

Minutes

Chilmark Board of Selectmen

April 1st 2008

Present: Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Riggs Parker, Tim Carroll, Jonathan Revere, Rusty Walton, Julia Rappaport, Donald Poole, Mary Boyd, Martina Mastromonaco, Diane Powers, Frank Yeomans.

Minutes

Minutes of March 18th approved as amended.

Inn Keepers License – Niall Reid tabled to April 15th 2008 at 7:30 PM

Youth Lot – Bunker

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to execute a discharge of mortgage to Rodney and Pamela Bunker on their youth lot since the ten year period had expired. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Middle Line Road – Phase II Archeological Survey

The survey conducted by UMASS did not recommend any further action. They found some chipped flint, but nothing significant or eligible for inclusion in the National Register.

Nabs Corner Affordable Housing

The special act was sent to the committee on third readings.

TriTown Ambulance

TTA Committee members Diane Powers (WT) and Mary Boyd (Chilmark Selectmen's rep) came before the Selectmen with Ambulance Coordinator Martina Mastromonaco. They requested the permission of the Selectmen to use un-expended funds in the ALS Coordinator salary line (due to a 6 month leave of absence) to pay other EMTs to work shifts until May 23rd (when the summer seasonal shifts start). Basic EMTs would receive a stipend of \$200, Intermediates \$220 and Paramedics \$245. It was described as a trial for this spring only. They also asked for permission to use the same funds to pay a "roaming" EMT \$50 a shift.

Mr. Fenner questioned the funding for FY09. Mrs. Mastromonaco explained that the TTA committee was considering the restructuring of the \$53,000 "incentive" payroll line. This is the line that the annual base stipend is paid from also.

Mr. Parker said that this should go to the Personnel Board first. He also expressed concerns that the TTA may be incrementally slipping away from a volunteer service to a paid service. Mr. Parker said that this should be discussed and planned rather than backing into it by using available funds. Mary Boyd said that the squad understood that this is only to provide the coverage lost by the leave of absence taken by the ALS Coordinator.

Mr. Doty said that it seemed the squad and committee have addressed prior conflicts and he would like to support them. He said that the Personnel Board would meet in two days and the Selectmen should send this to them with their positive endorsement. Mr. Parker said that he still had issues with starting towards a paid service.

Mr. Parker asked for a long term plan. Mary Boyd reported that Mrs. Mastromonaco is working on 1 yr and 5 yr plans now.

Parking Fines

Mr. Carroll made a pitch to lower the new overtime fine. Mr. Fenner said that \$30 was fine for an overtime ticket. The Selectmen signed the violation fines matrix provided by the Parking Clerk.

Oyster Season

The Shellfish Advisory Committee recommended the closing of Tisbury Great Pond to oystering on April 1 and to leave open Squibnocket Pond open through April 30th. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to close Tisbury Great Pond to oystering effective April 3rd and Tisbury Great Pond on April 30th. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

There was discussion about using mahogany quahogs shells from off island to culch spat in July & August in the Tisbury Great Pond.

The predator control supervision by the Propagation Officer was tabled pending further discussion.

MV Cultural Council

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to reappoint Dawn Greeley as one of the Chilmark representatives to the MV Cultural Council. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Emily Levitt

The board reviewed the performance evaluation and comments made by the Library Director recommending that Emily Levitt had completed her initial probationary period and requesting she be made a permanent employee. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to make Emily Levitt a permanent employee. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

MIIA

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to renew the town's insurance policies with the MIIA self insured pool. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Animal Inspectors

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Fenner seconded a motion to nominate Ozzie Fisher, Joan Jenkinson and Chris Murphy as state Animal Inspectors. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

Value Statement

Mr. Carroll gave some material to the selectmen as starting points for a town value statement or a possible mission statement for town hall staff to give guidance on how to behave and treat other people. Mr. Parker said that he agreed with Mr. Carroll that it was important to re-emphasize what was expected of the staff. Mr. Fenner said it was important to include how employees treat each other in the office.

Common Cause

Mr. Carroll reported that the town had received an award for “open government” because of the web page and the information available to the public on the web page. Mr. Parker credited Mr. Carroll, Chuck Hodgkinson, and Tom Ruimerman for keeping the web page updated.

Trench Regulations

The board complained that this new state requirement was over-government. A motion was made to designate the building inspector as the town official responsible for trench inspections and to have the personnel board amend his position description. It was discussed. No vote was taken. The sense of the board was to ask the Building Inspector to bring back a recommendation.

Frank Yeomans

Mr. Yeomans told the board that he continued to be concerned about the failure of the Executive Secretary to get timely minutes for the Finance Advisory Committee out. Mr. Parker agreed. Mr. Carroll asked Mr. Parker if the minutes were defective or not timely. Mr. Parker said that the minutes were technically good, but that he wanted them in a more-timely manner. Mr. Fenner said he was concerned about any minutes with long delays. Mr. Carroll suggested that the Finance Advisory Committee should find its own recording secretary. Mr. Fenner said that unapproved minutes should not be posted to the web and unapproved minutes that were in email form could pose a problem.

Mr. Yeomans told the board that Mrs. Franks was the new owner of the Farm Lot in North Tabor Farm where the fire pond was located. He alleged that Mrs. Franks had been ignored by the town hall and Mr. Carroll. He also said that the fire pump had been inoperable for a year. Mr. Carroll said that he had spent 2 hours with Mr. Franks researching the fire pond. Mr. Doty limited discussion at this point. Mr. Fenner suggested that this be referred to the Planning Board for research into who is responsible for the repair of the fire pond and pump.

Mr. Yeomans asked the Selectmen to strike the \$900 in their budget for law book subscription. Mr. Fenner said that this had been discussed at during the budget process and dismissed. Mr. Parker said that he had been voted down. Mr. Doty said that the budget had been set with the warrant for annual town meeting last month at the conclusion of the 7 week budget process and could only be changed on the floor April 28th.

Schedule

The board agreed to meet at 3:00 PM on April 10th 2008 with Margaret Orlando and Annette Anthony. The board also agreed to meet with the Zoning Board of Appeals on April 15th at 6:30 PM. Chairman Doty was not available on April 15th, so it was agreed to limit the agenda to the scheduled public hearing on a common victualer’s license and possibly the Dukes County Charter Study Commission. The board agreed to schedule a hearing on the override for April 22nd 2008 at 7:30 PM and to also have the US Coast Guard make their presentation on the Peaked Hill monopole at that time.

Dukes County

The board received the packet of information from the county on their two warrant articles.

Donald Poole

Mr. Poole told the Selectmen that he was interested in obtaining a lease for the bulkhead lot #3A. This is the lot once leased by his grandfather.

Executive Session

Mr. Doty moved that the board go into executive session to discuss litigation and receive an update from Town Counsel, and not return to regular session.

Fenner – Aye, Parker – Aye, Doty – Aye. 8:45 PM

Meeting Adjourned at 9:26 PM.

APPROVED: May 6th 2008