

## TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 21, 2019 at 5:00 PM

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

**Members Present:** Melinda Loberg, James Rogers, Jeff Kristal

**Others Present:** John Grande – Town Administrator, Alexandra Kral -Executive Assistant, Beth Tessmer, Ray Tattersall, John Crocker, Mark Saloio, Ken Barwick, Amy Ryan

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER

### MOMENT OF SILENCE

Member Rogers spoke in memory of the late Fred Thifault. Volunteer firefighter, Board of Selectmen member.

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Memorial Day: Memorial Day Proclamation, March to the Sea, Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Memorial Day Parade and Town Picnic, Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019

Member Loberg read out Memorial Day Proclamation. Town Administrator informed Board Members of the upcoming scheduled events: March to the Sea is scheduled for Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>, Annual Town Picnic scheduled for Monday, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 12 to 4 PM at the Tashmoo Spring Building. Jo Ann Murphy have submitted a request for the approval of the Annual Memorial Day Parade on Monday May 27<sup>th</sup> with start time of 10:30AM. **Member Kristal motioned to approve Memorial Day Parade as presented. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

May 7<sup>th</sup> Notices from Marth's Vineyard Public School Committee, Re: Excess and Deficiency Fund and School Bus Lease

Town Administrator informed Board Members of the received correspondence on stated above subjects. One of the letters asks for the aproval to use Excess and Deficiency Funds and Board of Selectmen has 45 days to call Special Town Meeting to review the request, if Board takes no action it constitutes consent.

Memembr Loberg stated that the process for E&D request will be further reviewed at the All Island BOS Meeting to ensure such requests are addressed in a more efficient way.

Second request is to acquire debt for the lease-purchase finance agreement for a new 2020 Blue Bird School Bus.

Member Kristal stated he is in favor of addressing the issue at the All Island BOS Meeting.

Member Rogers raised his concern over a strict timelines for Board Members to take action without allowing for a detail review of the matter.

**Member Kristal motioned to schedule All Island Board of Selectmen meeting as soon as possible. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

May 7<sup>th</sup> Correspondence from Martha's Vineyard Land Bank, Re: Land Bank Property at Herring Creek Road, Draft Intergovernmental Agreement

Town Administrator informed Board Member of the received draft agreement. The purpose of the agreement is to establish joint land management mechanism. Town Administrator expressed his concern over the potential increase use of the area and increase in Town need to maintain the property and associated expenses. Hoping to hear more from the Land Bank on their financial contribution. Town Council may have legal edits that need to be included in the agreement.

Member Loberg recused herself from further discussion.

Member Rogers expressed his concern over public access for the property in questions. Suggested a meeting with the land bank.

Member Kristal agreed with Member Rogers and expressed his dissatisfaction with the letter received from Land Bank officials.

**Member Kristal motioned to draft a letter to the Land Bank outlining the concern. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was approved.**

Lynne Fraker raised a question of who makes decision for the town and her concern over the matter being discussed in a meeting unavailable to the public.

Member Rogers ensured Ms. Fraker that all final discussions and decisions will be made at the public meeting and administrative meetings between staff are necessary to outline topics and concerns for further discussion and review.

#### Regional Energy Planning Assistance Grant, Facilities Department

Kirk Mattel is not in attendance. Town Administrator introduced REPA grant opportunity, looking for Boards authorization to apply.

**Member Rogers motioned to authorize Facilities Manager and Town Administrator to apply for stated above grant. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Sustainable Materials Recovery Program Grant, Public Works Department

Town Administrator introduced Beth Tesmer, DPW secretary. Ms. Tesmer outlined the specifics of the grant that includes mattress recycling, pay as you throw program, curbside recycling/organics collection carts, drop off recycling equipment, school recycling assistance, waste reduction and organics capacity projects. Most of the grant programs based on reimbursement.

Member Loberg asked if Budget can sustain expenses while expecting reimbursement. Ray Tattersall stated that he does not expect that to be a problem.

Kari Parcell from MassDEP stated it takes approximately 30-45 days for reimbursement. Deadline for the grant is on June 12<sup>th</sup>.

Member Rogers inquired if the grant include any hazardous and electronics disposal dates. Cary stated that section 10 of the grant program would provide town with recycling dividends which can then be dedicated to anything involved with recycling.

Town Administrator will touch base with the accounting regarding availability of the fund while waiting for reimbursement.

Member Kristal inquired on where the mattresses are taken.

Ms. Parcell – Rhode Island. Member Kristal suggested regionalizing the plant to be on the Vineyard and place said subject on All Island Meeting Agenda.

**Member Rogers motioned to authorize submission of the grant pending acceptance by finance department. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Port Security Grant Program-FEMA, Harbor and Police Departments

Mark Saloio presented the port security grant program that would allow Town to purchase a boat. It is a 25% matching grant.

Member Rogers asked if the grant received is there a plan to dispose of the boats that did not work out. Harbor Master stated that it will definitely be considered.

Member Kristal do we actually need a boat? Cited previous unpleasant experience with the previous boat.

Harbormaster stated he is confident it won't be an issue. This would be for next summer season.

Member Loberg recalled that town meeting approved some funds for equipment to the existing boat.

Harbormaster will hold off on expending those funds until grant determination had been made.

Harbormaster stated the Coast Guard had actively encouraged Town to apply for this grant.

Member Kristal suggested to further look into any funding sources dedicated to the existing boat.

John Schilling clarified that allocated funding is for the replacement of the fire pump.

**Member Rogers motion to approval submittal of this grant. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Coastal Resilience Grant, Planning Board

Town Administrator stated that Cheryl Doble, Planning Board Member has been a lead person on this grant. The grant would fund a study of the Harbor area to determine flood pathways and flooding from stormwater and is aimed at fostering community resilience to climate change.

**Member Rogers motioned to support grant application. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Patient Centric of Martha's Vineyard, Community Outreach, June 6<sup>th</sup> at Katherine Cornell Theater

Community Outreach scheduled for June 6 at 5:30 as a part of the Patient Centric's application for recreation marijuana. The matter will come back to BOS at the later meeting, possible June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## **APPOINTMENTS**

Special Officers: Patrick Souza, Carla Gomes

Police Chief Mark Saloio presented the candidates to the Board. Ms. Gomez was unable to attend the meeting due to the medical emergency. Mr. Saloio expressed his confidence in the competency of the candidates.

***Member Rogers motioned to approve stated above individuals as special officers. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

Conservation Commission: Sandra Demel

Ms. Demel was present at the meeting. Appointment is through June 30, 2022.

***Member Rogers motioned to appoint Sandra Demel to Conservation Commission. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE'S REPORTS**

Building Department, Update

Ken Barwick updated Board Members on the recent meeting with Martha's Vineyard Commission regarding the reconstruction of the Mill House. Second meeting will be schedule in June. Mr. Barwick will keep Town Administrator informed of the dates of the meetings.

Sidewalk project on Lagoon Pond is complete. The connection between old and new sidewalk was altered to improve safety condition.

Mr. Barwick raised concerns regarding overall integrity and longevity of the bridge.

Reviewed the tile for the bank roof raised some concerns. Overall the department is busy. Working on the list of historic properties.

Library Department, Update

Amy Ryan stated conceptual design phase of the library addition has been completed and community meeting has been scheduled for June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6PM. Site plan ready to be presented to the public. Working with facilities department on the deferred maintenance that can be included in the project.

Summer reading program will be starting in late June.

Vineyard Haven Harbor Cultural District Council, Renewal of District Designation

Amy Ryan informed Board Members that 5 years ago Town of Tisbury received cultural district designation. Board Members received notices outlining the process. Most of the steps for renewal have already occurred.

***Member Rogers motioned to recommit to the cultural district in line with the resolution passed in support of the proposed cultural district 5 years ago. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

## **PUBLIC REQUESTS**

Eunice Youmans: Waste Reduction and Organics Capacity Projects

Ms. Youmans presented Board with two documents on food waste. Mass DEP banned the disposal of commercial organic waste by businesses and institutions that dispose of one ton or more of these materials any week of the year. The organics committee has been formed to comply with the ban and address food waste issue. MS Youmans expressed interest in adding food waste station to the Tisbury LDO. The cost of pick up is based on the tote size and number of picks ups. The waste is converted in compost.

Member Rogers raised concern over potential attraction of the vermin and smell.

Ms. Youmans assured Board that regular pickups would prevent those issues. Main Goal of the project is to provide public an easy access to composting.

***Member Rogers motioned to pursue proposed project further. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

#### Vineyard Conservation Society: Take Back the Tap- VCS Water Bottle Refill Station Purpose

Signe Benjamin was representing VCS at the meeting. The Vineyard Conservation Society has been working to make fresh water more readily available by installing of water bottle refill stations around Island. Looking for Board approval to install refills station at the following locations throughout Town.

- Veteran's Park- to replace defunct water fountain near softball field
- VH Library – swap out current water fountain for refill-fountain hybrid
- Owen park – install new refill station at top end while other work is being done to that area & gazebo
- VH Bathrooms near police station – attached to outside of building

These stations potentially will reduce the need for plastic water bottles.

***Member Rogers motioned to approve proposal contingent on water department approval. Member Rogers instructed Ms. Benjamin to work with Facilities manager on implementation of the proposal. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

##### License Agreement For 2019 Vineyard Haven-Located Concert Festival: Innovation Arts & Entertainment

Member Rogers not concerned with the contract as presented but heard multiple resident's concerns that promise to reach out was not fulfilled. Mr. Epstein ensure Board that all efforts have been made to reach out to the residents and provided them with the contact information. The neighborhood meeting is a part of the proposed agreement.

Member Kristal asked if there have been any positive feedback regarding the concert. Mr. Epstein stated that lots of positive feedback been received.

Member Rogers inquired on proposed power sources for the concert. Mr. Epstein actively trying to rent generators and working with Eversource on finding a clean solution. Member Loberg raised question on the status of the alcohol sales. Mr. Epstein is looking to receive a permit for sale of wine and beer. Ready to restrict the sale of alcohol.

Mitigate under supervised consumption of alcohol.

Chief Saloio stated that the traffic plan is been in place. There are some contingencies depending on the shuttle services.

Mr. Epstein continues to promote taking bus or biking to the concert, Bike parking will be available for over 600, coupon for 5\$ off will be provided to all who bikes to the concert.

Close to 1500 parking spaces have been secured.

***Member Kristal motioned to approve, and sign license agreement as presented. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

##### MassDOT Land Disturbance, Right of way Entry, Beach Road

Town Administrator informed Board Members of the received right of way entry request asking for a permission to enter the Town land. Town Officials asked MassDOT to transition work on the town land to mitigate any impact to the private property.

***Member Rogers motioned to allow right of way entry as requested. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

##### Sewer Pump Station Easement , 412 State Road, Vineyard Haven Approval

Town Administrator requested Boards authorization for an execution and payment in amount of \$1 for stated above easement on bank property abutting High Point Lane.

***Member Rogers motioned to authorize the execution of an easement as requested. Member Kristal seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

**Auto Rental License Renewals:**

Hertz Corporation, 29 Water Street

***Member Kristal motioned to approve auto rental renewals as stated above. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was approved.***

**Taxi License Renewals:**

- Able Taxi LLC, 1 Water Street
- Jahrlance Inc. d/b/a Atlantic Cab, 61 Lagoon Road
- Vineyard Crossings LLC d/b/a Stagecoach Taxi
- MV Island Taxi d/b/a Bluefish Taxi, 80 Indian Hill Road
- Vineyard Transport Inc. d/b/a Martha's Vineyard Taxi, 1140 State Road

***Member Kristal motioned to approve taxi license renewals as stated above. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was approved.***

Payroll	#05/02/19	\$125,717.47
Payroll	#05/09/19	\$333,736.58
Payroll	#05/16/19	\$121,305.63

***Member Kristal motioned to approve payroll as stated above. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was approved.***

Bills Payable	#05/07/19	\$1,032,128.47
Bills Payable	#05/03/9R	\$3,261.59
Bills Payable	#04/30/19	\$540,773.44

***Member Kristal motioned to approve bills payables as stated above. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was approved.***

**PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)****Set Date for Public Hearing to Review and Consider Proposed Changes to Waterways Regulations**

Board Members did not believe the proposed document was ready for the public hearing. The proposed changes are to be reviewed again in June prior to scheduling of the hearing.

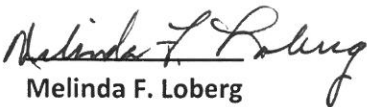
**Time reserved for the topics that the Chair did not reasonably anticipate for discussion:**

Board Members raised concern over the length of the scheduled road closure. Mr. Tattersall stated that department's goal is to open up areas as soon as possible after sweeping and painting completed. Closure on William St. for pavement as well. Mr. Tattersall did not believe closure will be necessary for the period of times that they were originally advertised for.

**MEETING ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by  
Alexandra Kral

  
Melinda F. Loberg  
Chair

  
James J. Rogers  
Vice Chairmen

  
Jeff Kristal  
Clerk