

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 12, 2017 at 5:00 PM

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

Members Present: Melinda Loberg, Tristan Israel, Larry Gomez

Others Present: John Grande- Town Administrator, Alexandra Kral, Jon Snyder, Ann Marie Cywinski, Cynthia Richards

HEARINGS

5:00PM Public Hearing to discuss the classification of the tax rate and the allocation of local property classes for FY2018

Member Loberg read out public hearing notice. Jon Snyder presented calculations for the commercial and residential taxes. (Please see attached Document #1) Taxes represent the spread of total town levy which consists of town budget and any other appropriated funds through real estate and personal property in Town. At the moment, most of the tax income for the Town comes from residential properties. Estimated levy for FY 2018 is around \$27,000,000. First decision the Board has to make tonight is how much of the commercial shift they would like to see. Commercial shift would take a certain percentage of the residential properties and shift it over to commercial, industrial and personal properties in Town. Which would increase the taxed for those types of properties. Second choice the Board has to make tonight is how much of the residential exemption they would like to see. Current residential exemption is set at 18%, with the possible maximum of 35% and possible minimum of 0%.

Josh Goldstein addressed the Board as a Town Resident and a business owner requesting the Board to keep things just the way they are.

Assistant Assessor stated that compliance program that was performed during 2017 removed around 100 individuals from the residential exemption list. She thanked Board of Assessors staff for their hard work and dedication to the project. Member Gomez requested that in the future there would a little more description of the project available for the public. Member Israel suggested residential compliance overview would be performed with each transfer of ownership.

Member Israel motioned to close the public hearing portion of the meeting. Member Loberg seconded the motion with further discussion stating that during next year we will be involved in the national tax reform that could have a huge effect on all of us and this year it might be the best to keep things the same at least on the local level. The motion was unanimously approved.

Member Israel motioned to keep commercial shift the way it is. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Member Israel motioned to keep residential exemption at 18% as it is now. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Report 12-12-17

Town Administrator informed the Board that the report will be updated for the next meeting. The Town offices are still waiting for a response of other parties on multiple projects.

Boch Park Update

Boch Park Update is postponed until next year.

CVEC Update

Liz Argo represented CVEC at the meeting. Ms. Argo presented the Board with FY17 Production Report (Please see attached document #2) Ms. Argo stated that Total earnings for the Town in 2017 came up to \$177,000. Almost, a 100% increase from last year. Ms. Argo asked for the Boards continuous support in the upcoming year especially while CVEC is trying to contest rate increase petition submitted by Eversource that would significantly decrease Town's earnings. By extending the adder the Town would help CVEC with the legal costs of their attempts to stop the petition from getting approved.

Member Loberg motioned to support the extension of the adder by the Town of Tisbury. Member Israel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

IT Department: SeeClickFix Presentation

Heidi Rydzewski a head of the IT department for the Town presented the Board with the new citizen reporting tool powered by seeclickfix. Tisbury citizens will now be able to provide our staff with pictures, videos, specific descriptions of issues around Town. Residents will be able to report neighborhood issues like potholes, broken signs, cracked sidewalks and more - with photos, videos, descriptions, and automatic geolocation. Once an issue is reported, the resident will be kept in the loop about progress on fixing it. While phone lines and older options for reporting issues will remain open, these web and mobile tools will make it even easier to engage a broader base of residents. <https://seeclickfix.com/>

PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)

PUBLIC COMMENT

The public may address the Selectmen for up to 3 minutes during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Topics must be within the Board's purview and not already listed as an agenda item.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Bills Payable #120117 \$5,932.47

Member Israel motioned to approve Bills Payable #120117

Member Gomez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #120517 \$292,723.24

Member Israel motioned to approve Bills Payable #120517

Member Gomez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #112817 \$463,515.05

Member Israel motioned to approve Bills Payable #1128017

Member Gomez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Payroll #12/07/2017 \$343,344.17

Member Israel motioned to approve Payroll #12072017

Member Gomez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

EXECUTIVE 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 nonunion personnel (Police Department)

To Reconvene in Open Session

Roll Call Vote: Member Gomez – Aye

Member Israel – Aye

Member Loberg - Aye

Executive Session Minutes.

CONTINUED ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Employment Agreements

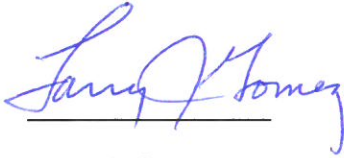
Member Gomez stated that the Board reached agreement with the Police Chief regarding his employment contract with the Town.

Member Israel made a motion to approve employment agreement with the Police Chief.

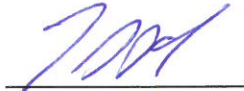
Member Loberg seconded the motion. The Motion was unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.


*Respectfully submitted by
Alexandra Kral*



Larry J. Gomez
Chairmen



Tristan R. Israel
Vice Chairmen



Melinda F. Loberg