

## **TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, January 8, 2019 at 5:00 PM**

Tisbury Town Hall, Katharine 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, Ben Robinson, Adam Epstein, Jeff Kristal

### **TOWN ADMINISTRATORS REPORT**

#### 2019 Warrant Articles and FY20 Departmental Budgets

Town Administrator gave a brief report on received warrant articles. Planning to go over the capital items with finance department to see if there are any possibilities for consolidation. Some of the warrant articles are placeholders and the numbers will be refined. Reviewed budgets with departments per finance director request striving to achieve -2% or 0% increase. Budget review schedule will be distributed to the department heads. Joint meeting with Finance and Advisory Committee scheduled for February 6th for a joint review of the budget and submitted articles.

#### Park & Ride Update

The kiosk is producing good revenue. There is a Lack in the enforcement capabilities. The department is looking into possible solutions.

#### Black Dog Sunday Serving Hours

Board of Selectmen Office received a request from Black Dog Company to allow serving of alcohol starting at 10 AM on Sundays. Service from 10:00 a.m. to noon on Sundays requires acceptance of G.L. c. 138, §33B. Acceptance requires a Town Meeting vote, so service during those hours may not be authorized until there is such an acceptance vote. Jeff Kristal mentioned that he believes that the Board of Selectmen already have an authority to set the hours and the Special Town meeting Vote is not required.

***Member Loberg motioned to clarify the process with Town Council. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

### **APPOINTMENTS**

#### Martha's Vineyard Commission: Ben Robinson

***Member Loberg motioned to appoint Ben Robinson to Martha's Vineyard Commission.***

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

### **DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS**

#### Building and Zoning Department Update

Ken Barwick informed Board members on the status of ongoing work at the Shellfish Hatchery and Martha's Vineyard museum.

Member Rogers expressed his growing frustration with zoning noncompliance in certain residential areas.

Town Administrator agreed with Member Rogers stating that zoning noncompliance through the residential neighborhoods is a growing concern. The Town is reviewing possible ways to expedite the enforcement, possible changes might be brought to the Town Meeting.

### **DISCUSSION SESSION**

#### Proposed Summer Concert Series

To access full presentation by Mr. Epstein please follow this link:

[https://www.tisburyma.gov/sites/tisburyma/files/uploads/mv2019\\_presentation.pdf](https://www.tisburyma.gov/sites/tisburyma/files/uploads/mv2019_presentation.pdf)

Member Rogers stated that more time is needed to review all information as it was just recently received. Member Loberg agreed with Member Rogers. A lot of negative feedback was received but she would like to still explore the parameters and abilities of the town to use the park in certain ways. Possibly to size down to one day event.

Member Israel requested a later start for Saturday events.

Seth Gambino spoke against the proposal based limited to no parking availability and negative impact to the neighborhood caused by loud noise, light pollution, limited access for EMT and possible bad behavior of the crowds. It is Mr. Gambino's opinion that downtown Tisbury is not an appropriate venue.

George Balco reviewed the proposal and saw no particular problem as long as the park will be returned to its original shape.

Sarah York, Vineyard Haven Business Association, spoke in support of the proposal, highlighting Town's need for the signature event.

Jeff Cahna spoke in support of the proposed event.

Dan Doyle stated that this event can be a great asset to the Town and an opportunity to gain experience in the field.

Jeff Krystal stated upon his examination of the Veteran' Park deed he did not find anything that would prohibit the event. Police, Fire and EMT department's will be compensated for their work during the event. Most downtown business are in support of the proposal.

Comment from the Public asked if there are any certain issues that First Fridays faced that can be similar for this project.

Sarah York stated besides a couple of noise complaints that were addressed, First Friday's events did not face any complications.

Paul Lazes in support of the proposal.

Seth Gambino inquired if there will be any compensation to direct abutters?

Member Israel acknowledged the pros and cons outlined by the public.

Question from the public asking if it is set to be Rain or shine event?

Mr. Epstein confirmed that they plan to continue the festival as long as the weather is acceptable, the cancellation insurance will be in place and organizations will seek advice of Fire and Police Departments regarding possible weather changes.

The Board will revisit this topic on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### MVTV Budget Review

Representatives of MVTV were present during the meeting. They outlined their key operations and recent capital expenditures. MVTV representatives informed Board Members of the ongoing effort of comcast to charge MVTV for their air time which would eventually have a great financial impact on the organization.

Member Israel requested to update Board of Selectmen twice a year on the MVTV budget and work.

#### Collective Bargaining Negotiations Committee, General Union

Town Administrator received a notification to start negotiations for General union agreement. Proposed negotiation committee would consist of Board of Selectmen representative, Finance Committee representative, Town Administrator. Certain staff members will be utilized as a resource as well.

***Member Rogers motioned to appoint Melinda Loberg to the negotiation committee. Member Israel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

***Member Loberg motioned to appoint John Grande to the negotiation committee. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

#### Joint Meeting with Tisbury School Committee, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Joint Meeting scheduled for Monday January 14th at 5pm to discuss possible articles for the Town Meeting and proposed Survey Questions.

#### **PUBLIC REQUESTS SESSION**

##### Paul Lazes: Affordable Housing / Tisbury School

Mr. Lazes has developed an alternative plan for renovations to the Tisbury School. The copy of the full presentation is available upon request to Board of Selectmen Office, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven, MA or via email request to [akral@tisburyma.gov](mailto:akral@tisburyma.gov)

## **BUSINESS LICENSES RENEWALS**

### **Common Victuallers:**

- Humphrey's Bakery, 455 State Road
- Vineyard Caribbean Cuisine, 13 Beach Rd. Ext.
- Bite on the Go, 86 Beach Road
- Sweet Bites, 32 Beach Street
- Woodland, 455 State Road
- La Choza, 4 Main Street
- Mikado Asian Bistro, 76 Main Street

**Member Loberg** optioned to approve stated above Common Victuallers Licenses. **Member Rogers** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

### **All Alcohol:**

- Mikado Asian Bistro, 76 Main Street

**Member Loberg** optioned to approve stated above All Alcohol Licenses. **Member Rogers** seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

## **PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)**

### **CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED**

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

Payroll	#12/27/18	\$125,979.10
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Payroll	#12/20/18	\$332,388.33
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**Member Loberg** motioned to approve the Payroll as stated above **Member Rogers** seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

Bills Payable	#12/18/18	\$207,927.68
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Bills Payable	#12/25/18	\$711,691.53
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**Member Loberg** motioned to approve the Bills Payable as stated above. **Member Rogers** seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

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

#### **EXECUTIVE**

Vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30 A, Sec. 21(a), 3. To discuss strategy with respect to litigation (Vancour v. Town of Tisbury) 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 Open Session**

Rollcall Vote: James Rogers – Aye

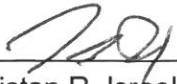
Tristan Israel – Aye

Melinda Loberg – Aye

#### ***Executive Session Minutes.***

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

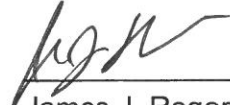
Respectfully submitted by  
Alexandra Kral



Tristan R. Israel  
Chairmen



Melinda F. Loberg  
Vice Chairmen



James J. Rogers  
Clerk