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Town of Chilmark Board of Selectmen December 21, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Present: Jonathan Mayhew, Frank Fenner, Warren Doty, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Clarissa Allen, Isaiah Scheffer, Remy Tumin, Dardy Slavin, Sean Slavin, David Norton, Brian Cioffi, Steve Myrick.

Minutes:

Selectmen reviewed minutes from December 7, 2010 Selectmen's meeting. Amendments were noted. Mr. Fenner moved to approve minutes as amended. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

December 16, 2010 minutes postponed till January 5, 2011.

October 26, 2010 Mr. Fenner was not at meeting so he will be abstaining. Mr. Mayhew moved to accept minutes as written. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 2 Ayes**

USCG Boathouse Fire:

The Selectmen asked if there was any report for the fire investigation yet. Mr. Carroll stated no report as yet.

Pier Connector Project:

The Pier Connector Project has an appropriation of 1.5 million dollars from the Special Town Meeting held September 27, 2010.

The Selectmen's office received 7 bids on December 14, 2010. The apparent low bidder was C. White Marine, with a bid of \$1,407,120.00. The Selectmen's office has completed the background and reference checks for C. White Marine. Mr. Fenner moved to award the pier connector project to C. White Marine. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

The Board of Selectmen approached C. White Marine to negotiate a slight change in the project to save more money. This savings is imperative to complete the electric and water specifications of the Pier Connector project which was not included in the bids.

Selectmen Doty reported that Larry White of C. White Marine was responsive and cooperative to a change order subtracting \$86,000.00 to the project. Mr. Mayhew moved to continue with the project and pursue change order to save \$86,000.00. Mr. Fenner seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Middle Line Road Resident Home Site Leases:

Selectmen have received checks and paperwork to be signed by the Selectmen from the following parties: Mr. Bradley, Ms. Jamgochian and Mr. Wlodyka, and Ms. Slosberg.

Mr. Fenner moved to approve and sign at the end of the meeting. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

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Refinancing for Middle Line Home Sites:

Selectmen received requests from Mr. Cioffi and Mr. and Mrs. Slavin for permission to refinance their mortgages and be granted the amendment to the deed riders on there Home Site Leases.

Mr. Cioffi explained that this was a 15 year mortgage for 3.5%. Mr. Fenner moved to grant permission to the Cioffi family. Granting mortgage subordination needed to refinance with the bank. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Fenner also moved to grant amendment to the deed rider changing the number of days from 120 to 90 days if mortgage were to go into foreclosure. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Dardy and Sean Slavin also would like the same permission granted for their resident home site. Mrs. Slavin mentioned that there was no subordination papers generated with the original mortgage but would need it for this refinance to go through. Mr. Fenner moved to grant subordination to allow the Slavin's to refinance at a lower interest rate. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Fenner moved to grant amendment to the deed rider changing the number of days from 120 to 90 days if the mortgage were to go into foreclosure. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Martha's Vineyard Regional Emergency Management Planning:

Mr. Carroll solved wording in the prior letter, as asked to by the Selectmen in prior meeting. "The road ban was premature" will be added to the letter from the Chilmark Board of Selectmen. Mr. Carroll stated that protocol will be not to use CODE RED prior to Selectman approval. Mr. Fenner moved to approve wording for the letter to Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency and authorize Chairman Doty to sign. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Conservation Commission:

The Conservation Commission requests to appoint Chuck Hodgkinson as the Conservation Officer. The Board of directors for the Conservation Commission would like to award a stipend of \$5,000.00 for this position. This request is recommended and supported by the Personnel Board. Mr. Doty would like more time to review job description of conservation agent, and would recommend postponement on this till next meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Mayhew and Mr. Fenner agree.

Personnel Board:

The Personnel Board recommends a pay grade increase for the Coordinator of Administrative Support from grade 8 to grade 11. If approved this would be in effect for FY2012. Mr. Doty recommended time to review this request. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Mayhew agreed.

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Personnel Board Recommendations (continued):

Personnel Board recommends the Selectmen to re grade Library Director's pay grade from grade 9 to grade 11. If approved this grade change will take effect for FY2012. Mr. Doty recommends more time to review, and to wait till next Selectmen's meeting to decide. Mr. Fenner and Mr. Mayhew agree.

Personnel Board recommends a re grade in pay for the Harbor Master from grade 9 to grade 10. If approved this pay grade increase will take effect for FY2012. Selectmen decide to postpone decision till they have time to review recommendation.

Personnel Board recommends to re grade pay for Highway Laborer from a grade 2 to grade 3. Mr. Mathew recommends we increase this and was surprised it was so low. Mr. Fenner moved to try this grade increase and see if the Highway manager can get some help clearing the roads for the winter season. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Doty moved to grant town employees the New Years Holiday as follows: ½ day Thursday or ½ day Monday along with Friday 31. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

FY2012 Compensation Plan:

The COLA cost of living adjustment is set for Town Meeting warrant at 2.6%

Shellfish Department:

Chilmark Shellfish Constable Isaiah Scheffer would like permission to apply for a boat that the Nature Conservancy is donating. The Boat is a 15' Boston Whaler with a 60 horse 4 stroke engine. The boat is located on Tuckernuck Island and who ever are granted the donation is responsible for retrieving the vessel. Mr. Doty recommended a letter be drafted saying that the Town of Chilmark Shellfish Department would very much appreciate the donation and can put to our Shellfish Propagation Program. Mr. Fenner moved to apply for the donation Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Scheffer will move forward in his quest for the boat.

Mr. Scheffer also presented his Tisbury Great Pond Oyster plan. This plan report can be viewed on line at www.chilmarkma.gov. Link to: Board of Selectmen then to Agendas: dated 12/21/10. Constable Scheffer also presented a plan from Jessica Novak for shells reclaim program. As you can see in the TGP report the town has been importing shells for the restoration of the beds. This proposal from Ms. Novak would reuse Island generated shell. This would cut the cost of importing shell out of the plan. Constable Scheffer is seeking a place for the reclaimed shell to cure and be stored till used. An area behind the land fill might work for this project. This location will be checked out by the town and the Shellfish Department.

Mr. Mayhew thanked Isaiah Scheffer (shellfish constable) for his great work and efforts for the scallop production this year.

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Board of Appeals (ZBA):

The office of the ZBA requests hiring a company for consultation and research needed to evaluate the appeal submitted concerning wind turbine building permits granted to Allen farm and Grey Barn Farm.

Clarissa Allen said she thought that the hiring of a company at the estimated cost of \$7,200. is a waste of money and that she would have supplies needed information to the board directly.

Mr. Fenner appreciated the offer and asked if she would please supply the electrical bill records for the 2 meters that fall under the farm electrical use. The Turbines must generate 51% of the power used. This information would be calculated from the electrical records and turbine specs. The reason that the ZBA needs a consultant is that this information needs to be finalized prior to the January meeting. Mr. Fenner moved to approve request of hiring Consultant Company and asks if ZBA could contact Allen farm and Grey Barn farm and retrieve materials needed to possibly reduce estimated cost. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Cape Light Compact:

The Selectmen's office was notified on the great rate that will be starting in the next year. The rate is the best that they have had ever at \$0.73/4 cents per Kilowatt hour.

Mr. Fenner moved to adjourn. Mr. Mayhew seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**
9:07 pm meeting adjourned.

Draft Minutes respectively submitted by Dilly DeBlase