

Executive Committee Meeting of the Association  
of Owners of Lowlands and Meadows around Chilmark Pond  
August 26, 2019  
Minutes

At the home of Amy Salzman

**Present:** Bill Randol, Commissioner Emeritus; Steve Lewenberg, Commissioner and assistant Treasurer; Terry Meinelt, Commissioner; Martha Cottle, Commissioner; Susie Mottau, Treasurer; Amy Salzman, President; Andria Jason, Vice- President; Kathy Coe, Clerk

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

**New Treasurer** The President welcomed Ms. Mottau as the treasurer and Mr. Lewenberg as the assistant. Ms. Mottau will have access to our database and the written documents that have been maintained by Mr. Lewenberg throughout his term. For the transition, there are the accounts at the local bank and at Fidelity that need to have signatories changed; Ms. Cottle will remain on the checking account in addition to Ms. Mottau. Mr. Lewenberg has updated the tax records to reflect the 2019 taxes that have been received since the bills were sent out.

As a further update, Ms. Jason discussed the challenges of using the website, in particular that it is difficult to post videos.

Ms. Cottle brought with her a binder of photocopied CPA documents that date from 1904-1968. The originals were given to the Dukes County Historical Society around 1982. Mr. Meinelt and Ms. Coe will contact the Martha's Vineyard Museum which now has the archives of the Historical Society. We are interested in seeing the original documents and finding out about digital copies. The Museum might also be interested in the original documents that we have.

**Debrief of the Annual Meeting** The overall impression of the Annual Meeting was that it went well. One of the reasons for its success was the increase in communication whether by email or the early letter from the President about the July opening of the cut. In addition, the three informational meetings given by Chuck Hodgkinson on behalf of the Chilmark Pond Foundation really helped to keep everyone informed.

**Chilmark Pond Foundation Restoration Project:** the President is meeting with the CPF on August 27<sup>th</sup> and asked for any issues or questions that the members of the Executive Committee might have. We asked that that Fulling Mill should be checked as well as some wells in that area; whether there was going to be an ecological study of the Pond in advance of the restoration activity; looking at the effect the geese and swans were having on the Pond particularly in terms of nitrogen contribution; whether the Committee can have access to the data that is being collected by the installed loggers; and finally, the Commissioners would like to meet directly with Reid Silva, the engineer who is doing the preliminary work for the CPF. Ms. Salzman agreed to raise these questions with the Foundation.

The Committee reviewed bills from Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering relating to data collection and water quality testing. Based on the authority granted at the annual meeting that the Committee may spend up to \$75,000 on the pond restoration project, the Committee agreed to pay these bills once they are sent directly to the CPA.

**Motion:** to pay the following bills after they are issued to the CPA

\$1,800 permitting

\$7,930.80 salinity and water level monitoring

\$7,130 pond depth and beach survey

TOTAL \$ 16,860

**Voted:** all approved

**Other Concerns** Earlier in the spring, Biodiversity Works questioned us about work taking place near the cut. Neither they nor we were aware of the activity that turned out to be Vineyard Land Surveying and Engineering installing a monitoring pipe. We agreed that keeping all parties informed of activities around the cut was important.

Welcome to Mr. Meinelt as Commissioner and Mr. Randol as Commissioner Emeritus

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 PM

Kathy Coe, Clerk