

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 27, 2018 5:00 pm

Tisbury Town Hall, Katharine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven, MA

Tristan R. Israel, Melinda F. Loberg, James Rogers

Members Present: Tristan R. Israel, Melinda F. Loberg, James Rogers

Others Present: John Grande-Town Administrator, Police Chief Mark Saloio, DPW Director Ray Tattersall, Fire Chief John Schilling, George Balco, and Pam Bennett

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- M.S.W. Greater New Bedford Refuse District- The Town will be meeting with O.B, Greater New Bedford refuse and Bruno's; tonnage is more than anticipated. Exceeding a cap, they had for tonnage to receive. All waste collected locally curb side goes through the transfer station in OB. Volume coming across the scales for both towns and there is an increment above and beyond that we are trying to get a better understanding of. We need to assess before going forward. Contracts running out in 3 years with Crapo. At the time they had the capacity. Now we have exceeded expectation.
We can account for that tonnage but Bruno's needs to address the other increment of tonnage and where it is coming from. I want to give them the opportunity to explain so we are on same page as to what the other increment is. Member Loberg asked if looking at the picture as a whole for when contract ends. Yes, but original contract was based on a tonnage volume.
- Housing Choice Grant- Grant for Santos System approved by DEP. Has the ability to reduce nitrogen levels it would be a community system 100% funding. Going to sign but wanted approval. Greenwood road property. Loberg asks are we the administrator for reporting and budget? Yes, will go thru accounting but would be island housing trust. Yes, creates a workload for accounting office. Did not allocate any admin services for this. ML motion to sign. JR second. Unanimous. Total award is 98,500.00.

DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

DPW Advisory Board

Landbank Herring creek purchase

George Balco stated they Identified issues that should be addressed in regard to land bank and beach

1. Lifeguards- problems getting sufficient guards. The purchase would add over 100 yards of public beach on the sound side. Rip tides may be present. Lifeguard staffing budget not sufficient. We should develop better salary scale for guards.
2. Parking at Tashmoo beach
3. Road maintenance: this is not a town road but authorization was due to the old herring run there. We should request some contributions from Land bank to help with road maintenance.
4. Ask landbank if they can leave one of the septic's so a toilet could be put there.

Hoping the Town can get together with landbank to discuss. Member Rogers has concern, is it going to be public or private beach? It is a great clamming area there. Member Israel said that if it is private or public should be question one. Yes, we should meet with them, George, Ray, parks planning, Selectmen designee, Jane Varkonda, local landbank rep. There is a conservation restriction as part of their properties. Member Loberg said she should recuse herself since she has personal interest in the area.

Police Department Staff Update

Chief Saloio stated the Police Department needs restructuring concerning rank and jobs. The Department has 8 officers at this time. They have used up 81% of the overtime budget. He has decreased shift coverage, ceased training, but he cannot necessarily decrease weekends through the holiday season. His vision for rank restructure: 14 full time officers. We need patrol supervisor's vs a lieutenant so would like 3 sergeants. At current time they have 8 full time officers, 2 additional officers are in the academy and would like to hire 2 full time immediately. 12 positions total and then can reevaluate. There is no field training program so has asked to put a manual together and a review of a promotional process since there is no consistent formula. Will submit several policies "best practice". Doing a full inventory of evidence room and dispose items or log. Member Rogers asked if there will be a manual be given to the Town Administrator? Yes, and he wanted the selectmen to know the policies are national best practices policies. Right now, he does not have an

Administrative assistant. He is doing bills, reviewing and approving. Member Israel stated that the whole board thanks the current officers for their hard work. They deliberately kept it lean to give the new chief the opportunity in the hiring of additional officers. Chief Saloio ended by saying the closing date for applicants is November 30th.

DISCUSSION SESSION

Vineyard Haven Business Association: First Friday Holiday and Holiday Events- Sarah York said they would like to do two hay rides Sunday December 9th and 16 at 11:00 am-2:00 pm. The VHBA pays for detail and Fred Fisher does the rides while they have music outside. They are planning an ugly sweater day where customers would get an additional discount. In the past they have had a DJ by Nat's Nook. They would like the ability to have 4 days of events. Doing a holiday First Friday in the old Bowl and Board Bld. compliments of Mr. Hall. Requesting to have a food truck by the linden tree. Asking for permission from the Selectmen in addition to the regular permits needed. Member Israel asked Sarah to email list of events. Member Loberg motioned to approve the events except truck. Member Rogers Seconded. Motion Unanimously approved. Member Loberg motioned to approve the truck for first Friday December 7th only. Member Rogers stated he has reservations. Some restaurants stay open year-round, so it would curtail their income during winter and therefore he is opposed to it. Sarah supports his point, but she has spoken to JB and Bobby about the truck and they are on board only during special events. Member Rogers opposed motion. Members Israel and Loberg approve, motion carries.

Beach Road Project

Beach road letter from last meeting. Changed some wording to Mr. Currier from chair. Janet Packer asked to take a vote against eminent domain and to sign the letter. Member Israel read letter.

Member Rogers motion to send letter. Member Israel seconds it. Member Loberg said letter is premature in relation to meeting with planning board. Also, has approached all the permit holders and has achieved a meeting in a couple of weeks so it could impact the plan that we do not know yet. Not on board with this method of communication. **Member Loberg opposed. Motion carries.**

FY 2020 budget/ 2019 ATM and STM calendar

ATM articles need to be in by Jan 9th. STM articles are due Fe. 22nd appropriating articles. **Member Loberg motioned to approve. Member Rogers seconded. Unanimous.**

Emergency Service Facility Meeting Room Rate Increase

Room rate increase-The current rate is \$75 to use the room for the day/night and there is high demand and heavy usage. \$3600-4000 that they receive from renting the room a yr. is not enough to support the room. There is No budget line item for use /care and all the money goes to the general fund not to maintenance of the room. Mr. Grande said the room is getting booked up too far in advance and used too heavily. Can look at revolving fund. Look at rates, Member Rogers asked that Mr. Grande and Mr. Metell to come up with a proposal? Member Loberg was in favor of looking at all facility's and coming up with a policy. Maybe all rental fees go into one fund to repair and replace all buildings. Member Rogers motion to look at all buildings and possibly have a line item in the budget. Member Loberg seconded the motion for discussion. She said we need to explore a way to look at all bldg. because some are used differently. Member Rogers wants to have a list of each bldg. and what they have to offer. Both Member Rogers and Loberg withdrew motion. Member Israel said we will look at the issue and make recommendations. Want on a future Agenda.

Cape Light Compact: 2019-2021 Energy Efficiency Plan

Margaret Song: link to presentation: <https://www.capelightcompact.org/eeplan/>

Mission is to serve customers through delivery of energy efficient programs, effective consumer advocacy, competitive power supply and green aggregation.

Hunting on Town owned property: Authorization

Hunting on Town owned property: Authorization- Eric Medeiros stated the Town adopted the bylaw to be able to hunt on town property with the selectmen approval. Member Israel said people have always hunted. Mr. Medeiros said yes people have hunted with arrow and muzzleloader. Member Israel feels should be able to pass on Holmes hole road but not hunt there and not to hunt within 150 feet of dog park. Looking at the Map it would be the area in pink.

The Dog park starts at the parking lot where the fire lane is, straight back and then from old septage to Holmes Hole road. During Hunting Season Dog owners need to be responsible to watch their dogs and have something reflective on them. Out of the dog park there is a leash law in town. What is Mass Law regarding distances? 500 feet from residences and 150 feet from hard surfaces according to Mass regulations.

Member Rogers concern is that the town voted but there is no process in place. Who gives approval? Do we have a limit of People? Is the Town Liable? Mr. Medeiros said that the Town is not liability unless you charge people on town property. That is state law. The Selectmen are the ones to give permission. There are no notices on town land for hunting. Member Loberg said people need to know where hunting may take place. We need to post signs on public land. Member Rogers concerns no process in place.

Mr. Medeiros suggested the town follow the land bank policy since they have a very good process in place. You apply for permit, they take down name, vin # and then you get permission for the season and are given a vehicle hunting placard. That way you know who is in there. You can print out maps for the lots that are available. At the entrance is a sign with certain dates. Member Israel said the only entrance is at the dog park so there should be a sign there.

Member Loberg said DPW would have to post the land and put up notices. How do we deal with conflicting uses of the park? Member Israel said we would be comfortable developing parameters for this year as long as the distance from the dog park is established. Mr. Medeiros said with muzzle loader season you do not need to close it to anyone. The land bank does not. Shot gun season they shut the property down and then you have to follow the State regulations. Member Israel said we need to work on these parameters for the different season. Mr. Grande stated for long term we can move in that direction.

Member Rogers state that Mr. Medeiros is not submitting a formal request. A formal request says in writing I want to hunt this date, this weapon, hunting license, etc.. Needs something in writing. Mr. Medeiros said he will submit the season, with vehicle number, hunting permit, in writing for approval but for exact dates you never know since could be short notice that you decide to go.

Member Rogers made the motion to grant Mr. Medeiros permission to hunt on Manter property if he submits written document to Town Administrator with the dates hunting, type of hunting and stays 150 feet from dog park. **Member Loberg seconds motion but with an amendment.** Member Loberg amends the motion that the Town provided adequate notice to the public, on website, newspaper, and signage at the parking lot and beginning of old Holmes hole rd. that there will be hunting. **Member Rogers seconded the amendment. Unanimous on both motions.**

CPC Final Applications Review- Heidi Dietrich copied all files and are available for review at town hall. Handed out dollar amount summary. Member Israel stated that the Selectmen have requested \$300,00 under housing for the trust.

PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)

December 10 is good for TSC Joint meeting/December 11th and 18h for BOS / December 11th for joint meeting with O.B.

CORRESPONDENCE

Member Israel wants on an Agenda to discuss flooding on lagoon pond road.
Member Israel wants on the 11th Assessor and taxing the Play House. He would like to hear from the Assessors there needs to be better communication regarding issues like this even though they are an independently elected board.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Minutes Approval: August 14,2018, August 20,2018, August 30, 2018, September 6, 2018, September 13,2018.

Minutes postponed until next meeting.

COLA Approval for Management and Professionals

COLA Approval postponed until next meeting.

Payroll #11/15/18 \$130,302.44

Member Loberg motioned to approve the Payroll as stated above Member Rogers seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

Bills Payable #11/13/18 \$343,942.30

Bills Payable #11/06/18 \$512,014.67

Member Loberg motioned to approve the Bills Payable as stated above. Member Rogers seconded the motion the motion was unanimously approved.

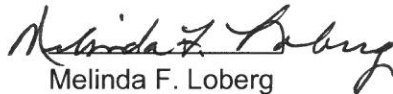
Time reserved for the topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate for discussion.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Alexandra Kral



Tristan R. Israel
Chairmen



Melinda F. Loberg
Vice Chairmen



James J. Rogers
Clerk