

## TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

51 Spring Street, Box 1239, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568

**Tuesday, September 27, 2016**

### **JOINT MEETING with Tisbury Conservation Commission**

**Town Hall Annex, High Point Lane, 5:30PM**

**Members present:** Selectmen: Melinda Loberg, Chair; Tristan Israel, Clerk; Larry Gomez

Conservation Commission Members Present: John Best, Tom Robinson, Nancy Weaver, Caroline Little

**Staff Present:** Jay Grande, Town Administrator, Barbara Lampson, Executive Assistant; Jane Varkonda, Conservation Agent; Jon Snyder, Treasurer; Danielle Ewart, Shellfish Constable;

**Others present:** Ben Robinson, Planning Board; Heather Kochin, Elaine Barse, other members of the public.

*Meeting called to order by Melinda Loberg at 5:35PM.*

**Melinda Loberg asks Conservation Commission for a “snapshot” of recent business conducted by the Commission.** Topics covered are: That board business has been relatively regular of late, with no outstanding projects, mostly approvals and a few denials, which the Commissioners state have been handled very professionally by all concerned. Conservation Commissioners cite chronic lack of board members, and ask those present to “get the word out” that they are looking for new members.

Tom Robinson explains the mission of the Commission, that they have to review any project that may affect wetlands resources, and any project that is for an area within a certain distance of a wetland has to be presented to the Board for review. States the Commission has a “good core group” of people who know the regulations, and the applicants usually know the regulations as well.

John Best states that one of the issues they review for is erosion control, and asks about the road cut for the Water Company.

Jay Grande states that he has sent out communication regarding a need for further mitigation of the road cut. Further states a need for the Selectmen and Conservation Commission to coordinate more closely, and that there are weekly department head meetings, and that he would like to see a representation at those meetings if possible. He states that there are Town projects that come up that the Con Comm could have input into, that regard and affect the Town’s natural resources, such as the Open Space and Recreation Plan that the Town is currently working on.

Melinda Loberg states that there have been events and issues going on in Town that have been falling “between the cracks in the boards” and that the Town would like to come up with avenues for more cooperation between the various Town boards. Additionally she cites the need for better planning of the future and the “big picture”; gives examples such as the Planning Board getting help from the Conservation Commission in defining the uses of Town waterways, new commercial enterprises being proposed like fish farming, etc. States need to “come together and look at the big picture”.

Further discussion about regulating new uses of pesticides, animal deterrents, and herbicides, and Jane Varkonda cites differing regulations in Edgartown that allow a greater margin for oversight of 200’ from wetlands and 300’ from the Great Ponds.

Tristan Israel asks if it would be possible to give the Conservation Commission jurisdiction over Town-owned lands, and Jay Grande responds that it would be efficacious to first complete the process of categorizing the lands in Town under the Planning Board’s current Open Space and Recreation Plan.

Melinda Loberg thanks the Conservation Commission for their time and the Conservation Commission portion of the joint meeting is adjourned.

Board of Selectmen meeting continues.

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

**Vineyard Haven Business Association:** Jay Grande introduces the three members of the Vineyard Haven Business Association, explains that they are present to address the upcoming event & sidewalk sale on Columbus Day weekend.

**Motion:** *To approve the request of the Vineyard Haven Business Association to hold a sidewalk sale from 10am to 5 pm on Columbus Day weekend, on Sunday October 9, with a rain date of Monday the 10<sup>th</sup>, and to allow the stores on Main Street to put out racks and display wares on the sidewalk and have entertainers perform in up to 4 locations. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

**Further Discussion:** The VHBA members and the Selectmen discuss various event ideas for throughout the calendar year.

Melinda Loberg states that the Board welcomes anyone's ideas for making Main Street more vibrant. Selectmen thank the VHBA for coming and presenting their ideas.

**Beach Road Design Review Committee:** Jay Grande states that now the 25% design hearing was held and the Town submitted a response to MassDOT today. States that the Selectmen feel that a working group of representatives from the Town is needed to keep reviewing the project as design moves forward. He suggests representatives from Wastewater, Waterworks, the DPW, and the Planning Board form a board and continue to review the project and work on the master list of issues from the Town.

**Motion:** *To establish a Beach Road Design Review Committee made up of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Administrator, the DPW director, a designated member of the Planning Board, and Paul Woller of the Water Department. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

**Motion:** *To request that Jane Varkonda or another designated member of the Conservation Commission, and Bill Venio from the MVC, or whoever the Executive Director of the MVC designates to serve, be appointed ex-officio members of the Beach Road Design Review Committee. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

#### DEPARTMENT HEADS AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

**Jonathan Snyder, Town Treasurer:** presents the Proposed Budget and Special Town Meeting calendar for Selectmen approval. States that he is asking all Town employees and Boards to start the Budget process sooner, and finish it sooner. The Selectmen request the Tax Classification schedule be added to the calendar. Budget Calendar is requested to be amended and brought to a subsequent meeting of the Selectmen.

**Shellfish Department, Danielle Ewart, Shellfish Constable:** proposes the scallop season opening dates as approved by the Shellfish Committee.

**Motion:** *To approve the scallop season dates as proposed by the Shellfish Constable. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

**No shellfish dragging in Tashmoo:** Subject is discussed briefly, consensus is to schedule the topic for public discussion on October 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Proposed aquaculture:** Shellfish constable presents information packet to the Selectmen and states that she has received a request for shellfish farming. She states that currently there are no Town regulations related to this, and that the Shellfish Advisory Committee is looking at that. Selectmen ask for some coordination between Shellfish and the Planning board, and topics discussed cover aquaculture, land-based access to the waterfront, and the idea is raised for the Selectmen and members of the Planning Board to tour some of the shellfish areas by water.

#### PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDAS:

Agendas for upcoming Selectmen's meetings are reviewed.

#### ADMINISTRATION:

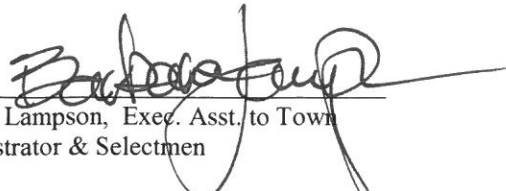
**Motion:** *To approve the appointment of William McGhee as a crossing guard. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

**Motion:** *To approve the minutes from the 13<sup>th</sup> of September. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

**Motion:** *To approve payroll warrants 091716 for \$ 125,937.61, 1114V for \$- 62.84, and 1114M for \$ 62.84. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

**Motion:** *To approve warrants payable 09/16/2016 for \$1,485.65, and 09/25/2016 for \$105,146.38. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

**Meeting adjourned at 7:28PM.**



Barbara Lampson, Exec. Asst. to Town  
Administrator & Selectmen



Melinda Loberg, Chair