Doty recommended that the Constable document in detail when events such as this occur in the ponds and factor in weather patterns, etc.

Drainage at Squibnocket Beach Parking Lot

Mr. Parker asked Mr. Carroll to contact Joanne Taylor, the Coastal Planner for the Martha's Vineyard Commission, to review and consult how to fix the water runoff from the Squibnocket parking lot into the pond.

Martha's Vineyard Commission Estuaries Project

Bill Wilcox, from the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC), explained that the MVC is seeking funding from the 604(B) grant program to develop the necessary land use spreadsheets for the Massachusetts Estuaries Project to complete work on Tisbury Great Pond and to collect water quality data from Chilmark Pond. Mr. Wilcox asked the Selectmen to submit a letter of support for the Chilmark Pond Water Quality Assessment and Land Use Assessment in the Tisbury Great Pond Watershed proposal, as required by the grant application. Mr. Wilcox explained that the land use assessment will identify every parcel in the Tisbury Great Pond watershed area to determine the nitrogen loading share into the pond. Comparing the land use assessment data spreadsheets to the water testing data will help to create an alternative management plan for the Tisbury Great Pond watershed area. Mr. Wilcox stated that the water quality model, land use model and water circulation model for Tisbury Great Pond are all linked together to benefit the new management plan.

Mr. Wilcox went on to explain that a separate time series set of water samples taken from Chilmark Pond will show how solidity, nitrogen and water quality changes in order to calibrate a circulation and exchange model in the pond. Mr. Wilcox stated that \$5,000 from the grant funding is allocated to the water testing in Chilmark Pond. If the grant funding is not obtained by the MVC proposal, Mr. Doty expressed that he would still like to have water quality testing in Chilmark Pond and that perhaps property owners in the watershed area could contribute to the cost. Mr. Fenner suggested that a water level recording device be installed in the pond to provide important water level data. Mr. Doty suggested that Liz Lewenberg, who is chair of the Chilmark Pond Association, would be a valued resource to consult in this project. Mr. Parker signed the letter of support for the grant funding proposal on behalf of the Selectmen.

Vineyard Conservation Society Third Annual Lights Out Martha's Vineyard

Mr. Parker read into the record a letter from the Vineyard Conservation Society regarding the third annual Lights Out Martha's Vineyard on March 27, 2010 from 8:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The event calls for Vineyarders to shut off all non essential lights and electronics for one hour to spread awareness about global climate change.

Appointment of Janet Wiedner to the MV Commission Wind Energy Siting Committee

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to appoint Janet Wiedner to the MV Commission Wind Energy Siting Committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Cable TV Negotiating Committee Appointments

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to appoint Tim Carroll as an alternate on the Cable TV Negotiating Committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to appoint Warren Doty a Chilmark representative on the Cable TV Negotiating Committee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Animal Inspector Appointments

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to appoint Chris Murphy Animal Inspector. SO VOTED: Three Ayes. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to appoint Joan Jenkinson Assistant Animal Inspector. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Middle Line Road

Mr. Doty announced that the bid deadline for the Middle Line Road duplex construction has been changed to April 22 for filed sub bidders and April 29 for prime contractors because of changes to bid specifications.

Island Affordable Housing Fund & Island Housing Trust Discussion

Mr. Doty reported that the Island Affordable Housing Fund Open Forum scheduled for April 8 has been postponed until June. Mr. Doty stated that he would be attending a meeting with the Island Affordable Housing Fund and Island Housing Trust directors to review governance procedures and the latest developments. Mr. Doty explained that in response to recent events a task force has been developed to review the Island Housing Trust and the Island Affordable Housing Fund organizations' conflicts of interest. Mr. Doty stated that the task force has been working hard to create more transparency in the trusts and make more information available to the public. Mr. Parker proclaimed that confidence has been destroyed by the interlocking directorships in the Island Affordable Housing Trust and the Island Housing Trust and that the organizations cannot operate effectively on their mission until that is corrected.

Warrant Articles

Mr. Fenner said he would like to see a report from Town departments explaining why old warrants articles that have not been expended should or should not be closed out; the Selectmen agreed.

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to adjourn. SO VOTED: Three Ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Nina M. Lombardi.

APPROVED April 6, 2010.