

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at 11:30 AM

Tisbury Town Hall, Katherine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven
Melinda F. Loberg; James Rogers; Jeff Kristal

DUE TO THE TOWN'S EFFORTS TO PREVENT SPREAD OF COVID-19 THIS MEETING WAS NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC BUT LIVESTREAM OF THE MEETING WAS VIEWABLE ON CHANNEL 15 AND VIA ZOOM MEETING ID: 949016184

Members Present: Melinda Loberg, Jeff Kristal, James Rogers

Others Present: John Grande – Town Administrator, Alexandra Kral -Executive Assistant

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

UPDATES ON COVID-19 RELATED IMPACTS/INFORMATION

DECLARATIONS & ORDERS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS

COVID-19 Emergency Order

Member Rogers motioned to declare the emergency in accordance with the issued emergency order.

Member Kristal seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Melinda Loberg-Aye; James Rogers-Aye; Jeff Kristal-Aye. The motion was approved.

COVID-19 Shelter in Place Order & COVID-19 Construction & Jobsite Order

Maura Valley, Health Agent informed Board Members that Board of Health has not yet taken a vote on the proposed Shelter in place order. However, construction Moratorium was approved by Board of Health effective March 25th at 5PM. Jeff Pratt, Board of Health Member stated that Board of Health had recessed its earlier meeting to reconvene at this time in order to take action on the proposed shelter in place order if necessary. Board of Selectmen members had questioned if shelter in place and construction order should be combined into one document. Maura Valley spoke in favor of having to separate documents.

Member Rogers suggested following amendment to Emergency Order for Temporary Moratorium on all construction projects: In addition to such emergency work, the Town will, on a case-by-case basis, review requests for exceptions to the temporary construction moratorium. These may be granted by the Building Commissioner/Inspector of Buildings for building related work or the Public Works Director for street-related work in consultation with the appropriate department head.

Member Kristal motioned to approve proposed amendment. Member Rogers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Melinda Loberg-Aye; James Rogers-Aye; Jeff Kristal-Aye. The motion was approved.

In order to cross reference two proposed document David Doneski, Town Attorney suggested a following amendment to Section 6 of the Shelter in Place order: With respect to construction, landscaping and painting activities, refer to the Emergency Order for Temporary Moratorium on All Construction Projects in Tisbury.

Member Rogers motioned to approve proposed amendment. Member Kristal seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Melinda Loberg-Aye; James Rogers-Aye; Jeff Kristal-Aye. The motion was approved.

Board of Health Member Loberg motioned to approve both amendments. Board of Health Member Pratt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Michael Loberg-Aye; Jeff Pratt-Aye. The motion was approved.

Maura Valley suggested that both orders have the same effective date and time of March 25th at 5PM.

Member Kristal motioned to adopt shelter in place order and Emergency Order for Temporary Moratorium on all construction projects as amended with effective day of March 25th at 5PM. Member Rogers seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Melinda Loberg-Aye; James Rogers-Aye; Jeff Kristal-Aye. The motion was approved.

Board of Health Member Loberg motioned to adopt shelter in place order and Emergency Order for Temporary Moratorium on all construction projects as amended with effective day of March 25th at 5PM. Board of Health Member Pratt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Michael Loberg-Aye; Jeff Pratt-Aye. The motion was approved.

Board of Health member Loberg motioned to adjourn Board of Health Meeting. Board of Health Member Pratt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Michael Loberg-Aye; Jeff Pratt-Aye. The motion was approved.

Announcements

Beach Road Festival Contingency Dates

Town Administrator informed Board Members that Beach Road Festival Organizer-Adam Epstein is asking Board to reserve September 18-20 as a contingency date for the festival. Mr. Epstein was present at the zoom meeting. Member Kristal motioned to authorize Town Administrator to reserve requested dates, noting that the Town should always schedule contingency dates for big events such as this one. Member Rogers wanted to allow time for public input prior to approving contingency dates. **Member Kristal motioned to approve contingency dates of September 18-20 and let Town Administrator & Town officials figure out the logistics. Member Rogers seconded the motion, emphasizing that he would like to receive public input prior any final decision is made. Roll Call Vote: Melinda Loberg-Aye; James Rogers-Aye; Jeff Kristal-Aye. The motion was approved.**

Landfill Disposal Area and other Town Services

Town Administrator informed Board Members that due to reduction of service hours at the Greater New Bedford Refuse District Oak Bluffs Transfer Station and Local Drop-Off Area will be operating under adjusted schedule (Monday, Wednesday, Friday 7:00 AM to 2:45 PM.) This information is listed on the Town Website.

Member Kristal thanked Town **Residents** for offered support during this difficult time and recognized Town employees, Island organizations and volunteers for their hard work.

MEETING ADJOURMENT

Roll Call Vote: Melinda Loberg-Aye; James Rogers-Aye; Jeff Kristal-Aye.

Respectfully submitted by

Alexandra Kral

Melinda F. Loberg
Chair

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Vice Chair

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