

## **TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN – TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE JOINT MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

**Tisbury Town Hall, Katherine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven**

Melinda F. Loberg; James Rogers; Jeff Kristal

**Members Present:** Melinda F. Loberg, James Rogers, Jeff Kristal

**Tisbury School Committee Members Present:** Amy Houghton, Michael Watts, Janet Packer

**Others Present:** John Grande-Town Administrator, Alexandra Kral, Matt D’Andrea, John Custer

Member Loberg called meeting to order at 5:04PM.

Member Houghton called Tisbury School Committee Meeting to order at 5:04 PM.

### **DISCUSSION SESSION**

#### Tisbury School Maintenance

Amy Houghton stated that purpose of this meeting is to share available information and review extend of possible financial commitment needed to secure the school.

Matt D’Andrea informed Board members that the testing will done next week. Health and safety of the staff and students is the #1 priority of Superintendent’s Office. From the results of the testing the further plan will be developed.

Member Loberg inquired on which tests and where are those testing going to take place?

John Custer, School Principal clarified that asbestos and lead testing will take place per the recommendation of the department of the public health. Mr. Custer was unsure about specific locations for testing however, he added that all available prior reports will be provided to the contractor hired to do the testing. This will be a comprehensive set of tests. Mary Ellen Robinson asked if Board Members and School Officials have any plan to test for air quality or mold.

John Custer stated that there are no such plans at the moment and pointed out that those are difficult test to interpret due to the lack of the set standards for the mold presence. Questions from the public raised concerns of why classrooms have not been looked at and remediated by now citing prior reports that stated that lead paint and asbestos were present in the school. Why information was presented to the public so late?

Michael Watts pointed out that asbestos and lead if intact does not pose any danger to the health and safety of the students.

Janet Packer stated that this is an inherited problem, and everything was done to extend it was needed to come up with a plan that unfortunately did not work put.

Member Rogers stated that he understands the concerns that people are raising he asked that Boards and publics focus their attention on the future of the project

Nevette Previd inquired on what guidelines used to determine if School environment is healthy or not healthy.

Maura Valley stated if asbestos and lead is not intact it has to be remediated

Connie Alexander urged Board to test water for lead presence.

John Custer stated said testing was performed 2 years ago with clean results.

Sarah York inquired on what emergency plan School has in place?

John Custer stated plan will depend on the results of the test and the amount of affected areas that might need remediation.

Mike Watts stated that meanwhile Tisbury School Building Committee is progressing in procuring services of an OPM and moving forward with developing renovation addition project for the school.

Comment from the public raised a question if anyone can safely be in the building , which was confirmed by school representatives.

Board of Selectmen Members asked to list Tisbury School Update on the agenda for August 13<sup>th</sup> in case completed report will be made available by then.

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Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

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Date

Minutes approved by the Tisbury School Committee 11/12/19