

Department of Public Works Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

January 28, 2019

Commissioners Present: George Balco, Tomar Waldman, Christina Colarusso, Larry Gomez, and Cheryl Doble

DPW Director: Ray Tattersall

Attendees: Mary Ellen Larsen

Department of Public Works Advisory Board Called to Order by George Balco at 4:00 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes of August 13, September 17, October 15, and November 19, 2018:

Cheryl Doble makes motion to accept ALL 4 – Larry Gomez 2nds: Unanimously Approved.

DPW Advisory Board Representative for the Landbank Advisory Board Appointment:

George Balco: We passed a motion a while ago for the Selectmen to meet with the Landbank to discuss the properties that they bought next to Tashmoo Beach – that took place a couple of weeks ago. We mention the three items that the board brought up which was parking, lifeguards, road maintenance, and there was an item that was brought up by some people from town hall – bathrooms and septic systems. In response, the Landbank said no to lifeguards, parking, tearing houses down to have bathrooms and we never got to road maintenance. I have talked to our health agent and both of those properties that they bought are Title V compliant septic systems. They are getting permission to knock down the houses.

Ray Tattersall: They want to make a natural beach instead of the wall.

George Balco: They are not gonna let anyone use it, it's going to be a designated wildlife area. The other part of this is the control of Parks & Recreation is going to be shifting to another department.

Ray Tattersall: Effective February 1st Facilities is taking over but more for the planning. We will still maintain that stuff until July 1st. The only thing we are worried about now is roads & sanitation. I don't know if this group will continue to discuss those matters. George should talk to Jay about.

Larry Gomez: Maybe we don't need a Landbank representative since we don't have Parks & Recreation.

Ray Tattersall: Henry Neider is willing to do it – maybe that's the direction you would want to go.

Cheryl Doble: All the different boards in town have a representative – it's to the Tisbury Advisory Board.

Larry Gomez: I was going to do it but if Henry wants it that's fine. It would be better to have someone new.

Cheryl Doble: The Advisory Board covers Tisbury's issues – we tend not to fall under the Landbank Mission regularly. Is there any value for this board to have a representative for the things that we are dealing with here? I'm thinking drainage & flooding as something that the Landbank, with a slight shift in their mission, could be assisting with as we face climate change.

George Balco: The other element of the town board for the Landbank is that the Landbank presumably is supposed to spend in each town over time the money that they receive from that town. That's something the local boards need to look at – what they would like it spent on.

Mary Ellen Larsen: You need a representative to advocate for the town. Landbank takes property and they don't give you access and deny you any enjoyment of the environment.

Ray Tattersall: I did get some information about how much that road is used – it's used quite a bit – more than they say they do. Thousands and thousands of visitors, we're paying for that road to be maintained twice a year now. Maybe there's a reason to have someone on board for that reason.

Cheryl Doble: I think we need a really active community here to speak out with a stronger voice for Tisbury and how the money is spent. The Landbank needs to become involved with Tisbury differently as the climate changes and the sea level rises and they need to help us protect the town from coastal invasion and that's going to be tied into purchase of land.

Ray Tattersall: Going forward, we haven't gotten that deep yet – maybe keep the same board and have talks with me and Kirk.

Cheryl Doble: George needs to clarify with Jay how this board's mission changes due to the change he's making. Is he creating another board for Kirk

Ray Tattersall:or will it be shared. It has not even been talked about.

George Balco: I'll have a conversation with Jay and see what we come up with.

Cheryl Doble: Here's a suggestion for us. If George gets that clarification for us we can decide if we need to appoint someone depending on how it's divided up maybe we will say no.

Ray Tattersall: I think a Parks & recreation person would have more in tune with what goes on with Landbank. I do think there are some drainage issues but most seem to be off of town roads that we need to be worried about.

George Balco: Should we make a short term (July 1st) appointment.

Mary Ellen Larsen: Send Henry with fresh eyes.

Christine Colarusso: Something I want to bring up - on Nantucket every beach has a sign and a can that says your location, this is the name of the beach, and this is the phone number. It is something I would love to see happen on this island.

George Balco: Talk to John Schilling – Emergency Management Services.

Ray Tattersall: John Crocker is the assistant.

Tomar Waldman: I nominate Henry Neider to the Landbank . . .

Cheryl Doble: I would say, what would be more appropriate to say to the Selectmen is that there is no one from this board that wants to serve and then the Selectmen can appoint whomever they want.

George Balco: Motion to appoint Henry Neider as the DPW representative to the Tisbury Landbank Advisory Board. Christina Colarusso – 2nds. Unanimously Approved.

George Balco: This was a good Landbank property discussion – Ray can you add some more because I know you did some follow-ups after the meeting.

Ray Tattersall: I was quite surprised to find out how many vehicles travel that road. They monitor during the summer to find out – it was quite alarming - the gate marker writes it down, how many people are going after that? I'm thinking about reaching out it to say we just spent another six thousand to have that road repaired.

George Balco: Motion to ask Landbank for money to maintenance for Herring Creek Road (not a town approved road)

Ray Tattersall: In the summer I will take care of it for the beach but after that it's not fair for the taxpayers to have to maintain that road.

Larry Gomez: I think it's futile to ask them for money but I will make a motion.

Cheryl Doble: A request to assist the town in maintaining the roads so the property can be visited. I'll second that motion.

George Balco: We have a motion to request funds from the Landbank, all in favor?

Unanimously Approved.

George Balco: We will mention that at the next meeting with the Board of Selectmen.

Cheryl Doble: I have a request for an agenda item (for next meeting). To revisit the priorities with drainage projects and how that coordinates with the EPA studies being done.

Ray Tattersall: Just to give you a brief update it doesn't make any sense to spend any money with Environmental Partners while we are waiting on the EPA studies.

Schedule Next Meeting: February 25, 2019

Non Agenda Short Discussions/Concerns:

Larry Gomez: Can we update the Capital Spending List . . .

Cheryl Doble: No bond?

Larry Gomez: It wouldn't pass.

Ray Tattersall: The goal now is to go after town money at town meeting for construction and use Chapter 90 money for design & engineering. We are looking to finish Center Street, Woodlawn, and working on the bumpouts all the way to Owen Park.

Larry Gomez: What's happening with the Owen Park top? The taxpayers need to know what's going on.

Cheryl Doble: A design has been completed – took to a landscape architect that brought back a design that was unacceptable, so we met with them. They came back with a design we asked for but it was well beyond the money we agreed to pay. We've come up with a proposal to do it in phases, first phase being this spring. We also are just completing our open space & recreation plan that I will submit within the week and then we will become eligible for funding for our parks in April.

George Balco: You should brief Kirk & Jay.

Larry Gomez: Shouldn't we make a presentation to the town – MVTV, maybe to explain that?

Cheryl Doble: We had a Vision Forum Meeting in December. It hasn't been in the paper . .

Ray Tattersall: Put it up on the town website.

Cheryl Doble: We can put up the plan, we have the drawings . . .just waiting to get the cost down. This open space plan is going in so maybe we should do an article for the paper to promote it.

Ray Tattersall: We need to focus more on trash, which is not just the LDO, and look at the idea of fencing in the whole area because you can come in from anywhere. Getting a quote from the fence guy.

George Balco: Motion to adjourn at 4:50 pm – Larry Gomez 2nds – Unanimously Approved.

