

DRAFT Chilmark Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes July 7, 2015

Present: Chairman Jonathan Mayhew, Warren Doty, Bill Rossi, Tim Carroll, Dan Greenbaum, Charlie Parker, Anthony Orphanos, Wendy Jeffers, Zack Lee, Valerie Sonnenthal, Chuck Hodgkinson, Reid Silva, Alex Elvin and videographer Lynn Fraker,

At 7:30 PM Chairman Mayhew called meeting to order in the Selectmen's meeting room.

Minutes:

Draft minutes from June 2, 2015 were reviewed, corrections were made. Mr. Rossi moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft minutes from June 16, 2015 were reviewed, corrections were made. Mr. Rossi moved to approve minutes as corrected. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Squibnocket Project:

Chuck Hodgkinson was present with engineer Reid Silva to present the conceptual plan for Squibnocket parking and skiff launch. There are some revisions made since the recommendation from the Squibnocket Committee;

- 1.) A 60 foot cul-de-sac at the end of parking lot for vehicles to turn around.
- 2.) The skiff launch farther westerly at a lower grade for ease of entry and exit.

There was a plan posted on the wall during this meeting of the general concept for all to review and discuss. Extensive discussion took place. Mr. Silva said if the layout is approved tonight the next step would be to go to the Massachusetts Environment Policy Act (MEPA) for an application. Mr. Hodgkinson and Mr. Silva stressed that this is not yet the time to discuss the surface product. The surface plan will come at a later date for discussion and recommendations.

Mr. Rossi moved to approve the concept plan as presented for the Squibnocket parking lot and skiff launch, with understanding that an additional small craft access to pond will be worked on in the future. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Doty asked for discussion and thoughts of using the old harbor shack as the attendant station, and possibly a composting or chemical toilet system. More discussion ensued.

Chilmark Community Center:

Valerie Sonnenthal is present to request Selectmen approve a Gyrokinesis workshop and a Psois workshop in September of 2016. Discussion about scheduling ensued. Mr. Doty recommended one weekend event instead of two. Ms. Sonnenthal agreed to move her Gyrokinesis and reserve the Psois for September 16-18, 2016. Mr. Carroll asked for the Selectmen to permit this commercial event as our policy is for no commercial events without Selectmen approval.

Mr. Doty moved to approve this Psois event for September 16-18, 2015. The fee is \$200.00 a day with a cleaning deposit required as well. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.
SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Menemsha Path / Boardwalk, Signage & Jute Netting Updates:

Mr. Doty said that the jute netting has been ordered and will be installed on the sand mound above the walkway to lessen erosion. The rope that keeps walkers from the dune is up and a small amount to complete will be completed soon. A boardwalk is expected to be delivered 3rd week of July and installed by the beginning of August. Mr. Doty recommended hiring Marshall Carroll to help lay the boardwalk.

Mr. Doty reported on the Menemsha Shuttle lot usage.

Mr. Rossi recommended having a special police officer post a “lot full” sign when Menemsha is full. This may help keep from bottleneaking traffic at the beach. Mr. Doty said the ridership for the Menemsha Shuttle has defiantly increased from last year. Mr. Doty asked for a report from the VTA for ridership and also a report from the police department on how many vehicles are parked at the Tabor House parking lot at night.

Mr. Carroll said the “no parking” signs are going up.

Harbor Update:

Mr. Doty reported that Cuttyhunk Marine is in Menemsha and will begin to replace the mooring chains for the outer mooring and to also be available to place the pilings for the boundary markers between Chilmark and Aquinnah.

Mr. Doty reported that the Americans with Disabilities Act compliant ramp into the Harbor Shack is complete and the office in the shack is running well.

Mr. Doty asked if the mooring that was dragged along with the abandoned boat could be removed from the pond. The boat has been removed and is now in Aquinnah custody but the mooring remains to be dealt with. Chairman Mayhew said he could take care of the mooring.

Pump-out / Clean Vessel Act Grant:

Mr. Carroll asked if the Selectmen would approve Mr. Carroll signing the Pump-out Grant for another year. Mr. Mayhew moved to have Mr. Carroll apply for the CVA grant for FY16. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Martha’s Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG):

Mr. Doty said he has asked Denny M. Jason to be a (Chilmark Representative) member of the MVSG. Mr. Doty said he has asked Denny to replace his position on the board. Mr. Doty explained that Mr. Jason would join our Constable Scheffer representing Chilmark on the board. Mr. Doty moved to approve Dennis M. Jason to be the Chilmark representative on the MVSG. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Appointments to Town Committees:

The following residents of Chilmark have written requesting to be reappointed and appointed to the following committees: CPC representative from the Planning board is John Eisner. Mr. Doty moved to approve, Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Selectmen received requests for appointment to the Squibnocket Pond District Advisory Committee (SPDAC) by Wendy Weldon, Leanne Cowley, Michelle Lasser and Candy Shweder. Mr. Rossi moved to appoint members as listed. Mr. Doty seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Mr. Doty said that the Planning Board has appointed and notified the Selectmen that John Fender will represent the Planning Board on the Martha's Vineyard Land Bank Town Advisory Committee. And Joan Malkin will be the Planning Board representative on the SPDAC.

Selectmen received a request from Jessica Roddy to be appointed to the Housing Committee. Mr. Doty moved to appoint Jessica Roddy to the Housing Committee. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Doty discussed the timeline for painting the Town Hall and the improvements planned for the Chilmark Community Center. Discussion ensued.

Library Request:

Mr. Carroll said that the Library has written a request that the Selectmen add 2 part-time positions to the compensation study that is taking place this summer. The Selectmen's office also received a recommendation from the Chilmark Human Resource Board (HRB) recommending adding these positions to the study.

Mr. Doty moved to approve the recommendation from HRB, Mr. Rossi seconded the motion.

SO VOTED: 3 Ayes

Massachusetts Fair Share (MFS):

Selectmen's office received a request from MFS to sign an initiative for early learning education programs. Mr. Rossi recommended no position on this. No action taken.

Dean Bragniar:

Mr. Bragniar has sent a request to the Selectmen to be allowed to land on Squibnocket this summer during his awareness on dyslexia swim around the island. Mr. Doty moved to approve the request to land at Squibnocket Beach with one other person with vehicle to pick him up and drop him off during his awareness swim. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Ambulance Chief Agreement:

Mr. Carroll asked if the Selectmen would support Jonathan Mayhew signing the contract that has been drafted with Paul Wilkins. Mr. Rossi moved to have Jonathan Mayhew sign the contract that the Selectmen reviewed. Mr. Doty seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Beach Rescues:

Mr. Carroll discussed the water rescues this week. This incident brought the need to reassess the access to the areas. Mr. Carroll requested Selectmen to approve signs specifying latitude & longitude for location aiding in case of an emergency. Discussion ensued.

Beach Signage Continued: Mr. Doty moved to approve purchasing signs for the beach locations. Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Mr. Carroll said that we will need a Special Town Meeting to reset the Up Island Regional School District budget prior to setting the tax rate. Discussion ensued.

At 9:09 PM Mr. Doty moved to adjourn, Mr. Rossi seconded the motion. **SO VOTED: 3 Ayes**

Draft minutes respectfully submitted by Diana DeBlase.