

## **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 be 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 out.

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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### APPOINTMENTS

Local Building Inspector: Ross Seavey

Town Administrator informed Board Members that current building inspector is retiring. His last work day is Thursday. Introduced Ross Seavey who is scheduled to start tomorrow as a local building inspector. Mr. Seavey gave a brief overview of his professional background.

***Member Rogers motioned to appoint Ross Seavey as a local building inspector. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

Emergency Director: John Crocker, John Schilling, Mark Saloio

Assistant Emergency Director: John Crocker, John Schilling, Mark Saloio

Member Kristal was not in favor in appointing stated above individuals to those positions due to extensive workload they have currently. Larger discussion is needed. Town Administrator recommended to continue with John Crocker as an acting emergency director and continue discussion for future meeting.

***Member Rogers motioned to continue discussion on emergency director and assistant emergency director to a future meeting. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

### DISCUSSION SESSION

Field Fund Inc. RE: Veteran's Park Maintenance

Dardy Slavin (Field Fund Co-Founder) and Clark Myers (Field Fund Project Manager) were present at the meeting. Also, I recall that they made some statements. Is there anything in the tape worth saying?

Beach Road Weekend: After Event Review

Was there any discussion under this topic to report? Largely positive is my recollection.

LDO Brush

Kirk Metell informed Board Members that currently the LDO is still taking brush, pricing was set years ago in 2009 \$25.00 for a truck load. As of July 1<sup>st</sup> of this year LDO does not longer except commercial vehicle loads ( no way to prove that this debris came from the Town of Tisbury). DPW has no way to process this waste, it gets disposed of at John Keene Excavation and that comes at a hefty cost. The hearing on the new LDO pricing was not completed and Mr. Metell expressed that he does not feel that increasing current pricing at this time will be productive, as DPW currently implementing a cashless LDO and composting and adding a rate change will further confuse staff and the public.

Member Rogers asked if there are any creative ways to process brush and turn expenses into a profit by possibly selling wood chips. Mr. Metell stated that he would need a further look into and account for all expenses that might be connected to the process of processing and disposing of received brush.

Discussion continued to a future meeting.

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

- Lynne Fraker asked Board Members to recognize David Willis for voluntarily cleaning Tashmoo area on a regular basis.
- Nancy Weaver asked to be placed on agenda to give a report from land bank.
- Mark Alexander raised several concerns regarding project that IHT proposes on Daggett Avenue that is scheduled for Planning Boards review on August 21<sup>st</sup>.

Member Kristal suggested to re-look at the bylaw that authorized multifamily projects to be developed in Tisbury.

Member Rogers suggested that ethics commission needs to be contacted if there is any possible conflict of interests involved.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to MGL 30A, 21(a) 4. To discuss the deployment of security

**Not to reconvene in open session**

Roll call vote:

James Rogers - Aye

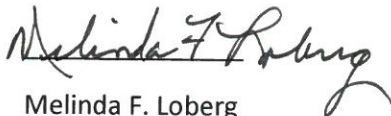
Melinda Loberg - Aye

Jeff Kristal - Aye

Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by

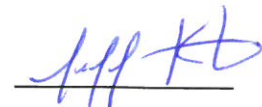
Alexandra Kral



Melinda F. Loberg  
Chairman



James J. Rogers  
Vice Chairman



Jeff Kristal  
Clerk