

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, September 18, at 4:45 PM

Tisbury Town Hall, Katherine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven, MA
Melinda F. Loberg; Tristan R. Israel; James Rogers

Members Present: Melinda Loberg, Tristan Israel, James Rogers

Others Present: John Grande- Town Administrator, Alexandra Kral, Ben Robinson, Jon Snyder, Mark Saloio, John Schilling

4:45 PM: PUBLIC REQUESTS SESSION

Island Elderly Housing: Hillside Village Drainage Issue, 421 Edgartown – Vineyard Haven Rd.

Simon DeSorcy and Greg Monka reported to the Board on the multiple drainage issues around Hillside Village residences. IEH residents were present at the meeting. Among many concerns raised were bad smell, flooding caused by the back at up drainage systems, increase rodent population. Residents urged Board members to address the issues nearest to the building as soon as possible.

One of the residents stated that traffic speed around the area and poor crosswalk visibility had been creating difficulties for Elderly population to access the VTA stop. Member Israel suggested that possible traffic calming remedies be discussed as a separate issue directly with Town's employees and encouraged Mr. Monka to reach out directly to the Town Administrator regarding traffic concern. Greg Monka, maintenance director for IEH asked that responsibility over the drainage system be clearly established. IEH is composed of 44 apartments not working drainage system pose serious health issue.

Town Administrator engaged Environmental Partners and DPW Director to work on the solution for the area. Visited the site. The system was installed in 80s and not properly maintained: overgrowth and standing water are among immediate concerns.

Ray Tattersall asked for Town consultant's advice on the best option to address the situation immediately while seeking solution for a bigger problem along Edgartown -Vineyard Haven Road. Mr. Tattersall also met with DPW Advisory Board on this topic. ATM warrant article may be needed in order to fully address the matter. Board of Health agent to advise on the temporary solution to secure the area and prevent any immediate health concerns.

Board members shared the concerns of the IEH residents regarding poor condition of the drainage system on site. Meanwhile, implement all short-term solutions if there are funds available. Member Loberg requested that Board be presented with solution options and proposed funding sources for said solutions.

Deborah Packer - Beach Road Improvement Plan: Impact on Tax Parcel # 10-B-1 and 10-B-2, 100% Plan Section 5- Stations 31 to 37

Deborah Packer spoke against eminent domain takings along the stated above parcel on the Beach Road and urged Board members to vote to send a letter requesting to revert the project to the symmetrical design.

Member Loberg spoke to the state representatives regarding the project and the road classification. We are working on changing the states opinion on the matter however, at this moment permitting agencies will not allow for a sidewalk on the Beach side of the road. Symmetrical plan will not be feasible because of that.

Member Rogers stated he is not ready to make any decisions and would like to review the plan in detail.

Frank Brunelle – Best Suggestion for Improving Beach Road

HEARINGS

5:00 PM: Fitness for Duty / Show Cause Termination Hearing

Tabled to 5:35PM

5:30 PM: Public Hearing to review and consider NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition to replace 1 35' JO Pole labeled 4/7 with 40' JO Pole on Franklin street to accommodate and provide electric service for customers at 56 Franklin Street.

5:35PM: Fitness for Duty / Show Cause Termination Hearing

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30 A, Sec. 21(a), 1. To discuss the reputation, character, physical condition or mental health, rather than professional competence, of an individual, or to discuss the discipline or dismissal of, or complaints or charges brought against, a public officer, employee, staff member or individual.

To reconvene in Open Session

Rollcall Vote: James Rogers – Aye

Tristan Israel – Aye

Melinda Loberg – Aye

Executive Session Minutes.

6:08 PM Reconvened in Open Session

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Herbicide Legislation Update

The certified copy of the Herbicide petition was sent out to the appropriate officials.

MVP Grant update

Cheryl Doble, Town Administrator are working with Horsley and Witten Group to prepare for the Municipal Vulnerability Planning Workshop. Alexandra Kral informed Board's members that the workshop is scheduled for October 17th. It will be a full day workshop with a two-hour break for lunch. During the conference call with core team members yesterday all stakeholders have been finalized and will be contacted and sent an invitation to the workshop. Cheryl Doble stated that a goal of the workshop is to provide town with recommendation for an action plan. Once recommendations are made the Town will be eligible for additional grant funding opportunities. Public listening session will be held to present the outcome of the workshop to the general public.

DRI 677 Verizon Tower Height Extension

Ben Robinson, representative to the MVC provided a brief background of the project and informed Board Members of the public hearing scheduled for Thursday, September 20 at 7PM to review and consider proposed DRI.

Donation, Monetary-Koehler

Harbormaster explained the proposed donation from Richard Koehler to repair one of the Town moorings to be able to utilize said mooring for shoulder season. Town Administrator spoke with Town Council regarding legalities of such donation. No concerns were raised per Town Council with proposed donation. After the mooring restored and the season is over, the mooring will be vacated and returned to the Town. There is no waiting list for shoulder and winter seasons. Harbormaster wanted to ensure Town Council draft the agreement if the donation is accepted. Member Loberg was concerned with the proposed donation. Member Rogers was comfortable proceeding forward and allowing for a donation to be made as long as the Town Council confirmed that such donation is allowable.

Member Rogers motioned to accept the offer and individual submits the letter outlining the offer. No second. No action.

APPOINTMENTS

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Negotiation Committee: John W. Grande

Member Loberg motioned to appoint John W. Grande to MVRHS Negotiation Committee.

Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Tree Warden: Ray Tattersall

Member Loberg motioned to appoint Ray Tattersall as a Tree Warden. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Crossing Guard: Cheryl Pinkham

Member Loberg motioned to appoint Cheryl Pinkham as a Crossing Guard. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Department of Public Works Monthly Report

- Dog Park Committee to meet this week
- OSHA training completed
- Construction Contract Out: Snow & Ice, Brine System, Tree Services contract.

Traffic Roadway Safety Committee Recommendations:

1. Proposed four way stop sign at North William and Fairfield Streets Intersection
To remedy speeding concern at the area.
Member Loberg motioned to approve proposed four way stop sign at North William and Fairfield Street Intersection. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.
2. Removal of the parking spot from Spring and Franklin Streets Intersection
Proposal is a part of an effort to better visibility at the intersection of Spring and Franklin street.
Member Loberg motioned to approve removal of the parking spot from Spring and Franklin streets. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Facilities Department Monthly Report

- Spring Building Committee discussed possibility of raising fees. No justification for fee increase was found.
- Assisted Library with the request for qualification process. The finalist will be reviewed by the Library Building Committee.
- Steeple will be takedown and stored at the DPW property. New steeple will be designed.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Town's 350 Year Anniversary

Jeff Kristal informed Board Members that Town's 350 anniversary is coming up in 2021, the Town should start planning to be able to secure funds and possibly acquire services of the professional event planner to help coordinate the efforts.

PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

DPW: Employment Extension Request for Seasonal Employees

Ray Tattersall asked for Board's approval to extent employment for two seasonal DPW employees for two months.

Member Loberg motioned to approve employment extension request. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Budget Transfer Request: Building & Zoning Department; Harbor Department

Harbormaster requested a budget transfer in the amount of \$8000 to replace failed conservation moorings. Further the article will be submitted for the annual town meeting to transfer additional funds for mooring conversion and maintenance from the Waterways Fund.

Postponed until October 9th meeting.

Building & Zoning – \$55,000 total request. \$32,000 to hire a local inspector at a contractual basis. Current building and zoning inspector is on leave at the moment. Article to be submitted to fund full time position established at the previous special town meeting. \$23,000 to cover possible additional work performed by the consulting company.

Member Loberg motioned to approve reserve fund transfer up to \$32,000. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

MV Museum License Agreement for Lagoon Pond Bridge Walkway

Phil Wallis, Martha's Vineyard Museum director presented proposed agreement for Lagoon Pond bridge walkway. The walkway construction was a part of the MVC conditions for MV Museum Project. The walkway is located on public property and the ownership and maintenance will be assumed by the Town after construction is completed.

Town Administrator raised concern of the guardrail not being the part of the project. Mr. Wallace agreed to amend project scope to include the guardrail.

Member Loberg motioned to endorse the agreement. Member Israel seconded the motion. Member Rogers suggested an amendment to the motion to endorse agreement pending the satisfactory review of the final engineering plan by the Board. Member Israel seconded the amended motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Cemetery Deed Lot 50, 52 A

Member Loberg motioned to approve Cemetery Deeds as stated above Member Rogers seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

Payroll	#08/23/18	\$131,640.41
Payroll	#08/16/18	\$268,426.72
Payroll	#08/30/18	\$267,837.05
Payroll	#09/06/18	\$129,128.10
Payroll	#09/13/18	\$325,765.04

Member Loberg motioned to approve the Payroll as stated above Member Rogers seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

Bills Payable	#08/07/18	\$283,998.46
Bills Payable	#08/14/18	\$513,282.33
Bills Payable	#08/21/18	\$246,863.91
Bills Payable	#08/28/18	\$835,177.14
Bills Payable	#09/04/18	\$361,094.95
Bills Payable	#09/11/18	\$331,839.29
Bills Payable	#08/31/8R	\$10,493.37
Bills Payable	#07/27/8R	\$3,438.77

Member Loberg motioned to approve the Bills Payable as stated above. Member Rogers seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

Time reserved for the topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to go into executive session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30 A, Sec. 21(a), 2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with Police non-union personnel.

Not to reconvene in Open Session

Rollcall Vote: James Rogers – Aye
Tristan Israel – Aye
Melinda Loberg – Aye

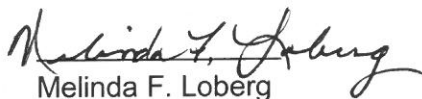
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The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Alexandra Kral



Tristan R. Israel
Chairmen



Melinda F. Loberg
Vice Chairmen



James J. Rogers
Clerk