## TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, December 14, 2017 at 5:30 PM

Tisbury Town Hall, Katherine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Tisbury, 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, Jim Neville, Peter

Graczykowski

<u>Dukes County Sheriff's Office: Regional Emergency Communication Center Funding</u> Request Presentation

Dukes County Sheriff's Office representatives asked the Board permission to submit a warrant article to cover a share of the operating expenses for Dukes County Regional Emergency Communication Center in FY2019. Estimated cost share for the Town of Tisbury would be around \$155,000. The State is not funding all the existing Sheriff's Department operations and has been unresponsive to the multiple requests for additional funding.

Member Gomez expressed his disappointment over the Sheriff's department persistence to appear in front of the Board immediately and their disrespect of chairman's decision to postpone this discussion to a future meeting.

Member Loberg stated that not that long-ago Sheriff's department was in front of All Island Board of Selectmen asking to allow them to be under full supervision of the state instead of being funded through the cost share system from the Island towns.

Member Israel stated that he wants to see more detailed cost of operations for the Sheriff's Department to be comfortable to even discuss this proposal.

Town administrator informed Mr. Neville that sheriff's department can still file a late warrant article to see if the Town Residents will approve their request.

Board Members stated that at this point they will be happy to write a letter of support to the state requesting additional funding for the DCRCC but would not feel comfortable of supporting Sheriff's request for the Town's assistance with funding of their operations. *The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.* 

Respectfully submitted by Alexandra Kral

Larry J. Gomez Chairmen Tristan R. Israel
Vice Chairmen

Melinda F. Loberg

Clerk