

**The Tisbury Board of Selectmen Met in Regular Session on
Tuesday, January 5, 2016 in Tisbury Town Hall, Tisbury, MA.**

Present: Tristan Israel-Chairman, Melinda Loberg, Larry Gomez,
Town Administrator John W. Grande, Assistant to Town Administrator Aase Jones,
Fire Chief John Shilling, Building Inspector Ken Barwick, Renewable Energy Com.
Chair William Straw,
John Packer, Matt Hobart, and other members of the public

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining and contract negotiations, to reconvene in Open Session.

- Motion: *To enter executive session to reconvene in open session under MGL Ch. 30A § 21 (a) (3) for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining negotiations 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.*

Reconvene in Open Session:

Chairman Tristan Israel wished everyone Happy New Year.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Execution of Massachusetts Cultural Council \$5,000 Grant Award for Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District (See 12/22/15 Minutes p. 1.)

This \$5,000 grant and matching Embarkation \$5,000 would be expended on wayfaring signs directing the public from the ferry pier to Main St. Town. Signage was discussed.

- Motion: *To execute and sign the Massachusetts Cultural Council \$5,000 Grant: unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

Beach Street

After years of persistence a final small connection will complete the relocation of the Beach St. utility poles between Main St. and Five Corners. The move involved many entities and local resources including: Tisbury, Verizon, Massachusetts Dept. of Transportation (MassDOT), Eversource, Comcast and their subcontractors. The Selectmen noted that with the exception of a small design budget, the cost was born by the utilities and proposed a thank you letter.

- In addition, as previously promised, the Eversource representative, Town Administrator Jay Grande, the Deputy Dept. of Public Works (DPW) Director and Cheryl Dobel visited the sites along Vineyard Haven/Edgartown Rd. where the new poles were installed to consider plantings, and natural screenings. Eversource will submit the plan to the Selectmen when it's completed and the Selectmen suggested inviting Ms. Dobel to attend.

DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER REPORTS

Adult Community Education (ACE) – Sam Hart, Executive Director re: Support for ACE Funding Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Article

ACE Executive Director Sam Hart can be asked to present to the Selectmen in time to pull the Article if so decided.

- Motion: *To approve an Annual Town Meeting Warrant placeholder Article for Adult Community Education Martha's Vineyard; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

Building and Zoning Inspector Ken Barwick & Fire Chief John Schilling re: Black Dog Tavern Compliance (See 12/22/15 Minutes p. 6-7.)

Mr. Barwick and Chief Schilling completed another inspection and discussion with the Black Dog. Installation will start this month and they concurred that the licenses could be renewed. Companies are paying attention to Town actions and renewal scheduling has improved. Thanks went to Black Dog for their compliance. Chief Schilling thanked the Selectmen for their support.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Beer and Wine Annual Renewal License Applications

Black Dog Tavern Co., Inc. d/b/a Black Dog Tavern, 20 Beach St. Ext.; Jill Gillick, Manager

Black Dog Tavern Co., Inc. d/b/a Black Dog Bakery/Cafe, 509 State Road, Kathleen Kilery, Manager

Common Victualler's License Renewal Applications

Black Dog Tavern Co., Inc. d/b/a Black Dog Tavern, 20 Beach St. Ext.; R. Douglas, President

Black Dog Tavern Co., Inc. d/b/a Black Dog Bakery/Cafe, 509 State Road, R. Douglas, President

- Motion: *To approve the common victuallers license of Black Dog Tavern Beach Road Extension and the closure of the Black Dog Tavern at 20 Beach St. Ext. January 24-30, 2016 and the Black Dog Bakery/Cafe, 509 State Road February 1-7, 2016; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*
- Motion: *To approve the beer and wine licenses of Black Dog Tavern Beach Road Extension and the closure of the Black Dog Tavern at 20 Beach St. Ext. January 24-30, 2016 and the Black Dog Bakery/Cafe, 509 State Road February 1-7, 2016; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

DISCUSSION SESSION

ATM Articles for Submission to Town Clerk by January 12, 2016

- Mullin Rule – The adoption of this law required Town Meeting approval. Mr. Israel strongly objected to the provision allowing someone to participate in a meeting without being present to face the participants and public. If the Planning Board wants to pursue the matter the Selectmen will discuss it further.

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- Conservation Mooring – This was an ongoing expenditure. The issues were: the amount requested and funding source. Before taking a definitive stand, Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Water Resource Manager Sheri Caseau will be asked for a presentation on the subject.

• Sewer Board – There are currently a number of oversight mechanisms in place:

- the proposed committee on wastewater functioning,
- the Sewer Review Board allocating flows as needed,
- Dept. of Public Works (DPW) Commissioners as Sewer Commissioners.

To avoid confusion, the Selectmen directed the Town Administrator to merge all the entities and establish one clear oversight Board.

• Capital Appropriation for Structural Engineer for Town Hall Roof and Steeple – A temporary roof repair had not lasted. A crane and specialty engineer should be hired to analyze the complexities of the roof/steeple structure. Lighting fixtures should also be examined.

• Soccer Field – Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Funding – This project has been in process for sometime. Noting the proximity of the DPW facility and Sewage Plant the Selectmen requested better defined plans including parking.

• Lake Street Walkway – This placeholder would cover gap funding in case of insufficient grant awards for a boarded track through a sensitive conservation resource area from the Tennis Courts to the Landing area. It was being planned by the Fishing Access Committee to keep pedestrians off the narrow road.

• Building Maintenance Stabilization Fund – The Selectmen support Mr. George Balco's idea to create the Fund. A second article would fund it at \$100,000.

• Tennis Court Rehabilitation – The Town Administrator hopes the annual maintenance line will cover the expense and an article will not be needed.

• Compensation and Classification Plan – As an important matter this will be on the Annual rather than the Special Town Meeting Warrant. It's a complex process including approval of the Personnel Board, review by the Finance Director, and notice to all department heads and collective bargaining units. The undefined Natural Resource Officer position was also an issue.

• Motion: *To take no action at the January 2016 Special Town Meeting with the goal of completion and inclusion in the Annual Town Meeting Warrant; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

• Union Street at Beach Road Utilities Relocation – Eversource is ready and able to move but needs Verizon and Comcast involvement to initiate process. An agreement is required to enter into an engineering application to Verizon and Comcast to develop a plan and design for undergrounding utilities. The appropriation amount will be researched. Undergrounding Main Street utilities is much more complex and expensive and the process should include fiber-optics.

• Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group (MVSG) – is renewing the lease easement for its Hatchery. The Group had applied to the CPC for funding to repair the Weaver Lane stairs.

• Dept. of Marine and Conservation – is part of the Natural Resource position reorganization.

• Waste Water Enterprise Fund – relates to capital issues that the DPW Director might propose.

• Solid Waste Transfer – is a standard article concerning a number of competitive bid contracts that need to be renewed.

• Zoning, Waterways, Personnel Bylaws – These might include:

- houseboat/non-traditional floating workshops regulations;
- internal changes (not needing Town Meeting approval);
- hunting on Landbank properties, etc.

• Motion: *To approve the above listed rough draft 2016 Annual Town Meeting Articles; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

**Cape and Vineyard Energy Project (CVEC) Sponsored Carport Solar Initiative
Proposal – William Straw**

The initiative requires areas of 50 parking spaces with vendor(s) establishing a lease payment of at least \$10 per month per space (\$6,000/yr.). A Selectmen letter of intent would be followed by solar array bids. The Selectmen discussed:

- possible locations (Old Fire Station parking, soccer field parking, etc.)
- Solar Renewable Energy Credits (SRECs)
- other local vendor bids (Vineyard Power, South Mountain, etc.)
- capital cost and maintenance responsibility;
- community reaction to an industrial look.

Mr. Grande and Mr. Straw will explore further vendor proposals.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN (BOS) APPOINTMENT

Interview Candidates for Harbor Management Committee Vacancy: (1) John M. Packer, (2) Matthew R. Hobart

- Mr. Packer talked about the Harbor as an integral part of his trade, the importance of the waterways, commercial representation and his sporadic attendance at meetings.
- He will have to recuse himself and leave the meeting when any matter directly involving his business is discussed.
- Mr. Hobart never attended a meeting but was interested in getting involved in Town service. As an employee of Gannon & Benjamin he was on the water almost everyday, in addition to being a recreational boater on all the Tisbury Waterways.
- The Selectmen prefaced their vote by citing:
 - a possible Committee upheaval pending the creation of the Natural Resource Dept.;
 - Mr. Packer longtime quest for appointment;
 - availability of another vacancy shortly;
 - gratitude to citizens (especially younger generation) who were stepping forward;
 - encouragement to attend meetings and re-apply.
- Motion: To appoint Mr. John Packer to the Harbor Management Committee until June 30, 2016; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- Motion: To authorize administration to define and plan the role of a Harbor Management Committee Alternate; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.
- Mr. Packer must be sworn in and is strongly advised to contact the Massachusetts Ethics Commission regarding conflict of interest regulations.

OLD BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS - None

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

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President**

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Douglas, President**

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Approval of Treasury Warrants

Payroll Warrant #1-4-2016

\$298,799.56

- Motion: To approve the Payroll Warrant #01-04-16 for \$298,799.56; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Bills Payable Warrant #12-24-2015

\$1,107,990.25

- Motion: To approve the Bills Payable Warrant #12-24-15 for \$1,107,990.25; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Bills Payable Warrant #12-30-2015

\$818,421.43

- Motion: To approve the Bills Payable Warrant #12-30-15 for \$818,421.43; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Bills Payable Refund #12-30-5R

\$32.15

- Motion: To approve the Bills Payable Refund #12-30-15R for \$32.15; unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Approval of Minutes

September 22, 2015 – Executive Session– Tabled

November 3, 2015 – Executive Session – Tabled

December 8, 2015 – Regular Session – Tabled

***October 20, 2015 – Regular Session – Tabled**

***October 20, 2015 – Executive Session – Tabled**

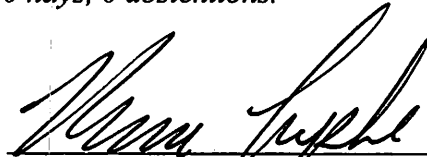
• The public is urged to attend Special Town Meeting - 7:00PM Tuesday, January 12, 2016 - Tisbury School Gym

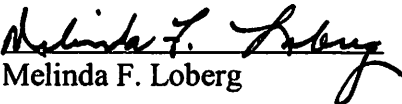
• Next Regular BOS Meeting – Tuesday, January 19, 2016 - 5:30PM - Tisbury Town Hall

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

Respectfully Submitted,


Tristan R. Israel, Chairman


Marni Lipke, d/b/a Office On Call


Melinda F. Loberg


Larry J. Gomez, Clerk