

**TISBURY WATERWAYS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MINUTES**

Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 5:30pm  
Meeting held remotely via Zoom platform

**In Attendance:** Jeff Canha, John Packer, Greg Martino, Paul Munafo, and Michael Baptiste

**Also Present:** John Crocker, Danielle Ewart, Greg Leland, John Rendon, Melinda Loberg, Bev Potsaid, Lynn Fraker, Ray Gale, Mac Schilcher, Dan Martino, Rich Saltzberg, Will White, Larry Gomez, Jay Grande, Jeff Kristal, James Rogers.

- 1) **Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 5:35pm.  
(Paul Munafo not sworn in, remaining four members made up quorum)

**Public Comment:** None

2) **Chair Opened up meeting for Discussion Items: Harbor Patrol Boat:**

John Crocker explained that he together with former Fire Chief John Shilling and Will White went to visit the Harwich Harbormaster in the early spring of this year and had extensive discussion regarding the type of patrol boat that needed to be replaced. John Rendon, Harwich Harbormaster was invited to speak. John Rendon went on to explain that he had done extensive research on different boat manufacturers before committing to the current boat which was manufactured in New Hampshire by Eastern. In addition, he described the current boat's features and capabilities as well as its day to day uses and that it was critical to the Harwich Fire Department to have a vessel with firefighting capabilities on water. He works very closely with the Harwich Fire Department and trains with them regularly in Drills and that the firefighting equipment is maintained by them. The boat is now 7 years old and cost \$150,000 when new. He still considers it a new boat with a life expectancy of 20 years or more.

- **Insurance claim and amount:** The insurance claim was at full face value of the policy in the amount of \$255,000. Funds had already been received by the Town by the Insurance Company
- **FEMA Grant Requirements:** The FEMA Grant requires that the vessel be replaced with similar capabilities as the previous vessel as a use for Port Security/Patrol and Fire Fighting.
- **Harbor Boat Requirements:**
  - **Fire Firefighting Capabilities:** It is expected that the vessel will have firefighting capabilities which will be solely used by the Tisbury Fire Department personnel.
  - **Safety and emergency capabilities.** The vessel should be able to respond to number of marine safety and emergency calls.
  - **Patrol capabilities:** It is essential that the vessel be able to patrol all the Tisbury Waterways at any time of year.

- **Working vessel capabilities:** The vessel should be able to be used to deploy bouys and markers in the Tisbury Waterways in addition to other regular routine functions.

John Crocker that at the last Select Board meeting it was approved to allow the Town to use the \$255,000 for the purchase of a new Patrol Boat. He learned from the Town Administrator that the IFB has been sent out and the Fire Fighting Equipment has been ordered through a vendor with a statewide contract.

Several questions were fielded regarding the boat specifications. Greg Leland spoke about the Fire Fighting Pump and explained that it was similar to their current pump of the fire department skiff. He informed the committee that several fire fighters in his department were certified boat captains and that they were looking forward to training, operating and maintaining the new boats fire fighting capabilities. He explained that the current pump on the skiff is not suitable for the new boat but would be a suitable back up if needed.

The bid process was explained that the award would go the most responsible, responsive bidder with the best price in accordance with Mass Procurement Law.

Bid responses are due by January 20<sup>th</sup>. Jay Grande said that John Crocker would be involved in the final selection of the winning bid together with himself as Chief Procurement Officer for the Town.

There was a motion to adjourn which was seconded  
The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm