

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

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

Tuesday, September 20, 2016

Tisbury Town Hall (Katharine Cornell Theatre) 5:30PM

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

Staff Present: Jay Grande, Town Administrator, Barbara Lampson, Executive Assistant; John Crocker, interim Harbormaster; Ray Tattersall, Public Works Director; Danielle Ewart, Shellfish Constable; Chief John Schilling, Fire Department

Others present: Angela Cywinsky, Chair, and Roy Cutrer, Board of Assessors;

Liz Argo and Jen Rand, CVEC; Richard Antre, Vineyard Power; James Lobdell, Chair, Harbor Management Committee; Gerry Hokanson, Michael Jampel, Eelgrass Committee; Cynthia Richard, candidate for Board of Assessors; Colleen McAndrews, Tisbury School Committee; other members of the public

Meeting called to order by Melinda Loberg at 5:34PM.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

Joint meeting with the Tisbury Planning Board: Jay Grande announces the meeting scheduled for Wednesday, September 21 at 5PM with the Planning Board at the Town Hall Annex, to discuss and formulate the Town's response to the 25% Beach Road design. He states the Selectmen may be discussing any joint CPC applications that the Selectmen may execute with the Planning Board, and the Complete Streets contract.

Upcoming Coast Guard Forum on changes to ATON (Aids to Navigation): Jay Grande announces that there will be an informational forum held on Thursday, September 22 at 5:30PM at Katherine Cornell Hall in Tisbury.

Joint Meeting with the Tisbury Conservation Commission: Jay Grande announces this joint meeting to be held at the Town Hall Annex on Tuesday, September 27 at 5:30PM.

Tisbury School MSBA project, Daedalus Contract: Melinda Loberg explains that these are standard contracts outlined by the MSBA for hiring the OPM (Owner's Project Manager). Colleen McAndrews gives an explanation of the process going forward, and states that the choices provided for in the whole MSBA project should conclude in the next year.

Motion: *To approve the OPM contract with Daedalus, and for the Selectmen to sign the contract. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

PRESENTATIONS:

CVEC presentation: Liz Argo of Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) presents and talks about the state of current projects like the capped Landfill solar field in Tisbury. She discusses application for a META grant that may help fund the roof of the EMS building in Tisbury. She asks Tisbury to commit to a fee "adder" (additional fee) of .5 cents per kilowatts produced, for a total fee of 1.5 cents per kilowatt hour produced, in order to help defray overhead costs at CVEC. Selectmen question that Barnstable has not yet signed on to the original agreement, question how long the Town will need to wait for the agreement to be complete, state that eventually Tisbury will have to start looking out for themselves. CVEC Liz Argo and Jen Rand explain that meetings are upcoming in Barnstable about this, and that CVEC has been putting out effort in this direction.

Motion: *To approve, starting in 2018, a phase one adder of \$.005 (.5 cents). Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

Further discussion: Fire Chief John Schilling addresses concerns about vegetation management and mowing at the solar array at the capped landfill. Jen Rand requests that Town write letter(s) from Board of Health & Fire Chief, etc. to CVEC outlining their concerns about vegetation that is being allowed to overgrow around the solar field, and is not being maintained per contract with the solar company.

Motion: *To ask the Town Administrator, Board of Health Agent, Fire Chief, Building Inspector and any other appropriate parties to write a letter or letters to CVEC outlining the maintenance/vegetation concerns as they relate to the landfill cap. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

DEPARTMENTAL AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Board of Assessors: Angela Cywinski, Chair, asks the Board of Selectmen to take up the appointment of Cynthia H. Richard to a vacant position on the Board of Assessors.

Motion: *To appoint Cynthia H. Richard to the Board of Assessors for the remainder of the current term; Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

Board of Assessors convenes and moves for simultaneous appointment of Cynthia H. Richard to Board of Assessors for remainder of current term: Angela Cywinski moves, Roy Cutrer seconds, motion passes unanimously, 2 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.

PRESENTATIONS, Continued:

Vineyard Power Cooperative: Richard Antre presents background information on Vineyard Power Cooperative, and their current offshore wind project. Shows map of lease location southeast of Nantucket. He states that survey work is starting and will be ongoing. Questions are answered about possibilities for local job creation and projected costs of power delivered. Melinda Loberg states that further questions can be directed to Vineyard Power directly.

DEPARTMENT AND COMMITTEE REPORTS

CPC applications: Jay Grande states that these are preliminary applications, that are due by September 30th, and that final applications are due by October 28th.

1. **Upgrades to Herring Run, Shellfish Department:** Danielle Ewart, Shellfish Constable, describes application she will be submitting for upgrades to fencing and security for the Town Herring run, which is shared with the Town of Oak Bluffs
2. **Repair of Herring Creek Road, Public Works Department:** Public Works Director, Ray Tattersall, states his intent to submit a preliminary application for the repair of Herring Creek Road, using recycled asphalt as the material. Melinda Loberg questions whether the asphalt material is suitable for use in the shore zone and will need to be approved by the Conservation Commission. Concerns are raised about historic character and quality of the islands' dirt roads, and the possibility of increased speed if the road surface is upgraded. Tristan Israel asks if this is a Town-owned road. Melinda Loberg cites MVC's stated goal of maintaining the islands rural dirt roads as-is, as an integral part of the character and history of the Vineyard. Jay Grande states the need to reach out to other towns as resource to find out what they are doing to maintain their highly travelled dirt roads.
3. **Repairs and upgrades to Dog Park, Public Works Department:** Ray Tattersall describes the application, which would be for building a fenced-in area at the dog park for dogs to run off-leash, and installing some lighting. Tristan Israel requests also that Public Works clean up debris in the area such as old fencing, metal debris, tires, etc.
4. **Upgrades to Veterans Memorial Park, Public Works Department:** Ray Tattersall cites need for LED lighting, upgrade softball infield fill material, Cost is cited at \$45,000.
5. **Owen Park:** (Planning Board, submitted by Ray Tattersall) this application will be for upgrades to the entrance and handicap accessibility for Owen Park
6. **Firehouse Parking Lot, and Pocket Park:** this is to be discussed at upcoming Planning Board meeting.
7. **Lake Street bathrooms:** To reconstruct the Lake Street bathrooms. Facilities Manager Kirk Metell describes, cites need for new bathrooms, possibly using some kind of prefabricated structure that gets dropped or built on the site.
8. **Katherine Cornell Theatre lighting:** Bids for this project, approved for CPC funding last year, came in higher so additional funds are being requested. Tristan Israel cites possible need for training for people to use the systems for the lighting and sound upgrades. Tristan Israel asks for information on how often Town Hall is used as a theatrical venue, with regards to other theatre venues in Town.
9. **Town Tennis Courts:** Ray Tattersall states need to rebuild the tennis courts, and that cost for complete re-build may be as much as \$150,000. For resurfacing existing courts, costs may be less.
10. **Town Hall Steeple:** Kirk Metell describes need for re-building of the steeple structure, which is failing. Describes meeting with engineer John Lolley to review structure.

Interim Harbormaster's Report: John Crocker recaps summer activity on the harborfront. He describes partnership with TWI for part-time asst. in the Harbor Department for Tashmoo, and describes the 3-day anchoring limit, the new conservation mooring balls that were offered by the Town this year in the eelgrass areas. He also states need for the Town to rebuild Harbor front infrastructure, such as the Owen Park dock. Harbor Management

Committee Chair Jim Lobdell states need for the Town to spend more money to build a 50-year dock, not to repair existing docks with sub-standard material. Mr. Lobdell states concerns about boats tying up to Town docks that have rotted piers. John Crocker states that Lake Street bulkhead is failing and needs to be re-built.

Dredging: John Crocker states that the entrance to Tashmoo needs to be dredged, but dredging permits have expired and need to be renewed. Crocker states that the process has started, but sampling needs to be done, etc. Tristan Israel states need for Town to get these sorts of things on a calendar for regular review. Lynne Fraker says that the permitting should not take too long.

Note: there is further discussion of whether more moorings would be a good source of additional revenue for the Town, or increased mooring fees. Topic to be re-visited at a later meeting.

Public Works Department, Ray Tattersall: he states need on Causeway Road for better markings, lighting, and accommodations for the shared usage of road by vehicles, pedestrians, and the bike path. He also gives overview of proposed fee changes at the LDO for leaves, brush, etc, for both homeowners and commercial drop-off. Says new guidelines and fees will be decided on at the meeting on the 24th.

Eelgrass Committee: Melinda Loberg asks Eelgrass Committee to go over their top recommendations for conserving and promoting the growth of Eelgrass going forward. Michael Jampel reviews with Selectmen where principal areas of eelgrass growth in Tashmoo are using aerial photographs. There is discussion of various no-anchoring zones. Committee states need to protect Drew's Cove, and that "1 acre of eelgrass is equal to 40 acres of forest in carbon dioxide reduction". States that Coast Guard lists eelgrass areas as one of the worst anchoring locations. Jim Lobdell, chair of the Harbor Management Committee, suggests that the Town designate anchoring areas, rather than no-anchoring areas.

Motion: *That the Board of Selectmen recognize the benefits of eelgrass and move to establish a no-anchoring zone in Drew's Cove. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

Motion: *That the Board of Selectmen, in conjunction with the Harbor Management Committee develop a plan for replacing the current moorings with conservation moorings, the cost, and a timeline for replacing them. Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

Motion: *for the Board of Selectmen to ask the Harbor Management Committee, Harbormaster and members of the Eelgrass Committee to come up with suggested areas for anchoring zones in Lake Tashmoo, using the Morris maps as a starting point to identify the eelgrass areas, and to report back to the Board of Selectmen at the meeting on November 1st. Motion needs clarification and reaffirmation of vote at a subsequent meeting.*

Further discussion, Eelgrass Committee members ask for the Selectmen to consider a no-anchoring zone in the Lagoon in the last area where eelgrass was documented in the Lagoon and to use the Morris maps to delineate that area. Melinda Loberg asks for a more concrete recommendation to be made when the Harbor Management Committee come back with their recommendations on anchoring zones at the November 1 meeting. Tristan Israel recommends an announcement be made regarding the no-anchoring zone in Drew's Cove.

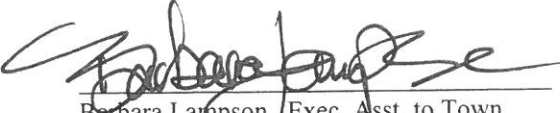
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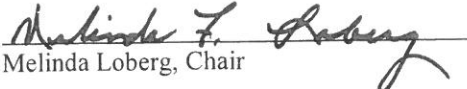
Motion: *to accept the minutes of March 22: Tristan Israel moves, Larry Gomez seconds, motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.* Recommendation is made to approve minutes of 9/14 /16 at next meeting of the Selectmen, on September 27th.

Motion: *to approve Warrant Payable for \$166,762.59 Motion passes unanimously: 3 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions.*

Meeting adjourned at 9:04PM.

Respectfully Submitted:


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


Melinda Loberg, Chair