

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 4:00 PM

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

Members Present: Melinda Loberg, Tristan Israel, James Rogers

Others Present: John Grande- Town Administrator, Alexandra Kral, Ray Tattersall, Eerik Meisner, Danielle Ewart, Colleen McAndrews, Kirk Mettel

BOARD'S REORGANIZATION

Member Rogers motioned to nominate Member Israel as a chair of the board. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Report 5-8-18:

-MSBA Response Letter

Board of Selectmen received a revised letter of response to MSBA signed by superintendent and school committee chair. Member Loberg mentioned that existing letter needs a minor adjustment to reflect that demolition of existing building was the major factor contributing to the failed vote based on the feedback received by the Board.

Member Loberg motioned to sign the letter. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Member Israel read out an additional cover letter that included adjustment mentioned previously by Member Loberg. **Member Loberg motioned to authorize Chairman Israel to sign cover letter on behalf of the Board. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

-Tisbury Waterways, Inc. Donation

Town Administrator Informed Board members of the received donation from Tisbury Waterways Inc. Board accepted donation and requested a thank you to be send to the donor.

-Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness Grant Program (MVP)

Town Administrator updated board on the Town's effort to apply for MVP grant. The Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness grant program (MVP) provides support for cities and towns in Massachusetts to begin the process of planning for climate change resiliency and implementing priority projects.

Member Rogers motioned to authorize Town Administrator to apply for stated above grant. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

-Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association: Shellfish Constable of the Year

Town Administrator informed Board Members that Danielle Ewart Shellfish Constable for Town of Tisbury is a recipient of Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association Shellfish Constable of the Year Award. Edgartown Shellfish Constable gave a brief background on the work that association does and presented an award to Ms. Ewart.

APPOINTMENTS

Traffic Officers: Bob Blanchard; Cody Metell; Savannah Barnes

Member Loberg motioned to appoint stated above individuals as Traffic Officers. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Assistant Harbormasters: Robert Decker; Gary Kovack

Member Loberg motioned to appoint stated above individuals as Assistant Harbormasters. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Shellfish Assistant: Nelson Sigelman

Member Loberg motioned to appoint stated above individual as a Shellfish Assistants. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Vacancy

Town Administrator announced vacancy available on Martha's Vineyard Center for Living Board. Member Loberg suggested approaching finance committee. Member Israel inquired if there any interest from Police Department. Lieutenant Erik Meisner volunteered.

Member Loberg motioned to appoint Erik Meisner as Tisbury representative to Martha's Vineyard Center through June 30th, 2019. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Shellfish Department:

-Shellfish Trust Transfer

Percentage from all shellfish permits sales automatically gets allocated to the trust. Danielle Ewart asked Board's permission to use portion of Shellfish Trust Funds to cover purchasing needs for the department.

Member Loberg motioned to approve Shellfish transfer Request. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Department of Public Works:

-LDO Operations: New Scheduling

DPW Director presented proposal for adjusted LDO (local drop off) schedule. The LDO would be open Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Monday 8-3 and Saturday and Sunday 8:30-3:30, the time of day it operates will not be changing.

Going to six (6) days a week will help with daily DPW staffing issues; this will be accomplished by moving an employee who presently covers the LDO Tuesday's each week and works weekends. Tuesdays are one of the slowest days and not financially feasible for an eight (8) hour work day.

-Leaf Pick Up Program

DPW is considering restarting the practice of curbside leaf pick up that was done some years ago. Main goal is to alleviate the man power needed to remove leaves dropped at the LDO by the residents and that are then hauled to the DPW composting site.

Member Rogers inquired about possibility of placing a fee for such service. Town Administrator suggested postponing decision until next meeting.

-Snow & Ice Budget

Ray Tattersall asked for permission to overspend snow and ice budget previously approved by Finance and Advisory Committee. State allows for overspending of this type of budget due to unpredictability of the weather conditions. Member Rogers inquired if the use of contractor caused the overspending. Ray Tattersall stated that overtime is the main reason for overspending. Member Loberg requested to consider using private contractors for snow and ice removal in the future.

Member Loberg motioned to authorize overspending of the Snow and Ice budget. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

-Downtown Signage Improvements

DPW has been working on adjusting the signage in and around the Downtown, Union Street and Water Street areas along with the parking lots.

The goal is to minimize unneeded signs and posts that make Tisbury's Main Street look cluttered. Proposed work plan includes installing traditional Street signs and removing the large oversized green signs, and strategically displaying signs along Main Street, relocating the half hour parking spots into two areas grouped in three's (3) one area will be in front of Rainy Day to serve that end of Main Street as well and the other in front of Bobby B's.

The Water and Union Street parking lots will have the lot name on the new sign to allow people to know where they are parking, the new signs will be uniform which they are not now and placed in more appropriate locations.

Member Israel requested that discussion be continued to the next meeting to allow public to comment on the proposal. Member Loberg Requested to see the sample of the proposed signs.

-VTA Bus Turn Offs

Ray Tattersall presented proposal for additional VTA Bus Turn off inbound across from Campgrounds and outbound along Hillside Village.

Member Loberg motioned to authorize addition of VTA Bus Turn Off. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

HEARINGS

5:25 PM Public Hearing to review and consider an application for an Auto Rental License by Vineyard Enterprises Inc. d/b/a/ Budget Car Rental, 45 Beach Road, Vineyard Haven, MA, 02568

Alexandra Kral informed Board Members that failure to renew the license for previous calendar caused by staff changes on the both sides resulted in the need of treating the matter as a new license. There will be no changes to the business model. The number of vehicles remains the same as in previous years of operation.

Member Loberg motioned to close public portion of the hearing. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Member Loberg motioned to approve Auto Rental License by Vineyard Enterprises Inc. d/b/a/ Budget Car Rental. Member Rogers seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

5:35 PM Public Hearing to review and consider an application for a Common Victuallers License by Pre & P Inc. d/b/a Mad Martha's, 48 Main Street, Vineyard Haven, MA, 02568.

Alexandra Kral informed Board Members that failure to renew the license for previous calendar resulted in the need of treating the matter as a new license. There will be no changes to the business model. Currently the establishment is closed and not available for inspections. Once all required inspection sign offs are obtained the license will return for Board of Selectmen's approval as a regular renewal.

Member Loberg motioned to close public portion of the hearing. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Member Loberg motioned to conditionally approve Common Victuallers License by Pre & P Inc. d/b/a Mad Martha's pending all required inspections. Member Rogers seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

5:45 PM Continued Public Hearing to review and consider NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition to install approximately 62'± of conduit and new handhole from 28/2 to 28/HH2 to provide electric service for customer at 15 Renear Street.

Town Administrator reminded Board members that this hearing was continued from previous meeting at which many abutters of the property raised concern of potential commercial activity that's been taking place on the property. Member Rogers suggested that those two issues need to be reviewed separately since an application is for a standard increase in voltage for a residential property.

Member Rogers motioned to approve NSTAR Electric Company d/b/a Eversource Energy petition to install approximately 62'± of conduit and new handhole from 28/2 to 28/HH2 to provide electric service for customer at 15 Renear Street. Member Loberg seconded the

motion. Member Israel requested that separate report from building inspector be provided addressing the concerns over the commercial activities.

6:00 PM Public Hearing to review and consider an application for an amendment to the license for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids and gasses by Rymes Energy Holdings LLC, Lyle Lane, Tisbury, Ma 02568 Map- 21B Lot-2 Block-B.

Rymes Propane representative asked Board's permission to increase the current Licensed storage of 120,000 gallons of Liquified Propane by an additional 2,500 gallons of Liquified Propane, increasing the total storage on the property to 122,500 gallons. The proposed additional storage will be in compliance with all fire codes and safety regulations for the State of Massachusetts. Fire Chief reviewed and has no issues with proposed amendment.

Member Loberg motioned to approve an amendment to the license for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids and gasses by Rymes Energy Holdings LLC, Lyle Lane, Tisbury, Ma 02568 Map- 21B Lot-2 Block-B. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

6:15 PM Public Hearing to review and consider an application for the license for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids and gasses by the Town of Tisbury, Water Works, 400 West Spring Street, Tisbury MA, 02568

Kirk Mettel, Tisbury Facility Manger has submitted an application for a new license for the propane storage that would serve new water works facility.

Member Loberg motioned to approve an application for the license for the storage of flammable and combustible liquids, solids and gasses by the Town of Tisbury, Water Works, 400 West Spring Street, Tisbury MA, 02568. The motion was unanimously approved.

6:30 PM Public Hearing to review and consider proposed changes to the Taxi Regulations.

Lieutenant Meisner presented proposed changes to the Taxi Regulations. After a brief review Board requested that hearing be continued to the next meeting to allow all taxi company operators review and comment on proposed changes.

Member Loberg motioned to continue Public Hearing to review and consider proposed changes to the Taxi Regulations to 5:30 PM on May 22nd, 2018. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS LICENSES RENEWALS

Common Victualler's:

- Pig Sprouts LLC d/b/a Larder, 977 State Road
- John's Fish Market, 5 Martin Road

Member Loberg motioned to approve listed above Common Victuallers License Renewals provided all supporting documents and required sign offs were provided. Member Rogers seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Lodging Houses:

- Charles & Charles, 85 Summer Street
- Crocker House Inn, 12 Crocker Ave

Member Loberg motioned to approve listed above Lodging House License Renewals provided all supporting documents and required sign offs were provided. Member Rogers seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Taxi Permit:

- Vineyard Transport Inc. d/b/a Martha's Vineyard Taxi
- Waterwheel Inc. d/b/a Atlantic Cab
- MV Island Taxi Company d/b/a Bluefish Taxi

Member Loberg motioned to defer approval until May 22nd based on Lieutenant Meisner's statement that required cab inspection have not been performed yet. Previously approved Taxi Companies will be required to bring their vehicles for the inspection as well. Member Rogers seconded the motion.

The motion was unanimously approved

DISCUSSION

17th Annual Murdick's Run the Chop Challenge

The approvals from required Town Departments were received.

Member Loberg motioned to approve 17th Annual Murdick's Run the Chop Challenge. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Service Connection/ Flow Increase Application: Golden Bull Brazilian Steak House, 13 Beach Street Ext.

Member Loberg informed Board Members of the received flow increase application. Applicant proposing to add seating to existing layout of his food establishment. Proposed work triggered requirement for the flow increase. Sewer Advisory Board reviewed and approved application as presented.

Member Rogers motioned to approve requested flow increase. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Stark Park

Member Israel informed Board Members of the Vineyard Haven Business Association intention to name mini park located on the private property on the Main Street in honor of late CB Stark Owner.

Member Loberg motioned in support of the proposal. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Determination of Applicability: Little Free Library, Lake Street Landing

Town Administrator informed the Board of the received request for support of determination of applicability for little free library at the Lake street landing. Proposal was submitted by Lynne Fraker.

Member Rogers motioned to support proposed project. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Recruitment Process for Police Chief

Board discussed possible structure for the search committee. Member Israel expressed his hope to involve existing rank and file in the process. Town Administrator will bring complete job description for Board's review on May 22nd.

PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Bills Payable #03/30/18 \$45,973.56

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #033018

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #04/10/18 \$219,767.31

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #041018

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #04/17/18 \$154,837.25

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #041718
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #04/24/18 \$464,395.39

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #042418
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #04/27/8R \$6,870.72

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #04278R
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Payroll #4/19/2018 \$125,455.91

Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #04192018
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Payroll #4/26/2018 \$318,695.12

Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #04252018
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.


Payroll #5/03/2018 \$126,729.30


Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #05032018
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Alexandra Kral


Tristan R. Israel
Chairmen


Melinda F. Loberg
Vice Chairmen


James J. Rogers
Clerk