

**Town of Chilmark Board of Selectmen**  
**July 10, 2009**  
**Meeting Minutes**

Present: J.B. Riggs Parker, Warren Doty, Frank Fenner, Tim Carroll, Laurie Atkinson, Todd Christy, Andy Goldman, Jonathan Revere.

Mr. Parker called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. in the Selectmen's Meeting Room.

Housing Committee: Atkinson Deed Rider

Mr. Doty stated that family heirlooms are not to be calculated towards the financial eligibility of the Atkinson children in order to qualify by the Chilmark affordable housing guidelines. Mr. Parker recognized the generosity and kindness of the Atkinson family to subdivide their property to allow for an affordable homesite to be created. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Fenner seconded to adopt the Atkinson Deed Rider. Mr. Parker welcomed discussion with regard to the deed rider. Mr. Fenner spoke in favor of affordable homesites being inherited by the homeowner's spouse or heirs regardless of their financial eligibility. Ms. Atkinson stated that in the event the recipients are deceased or want to sell the homesite, it is her family's intent to have their children have the right of first refusal and purchase the homesite. In the event the children are not old enough to purchase the homesite, the Atkinson's would purchase it as their legal guardians and rent the property under the affordable housing rental guidelines until the children are of age.

Mr. Fenner wanted to amend the deed rider to include that the premises may be inherited by a spouse or child and will be subject to all restrictions except the income restriction. Mr. Parker again stated that he believed inserting language of heritability into deed riders calls for the affordable housing bylaw to be revised and that he could not vote to approve the deed rider with that language. Mr. Goldman and Mr. Doty agreed that in this particular case of the Atkinson deed rider neither the grantee nor the grantor is requesting that language. Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded to approve the Atkinson Deed Rider draft version eight (8) dated July 8, 2009. SO VOTED: Three (3) Ayes.

Mr. Fenner stated that the affordable housing bylaw needs to be revised and brought before the Town to vote on at Town Meeting. The Selectmen agreed to sign the final deed rider when it is ready.

Posting of Town Clerk Vacancy Notice

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded to approve the vacancy notice posting for the Town Clerk as drafted by the Personnel Board and the Executive Secretary. SO VOTED: Three (3) Ayes.

Mr. Carroll has asked Jessica Bradlee, Jane Greene, and Registrars Susan Heilbron and Judy Mayhew to serve on the Town Clerk Search Committee. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded to approve the Town Clerk Search Committee. SO VOTED: Three (3) Ayes.

The Selectmen briefly discussed the VTA Beach Bus schedule and the lack of ridership. Some discussion was had about curtailing the schedule. Mr. Parker said the discussion should continue after more information is gathered from the VTA and local inns.

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

APPROVED: August 18<sup>th</sup> 2009