

Present: Frank Fenner, Warren Doty, Riggs Parker, Tim Carroll, Nina Lombardi, Primo & Mary Lombardi, Nancy, Josh & Angela Aronie, Pam Bunker, Elizabeth Oliver, Jack Shea, John Flender, Jane Slater, Margaret Maida, Sean & Dardy Slavin, Marty Beth Grady, Chuck Hodgkinson, Brian Cioffi, Sam Bungey.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

**Minutes of February 17<sup>th</sup> 2009** approved as corrected.

**Public Hearing on Common Victualer License** for Joel & Angela Aronie opened at 7:35 PM.

Joel Aronie said the hours of operation were going to be 6:30 AM to 3:00 PM. He said that they would like to stay open off season, possibly Friday & Saturday if it worked out. There was discussion. Hearing closed at 7:39 PM.

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve the Common Victualer License for Joel Aronie at the Menemsha Café. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

**Public Classification Hearing** was opened at 7:40 PM.

Assistant Assessor Pamela Bunker reported that the assessed value of the town had increased 6.4% over last year, with \$40 million of new growth. The median assessment was reported to be \$1,249,200 for FY2009. The tax rate will rise two cents from \$1.96 per \$1,000 of value to \$1.98. The average taxpayer will see a \$48.06 decrease. Three hundred and eighty properties have increased significantly. They are water front and water view properties. The Board of Assessors recommends that the Selectmen adopt a single tax rate for all classes of property for FY2009. The Assessors had 36 inquiries to the Impact Letter they sent out to property owners and held 20 appeal hearings.

Mr. Doty commended the Board of Assessors for a job well done. There was discussion. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to have a single tax rate for all classes. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

**Public Input Session** on the hiring of a new Chief of Police was opened at 7:55 PM.

Margaret Maida told the Selectmen that she wants to see the new Chief of Police out and about the town for at least an hour a day and to not stay in the office at the station. There were no other comments from the public present.

Mr. Parker reported that three applications had been received of the eight requested, and the three were being reviewed. The time-line was discussed.

### **Cemetery Commission**

John Flender requested that he Selectmen appoint Brian Cioffi as the new Cemetery Superintendent to replace retired Basil Welch. There was discussion. Mr. Parker reported on the process undertaken to find a new superintendent and the Personnel

Board's work cooperating with the Cemetery Commission. He commended their work and their choice of Brian Cioffi. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint Brian Cioffi the Cemetery Superintendent for the ensuing year. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### **Oliver Mortgage Subordination**

The board reviewed the subordination agreement. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the mortgage subordination agreement for Kevin & Elizabeth Oliver on the understanding that the principal had not been increased. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### **Deed Rider for the Slavin Lot**

The board had discussion at the request of the Slavins to permit their descendent to inherit the Resident Homesite regardless of the descendant's qualifications regarding income. A conflict was created when the original materials handed out to potential applicants said that it would allow an heir that made more than the income limits to inherit and the final deed rider itself did not. There was much discussion. A letter from Town Counsel advised the board that they could make a decision on this question. Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to change the deed rider to allow a "son or daughter" to inherit and to add into paragraph #1 Transfer "except as provided in section # 5 below." Mr. Parker requested the change to be vetted by Town Counsel. SO VOTED: Two Ayes, One Nay. Mr. Parker said that he wanted to make it clear that his concerns regarding the deed rider had nothing to do with the current applicants and he could not be happier with the Slavins having been chosen.

### **Tri Town Ambulance**

Mary Boyd presented the board with the position descriptions for the Clerical Assistant, Mechanical Assistant, Defib, and Seasonal EMT as they had been approved by the Personnel Board. There was discussion about rates. It was stated that the Mechanical Assistant and Defib were stipend positions and that the Seasonal EMT's rate of pay was determined by their experience.

The board discussed operating expenses and the need to control costs. They requested to see the budget presented as a whole before the revenues were deducted. They requested that the Tri Town Ambulance Committee consider putting more than the 20% of income aside next year if they thought it was appropriate.

Mr. Doty moved and Mr. Parker seconded a motion to approve the four position descriptions. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### **Personnel Board**

Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the Personnel Board memorandum regarding new hires. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### **Police Chief**

The board discussed funding overlap of the new Police Chief with Chief Rich. They agreed to only have overlap for the month of June and to discuss travel expenses later if necessary. The Selectmen discussed funding the sick leave Chief Rich would be entitled

to if he was covered by the Police Collective bargaining unit. It was agreed to discuss this with the Finance Committee.

### **Building Permit Fees**

Mr. Fenner said that the fee for less than 2,500 sq.ft. was too expensive. It was agreed to lower that fee and to increase all permits over 5,000 sq.ft. by \$1,000 for each thousand square feet over 5,000. There was discussion on the fee structure. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the amended building permit fees and to have them take effect April 1<sup>st</sup>. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### **Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Selectmen**

Mr. Fenner welcomed Nina Lombardi. Miss Lombardi told the board she was excited to have this opportunity. Mr. Doty said that he felt that the most important part of the Assistant's job is at the Front Desk welcoming the people that do not come into the town hall often and to be a real voice on the telephone instead of voicemail when people call the office. He asked that the phone be answered within 4 rings when possible. Mr. Fenner reminded Miss Lombardi of the additional duties as Assistant Town Clerk and Notary Public. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to appoint Nina Lombardi Administrative Assistant to the Office of Selectmen. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### **Position Description – Administrative Assistant to the Office of the Selectmen**

Mr. Doty asked to have the position description amended to move bullet point "J" moved up to "A" to reflect his concerns above. Mr. Parker moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to approve the position description as amended. SO VOTED: Three Ayes.

### **Middle Line Road – Well Contract**

The Selectmen signed a contract with Island Water Sources to install the wells on the affordable housing lots at Middle Line Road.

### **Menemsha Cleaning**

The Selectmen signed a contract with Seth Karlinsky to perform the cleaning of the Menemsha Comfort Station and trash/litter collection around Menemsha Harbor this summer season.

### **Middle Line Road – Rental Unit Design & FY2010 Budget Discussion**

The board discussed ways to fund the MLR Design phase without exceeding the levy limit for FY2010 or drawing down Free Cash below \$100,000. It was agreed to add in \$500 to the Cemetery Commission budget, reduce the funding of the project manager to just the time during the design and bid phase for \$5,000 and \$85,000 for the designer through bid phase.

### **Lights Out MV**

Mr. Doty talked about the second annual event scheduled for March 28<sup>th</sup> between 8:30 – 9:30 PM.

### **Chapter 445**

Town Counsel recommended adoption of Chapter 445 of the Acts of 2004. This Act (HB 1510) authorizes Martha's Vineyard affordable housing covenants. Mr. Parker

moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to pursue adoption of Chapter 445. SO  
VOTED: Three Ayes.

Mr. Fenner moved and Mr. Doty seconded a motion to go into executive session and not  
return to regular session to discuss land acquisition. Parker – Aye, Doty – Aye, Fenner  
– Aye. 9:25 PM

Meeting adjourned at 9:55 PM.

APPROVED: April 21<sup>st</sup> 2009