

**The Tisbury Board of Selectmen Met in Regular Session on  
Tuesday, March 22, 2016 in Tisbury Town Hall, Tisbury, MA.**

**Present:** Tristan Israel-Chairman, Melinda Loberg, Larry Gomez,  
Town Administrator John W. Grande, Town Clerk Hillary Conklin  
Assistant to Town Administrator Jessica Burgoyne,  
Boys & Girls Club - Peter Lambos , and other members of the public

Call to Order: Chairman Tristan Israel called the Tisbury Board of Selectmen (BOS) meeting to order at 4:00PM.

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

**Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club – Ride the Vineyard Annual Bike Multiple  
Sclerosis (MS) Event – April 30, 2016**

This was a long-standing annual fundraiser benefiting the MS (Multiple Sclerosis) Foundation (MV goal \$430,000—national goal \$18,000,000) and the MV Boys & Girls Club (\$27,500). It brought about 700 people to the Island for pleasure rides from the 20 mile circuit around Edgartown to the 60 mile tour encompassing the Island. The Fire and Police Chiefs have signed the authorization.

• Motion: *To sign authorization for the Martha's Vineyard Boys & Girls Club – Ride the Vineyard Annual MS Bike Ride; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

**DISCUSSION SESSION**

**Ballot Questions – Any Discussion**

- The petition to amend the beer and wine special act could not take place until the State Legislature acts on the amendment after Town Meeting vote—if approved. Therefore a ballot question cannot be initiated at this time (see below).
- The three ballot questions were noted: Tisbury School, Beach Road Utilities, and a \$350,000 General Override.

**Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Warrant – Vote to Approve & Sign Subject to Town  
Counsel Review & Comments**

**Special Town Meeting (STM) Warrant – Vote to Approve & Sign Subject to Town  
Counsel Review & Comments**

There were some legal issues with the petitioned article to expand beer and wine sales. The petition requested a Special Town Meeting Article (requiring 100 signatures) however the Article was intended for Annual Town Meeting (requiring 22 signatures). Town Counsel advised that the error could be technically rectified. The Selectmen considered the issue to be for Town decision and were willing to rectify the matter on advice of Town Counsel.

• Motion: *To approve the petition and warrant article for Annual Town Meeting if the petitioners submit the corrected petition by 4:00PM, Friday March 25, 2016; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

• Motion: To amend the Article to request the Massachusetts Legislature if so approved to require a Town ballot vote; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

- The undergrounding of Beach Road utilities would remain on the ballot to generate discussion.
- The Wastewater Committee reorganization has been drafted.
- The Selectmen and Town Administrator are strongly in favor of an article submission form requiring department heads to describe articles in detail and give justification of the request; allowing the articles to be accurately and more easily worded and sorted. It was also recommended that the Finance Committee be stricter on approving late-filed articles.

• Motion: To approve and to sign the Annual and Special Town Meeting Warrant pending minor edits by Town Administrator, Town Accountant and Town Counsel; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER REPORTS**

### **Rotary Club: 1) Request Rotary Sign on Water Street; 2) Antique Water Fountain Repair Proposal**

- The proposal to restore the small antique fountain between the Santander Bank and the Leslie's building will depend on whether the fountain is connected to Town water. It might also be part of the Owen Park restoration project.
- The Rotary Club is interested in a sign on Water St. stating the Rotary Club meets on the First Wednesday of the Month at 12:00N. However this raises a number of issues,
  - setting precedent for signage;
  - how the Town presents itself to visitors off the ferries;
  - planned wayfaring signage and Committee plans;
  - signage/free speech law issues.

The Board of Selectmen agreed to:

- wait for a Rotary Club representative to present the requests;
- inform the Club that the Selectmen would contact them after submitting the request to the appropriate Town committees;
- contact the Visioning Council, the Beautification Committee, and the Cultural Council concerning a Town sign master plan.

## **REVIEW OF PROSPECTIVE AGENDA - None**

## **PUBLIC COMMENT - None**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

### **Board of Selectmen Signing of Cemetery Deeds**

Selectmen asked if this standard authorization can be delegated to the DPW Advisory Board.

Motion: to sign the cemetery deeds; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

### **Approval of Treasury Warrants**

#### **Payroll Warrant - Tabled**

**Bills Payable Warrant March 15, 2016** **\$262,798.29**

• Motion: To approve the Bills Payable Warrant #03-15-16 for \$262,798.29; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

## **Merit Reviews**

**Scott Norbury, Water Technician II/Equipment Operator–Tisbury Water Department (Promotion)**

**James Cleary, Water Technician I/Equipment Operator – Tisbury Water Department (Promotion)**

- Motion: *To approve; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Vote to go into Executive Session to Discuss Strategy with Respect to Non-Union Personnel, Collective Bargaining and Strategy with Regard to Contract Negotiations and To Reconvene in Open Session.**

- Motion: *To enter executive session to reconvene in open session under MGL Ch. 30A § 21 (a) (2) for the purpose of contract discuss strategy with respect to non-union personnel, collective bargaining and strategy with regard to contract negotiations and to reconvene in open session if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining position of the public body; motion passed unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions: Ms. Loberg—aye, Mr. Israel—aye, Mr. Gomez—aye.*

- Motion: *To reconvene in open session: unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions: Ms. Loberg—aye, Mr. Israel—aye, Mr. Gomez—aye.*

## **DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER REPORTS**

**Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) - Dukes County Hazard Mitigation Plan Presentation – Jo-Ann Taylor**

Ms. Taylor was at a conflicting appointment. She presented the Plan at the All Island Selectmen meeting and all Selectmen received copies. The adoption of the Plan was a State and Federal grant requirement.

### **Dukes County Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution Adoption**

Whereas the Town of Tisbury established a committee to prepare the hazard mitigation plan; whereas the Town of Tisbury participated in the development of the Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015 and whereas the Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015 contains several potential future projects to mitigate potential impacts from natural hazards in the Town of Tisbury and whereas a duly noticed public hearing was held by the Board of Selectmen on March 22, 2016 for the public and municipality to review (as currently being held and as noted on the agenda with due diligence) prior to consideration of this resolution and whereas the Town authorizes responsible departments and/or agencies to execute the responsibilities demonstrated in the Plan and now therefore be it resolved that the Town of Tisbury Board of Selectmen formally approves and adopts the Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015 in accordance with MGL C40.

- Motion: *To approve and adopt the Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update 2015: unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

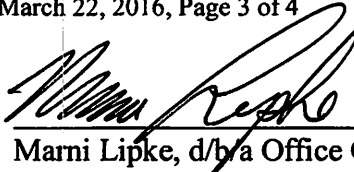
- Motion: *To adjourn: unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

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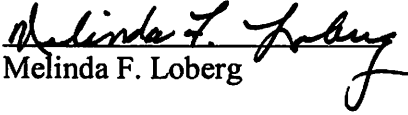
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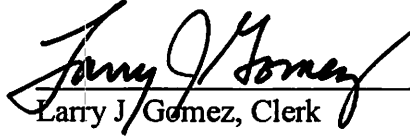
Tristan R. Israel, Chairman



Marni Lipke, d/b/a Office On Call



Melinda F. Loberg



Larry J. Gomez, Clerk