

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA MINUTES

Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 5:00 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, John Crocker, Kirk Mettel, Jeff Krystal,

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Administrator Report 6-12-18:

-Martha's Vineyard Museum Update

Phil Wallace did a brief presentation regarding current state of work progress at the Museum Site, 151 Lagoon Pond Drive. Copy of presentation can be obtained at Board of Selectmen Office, 51 Spring Street, Tisbury. The completion date of the project has been set for September. Museum team is currently preparing for the upcoming fundraiser and hard hat tour. Public will have an access only to the main corridors which are at about 90% level of completion. Only paint and trim work will be left. Building Inspectors Office is yet to issue the temporary certificate of occupancy. Mr. Wallace informed the Board that as one of the conditions of their MVC approval they intend to move forward with restoration of the sidewalk leading to the bridge. Town administrator informed Board Members of the received action list in which MV Museum outlined the remaining steps of the project. The list was forwarded to the Building and Fire Departments for review. Town Administrator raised a concern over lack of response from the building inspector's office regarding the list. Member Loberg stated that Town and its Officials need to act responsibly and respond in timely manner. Member Israel requested to instruct Building Department to review and respond to the action list provided as soon as possible.

Member Rogers motioned to engage inspectional services when Town Building Inspector is unavailable to provide consistent coverage and prevent any future delays of similar nature.

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

-Recruitment and Hiring: Police Chief, Waterworks Superintendent

Notice for available Police Chief position was published in local newspapers and chief association publications. Consultant to collect letters of interest.

Waterworks Superintendent has been vacant for a while. Acting superintendent is working with consultant to define detailed job description.

-Dredge Feasibility Study: Oak Bluffs – Vineyard Haven Cost Analysis

Discussion was initiated with Oak Bluffs. Utilizing other community's utilities or possibility of the future joint purchase between Oak Bluffs and Tisbury. Oak Bluffs Town Administrator will be assisting with cost benefit analysis. Goal is to ensure that maintenance dredging is done on a regular basis. Still in early phases of development.

Lynne Fraker spoke in support of such discussion. Ms. Fraker also mentioned that some state funds may be available. Member Rogers stated that the Town should be open to work with other towns on the dredging issues. Member Loberg suggested considering it as a countywide project.

APPOINTMENTS

Traffic Officers: Amoya McCalla, Tiffany Freitas, Thomas Gerard

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

Traffic and Roadway Safety Committee: James Rogers

Member Loberg motioned to appoint James Rogers to Traffic and Roadway Safety. Member Israel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

Traffic and Roadway Safety Committee:

-Stop Sign Removal: Greenwood and Main Street

Committee recommended to remove stated above stop sign that was illegally installed.

Member Loberg motioned to approve removal of Stop Sign on the cross of Main and Greenwood. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

-Union Street Municipal Parking Spaces

Member Rogers motioned to remove all municipal parking spaces. Member Israel seconded the motion. Member Rogers stated that municipal parking spots are sending out negative message. Member Loberg states that there was no prior discussion on the issue and she would like to know the rationale behind the creation of the spaces. Town Administrator informed the Board that it was originally done as a trial during the winter months to provide a designated parking spot in close proximity to the boat for the state, town and other island communities official who are using the ferry for work related needs. **Motion was unanimously approved.**

Department of Public Works:

-Lagoon Pond Bridge Walkway

Ray Tattersall stated that more research needs to be done regarding the right of way at the Lagoon Pond Bridge and possibly MV museum and the Town will have to enter MOU regarding the project.

Member Rogers motioned to start the process and outline necessary future actions. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

-Park and Ride Update

Kiosk was installed a couple weeks ago. Waiting till July 1st to bring it online. Signs, newspaper announcements and online postings were put in place to inform public of the upcoming change. No gate. Numbers are being painted in the long-term section, signs will start going up tomorrow. Member Israel requested someone to be present and assist with kiosk operations at first.

Harbormaster and Harbor Management Committee Update:

-Tashmoo Channel Dredging

John Croker updated the Board on his attempts to dredge Tashmoo Channel. Two bids came in for partial dredging of 2000 cubic yards. Mr. Crocker thinks it would be fiscally irresponsible to pay such a high price for only partial dredging in July when this fall Town will be able to fully dredge the channel for a slightly higher amount. Mr. Croker also informed Board of his efforts in contacting Edgartown and Barnstable to do the dredging which so far have been unsuccessful.

Many boaters spoke regarding the poor state of the channel and the need of dredging the channel immediately due to the dangerous conditions it puts the boaters in. Many of the speakers were highly disappointed with Towns neglect of the channel.

Mr. Crocker assured everyone that signs and notices have been put in place to inform boaters of the dangerous condition in the channel.

Representative from dredging committee asked if the town considers pursuing full dredging during the busy summer season. Board requested that specific proposal be brought before the selectmen for approval. Member Loberg highlighted the Boards intent to make channel safe and passable as soon as possible.

-Owen Park Parking Permit

Harbormaster requested that Board reestablish issuing of the Owen Park Permits that previously allowed all permits holders to park at the Owen Park Lot for an extended period of time.

Member Loberg motioned to schedule Public Hearing to review and adopt proposed parking regulations for the Owen Park lot. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

-Conservation Moorings

Harbor Management committee has requested to continue past discussion regarding conservation moorings. The discussion will be taken up at one of the September meetings together with proposed amendments to the Waterways Regulations.

DISCUSSION

Uber

Member Israel informed Board members of his intent to research and put in place possible revenue streams from the UBER vehicles operating in town. Jon Snyder informed Board that Town received a check from state for \$1200 for the Uber taxis that operate in town.

Cora Medeiros Memorial Bench

Lynne Fraker proposing placing memorial bench at the Lake Street Landing dedicated to Cora Medeiros. She is looking for Boards permission to set up a Town account that people can donate to. They are looking to expend about \$2000.

Member Loberg motioned to support the placement of the memorial bench and facilitate collection of donations through the Town. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Proposed Changes to Katharine Cornell Theater Rental Regulations: First Reading

Board received and reviewed proposed changes to KCT theater rental regulations. The changes were triggered by recent upgrade to lighting and sound systems of the theater and aimed at raising the deposit fee in cases where applicant intends to utilize such systems and requiring trained professional who will oversee the sound and lights at the event. Board Members raised concern over the effect of such change on the smaller events that take place in the theater. The applicant still will be able to use his own audio and visual equipment and not pay a higher deposit fee.

The public hearing will be scheduled for a future meeting to solicit public input on proposed changes.

Review of Possible Mission and Composition of Prospective Tisbury School Building Committee

Member Israel presented draft mission statement for prospective school building committee. It will be reviewed in greater detail at the joint meeting of Board of Selectmen and School Committee to the June 19th.

Member Loberg motioned to accept draft statement and move it forward for a joint review with School Committee. Member Rogers inquired regarding proposed maximum amount for the project set at 27 million. Member Israel assured that the amount was put in place strictly to start conversation. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved. Member Rogers stated that while Board is actively working on creating a committee and moving the project forward some of the current concerns regarding mold remediation at the school have been resolved. Member Loberg added that School Principal John Custer and Facilities Manager Kirk Mettel are working together on setting priorities and identifying projects that need to be addressed immediately.

Proposed Policy to Access Cape and Islands License Plate Revenue

Mass General Laws, c. 90, Section 2 sets guidelines for use and expenditure of the funds allocated from sales of Cape and Islands License Plates. The funds shall be used to promote tourism and economic development.

BUSINESS LICENSES RENEWALS

Common Victuallers:

- Amity LLC d/b/a Porto Pizza

Member Loberg motioned to approve listed above Common Victuallers License Renewal 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: Request to approve amended rate sheet

Michael Mszański of MV Taxi requested Board's approval of the amended rate sheet for his company that now will include metered rates. Once Board of Selectmen approved changes to the Taxi regulations and removed section that restricted the way fee structure created it allowed MV Taxi to come forward and request such amendment to their rate sheet. The Board of selectmen received and reviewed all the letter submitted to the Office on the issue of the metered system. Mr. Mszański clarified that are not requesting to make meters mandatory across town but use it for their company. Their vehicles are not well equipped for the multiple fares and meter system proved to be more sufficient for the company and for their customers. Member Rogers expressed that he is feeling comfortable approving the meter system rate sheet as long as the company stops using the flat rate and distinguish all their cabs as the "metered taxi" on the exterior. Mr. Mszański agreed to suggested by Member Rogers conditions.

Member Rogers motioned to approve amended rate sheet for MV Taxi to include meter system only with the condition that all MV Taxi Vehicles be distinguished as "Metered Taxi". Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Junk Dealers License:

- The Backyard Store

Member Loberg motioned to approve listed above Junk Dealer License Renewal. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Buskers Permit:

- Michael Grasing, Cromwell Lane

Member Loberg motioned to approve listed above Busker Permit Renewal. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)

- Prospective Public Hearing Dates

Board reviewed prospective public meetings and hearings. Addition to the list was MVC meeting regarding Beach Road Project on June 28th at the Katharine Cornell Theater.

CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

Board of Selectmen acknowledged receipt of the petition by Beach Road residents and business requesting to stop the project as proposed from going forward. Frank Brunelle was present at the meeting. Mr. Brunelle expressed his concern over the time it took for the petition to be delivered to the Board. He submitted a request for the petition to be added to the next available agenda.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Minutes Approval for 3.20.18; 4.10.18; 4.17.18; 4.19.18; 4.30.18; 5.3.18.

Member Loberg requested to postpone approval of stated above minutes until next meeting.

Tom Dunlop: Request to use "This is Our Island" film

Mr. Dunlop of the Vineyard Gazette is seeking Selectmen's permission to use a clip from THIS IS OUR ISLAND, the film directed by the late Nancy Hamilton and co-produced by the late Katharine Cornell for the Historic Movies of Martha's Vineyard project.

Member Loberg motioned to allow the clip from This is Our Island to be used for the requested project.

Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Sewer Flow Increase Application: 16 Drummer Lane

Member Loberg informed Board Members that this is an emergency tie in request previously approved by Sewer Advisory Board.

Member Loberg motioned to approve stated above request for the emergency tie in of the property located at 16 Drummer Lane. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

DPW Request: Port-a-Potty Purchase

Member Loberg informed Board that intention of the request was for DPW to be allowed an access to Cape and Island License Plate Funds to place port-a -potty at the draw bridge park to accommodate busy summer traffic. Concern was raised over how the Town will maintain port-a-potty in clean and sanitary condition.

Member Loberg motioned to approve request as presented. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #05/15/18 \$258,966.18

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #05/15/18

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #05/18/8R \$58,998.28

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #05/18/8R

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #05/22/18 \$170,243.69

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #05/22/18

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #05/29/18 \$1,880,211.87

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #05/29/18

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #06/01/8R \$155,714.26

Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #06/01/8R

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Payroll #5/24/2018 \$315,993.46

Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #5/24/2018

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Payroll #5/31/2018 \$124,946.83

Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #05/31/2018

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Payroll #6/07/2018 \$327,433.13

Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #06/07/2018

Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.

Time reserved for the topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate for discussion.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30 A, Sec. 21(a), 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining with the police union if an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the bargaining or litigating position of the public body and the chair so declares;

Not to reconvene in the Open Session.

Roll Call Vote: Member Rogers – Aye

Member Israel – Aye

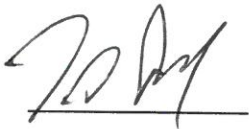
Member Loberg – Aye

Executive Session Minutes.

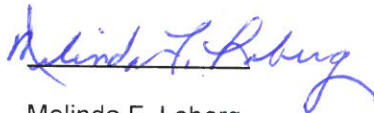
Not to Reconvene in Open Session

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

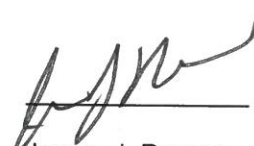
*Respectfully submitted by
Alexandra Kral*



Tristan R. Israel
Chairmen



Melinda F. Loberg
Vice Chairmen



James J. Rogers
Clerk