

## TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 21, 2017 at 5:00 PM

Tisbury Town Hall, Katherine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven, MA  
Melinda F. Loberg; Tristan R. Israel; Larry J. Gomez

**Members Present:** Melinda Loberg, Tristan Israel, Larry Gomez

**Others Present:** John Grande- Town Administrator, Alexandra Kral, Ben Robinson, Jon Snyder, Dorothy Packer, Lynne Fracker, Danielle Ewart

### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

#### Administrator Report 11-21-17

Town administrator presented the Board with the report dated 11.21.17. This report provides the Board with the most updated status of all ongoing Town Projects. For example: Tashmoo Dredge permit was received, Lake street project went out for bidding as well as Lighting and Sound for KCT. New elevated walkway was proposed by Mass DOT as a part of the Beach Road Improvements project after the Town expressed a need for the sidewalk going up past Packer Property. Beach nourishment is really needed in that area as well to protect the road from washing away in the near future. Presently, the elevated walkway is moving forward as a part of the project. The property owner is here tonight to speak more on this issue.

Member Israel asked to consider an article to allow historical commission to overview a tree inventory of the whole Town. The public may request a full copy of the report at any time at the BOS Office.

Mrs. Packer read out a letter she submitted earlier to the Board regarding proposed elevated walk as a part of the Beach Road Project. Ms. Packer would like to request Board to withdraw elevated walkway from the beach project and move forward with the project without a walkway in its plans.

Member Israel started that the walkway even as a part of the plans would have to be funded by the Town and Board have not approved any funds for the construction of the walkway.

Ms. Packer also mentioned how little attention was paid in the presented plan to the protection of the road from the erosion.

The further discussion of the project will take place on the future meeting.

### APPOINTMENTS

#### Assistant Shellfish Constable: Miles Bolton

Mr. Bolton was not able to attend the meeting. Shellfish constable was present at the meeting. She stated that Mr. Bolton has been working for a while now.

***Member Loberg motioned to appoint Miles Bolton as an Assistant Shellfish constable. Member Israel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.***

#### Martha's Vineyard Cultural Council: Lara E. O'Brien

Ms. O'Brien was not able to attend this meeting. The appointment is postponed until further date.

#### Harbor Management Committee Possible Candidates List

Board was presented with the list of the possible candidates for Harbor Management Committee. The Board will follow regular procedure to select and appoint the new member of the Harbor Management Committee.

### DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE REPORTS

#### Wastewater Department Update

Ray Tattersall, DPW director reported on the day to day operations of the Wastewater Department.

### DISCUSSION SESSION

#### Vineyard Haven Business Association: Holiday Season Activities

Representative from VHBA requested Boards approval for the Hay Rides on December 10, 2017 and Police Detail on the union street from 11-2pm to accommodate the Hay Rides.

Also, VHBA is looking for approval for the amplified music from 4pm to 8pm on December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

**Member Loberg motioned to approve VHBA requests. Member Israel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Tisbury School Building Project

Member Loberg asked for the discussion of the possible Plan B for the project. It is not apparent how the town residents feel about the project. And if the Town Meeting will turn the school down there will be very short window to provide MSBA with requested information to stay in their funding program. Member Israel suggested reaching out to the MSBA to see what options we might have should this project not pass. Ben Robinson stated that Town Residents have to be fully informed of the consequences of their vote.

**Member Israel motioned to submit a warrant article to outline the Plan B and contact MSBA for clarification of the Town's steps in situation the project won't pass the Town Meeting. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Superintendent Contract

Member Israel expressed displeasure with the length of the contract for the Superintendent of School. Member Israel stated that his opinion is not connected with the performance or the character of the current superintendent but sole fact that Board was no informed of the proposed conditions of the new contract. Board believes that Town was not well represented during the discussion of the proposed contract.

**Member Israel motioned to express Boards displeasure of the 6-year contract to the Regional School Body. Member Loberg seconded the motion stating there will be another option to address this issue during the review of the budgets. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Offshore Wind Energy Project

Town Administrator presented a letter of support of the Vineyard Wind's efforts to build and base their operation and maintenance facility in the Town of Tisbury.

**Member Israel motioned to approve presented letter. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Sewer Advisory Committee: Request to Authorize DPW Director to Approve Abatements

Member Loberg stated there were a lot of billing issues that happen through the course of operations. Sewer Advisory Committee would like to authorize DPW director to approve some of the abatements without bringing them to the committee for the review. Some of those issues are very simple and get hold up by existing requirement of the Boards review and approval. Member Israel suggested that Abatement policy can be created to ensure consistency with abatement issues.

#### Police Collective Bargaining: Negotiations Team - Management

Town administrator informed the Board that Town is planning on entering negotiations with the Police Department regarding their Collective Bargaining agreement. Proposed Negotiating Team from the Town will consist of Selectmen representative- Melinda Loberg, Finance Chair or designee, and Town Administrator. Town accountant or designee and Police chief or designee will serve as resource to the negotiation process. Part of the negotiations will address flagging and detail work.

**Member Israel motioned to approve the negotiating team. Member Loberg seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**

#### Review of the WICKS Agreement

DEP has been very supportive of the project. Town Administrator scheduled a site visit to Fairhaven to meet with the Town Manager and his team to review their experience with the WICKS systems. It might not be used to the same degree as we are planning to use our system but the it still will be valuable to know other community experience with those experimental systems. Sewer Advisory Board has reviewed WICKS Agreement thoroughly to ensure that at any point in the project Town can make a critical path decision if we want to pursue this technology or not. There still a lot of questions regarding operation and maintenance of the systems, exact cost of the installation remains unknow as well as O&M costs. We requested a revise a copy of the contract that would provide us with more clarity on the stated above points.

#### Boch Sewer Easement Update

There is pending request to relocate existing sewer easement if Board inclined to approve the easement, it can be conditioned.

Member Israel expressed his disappointment of the lack of the public access to the park and stated that he is not in support of approving the easement. Board took no action on the matter. Member Loberg stated that Board should be working towards setting conditions for the easement.

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

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

The public may address the Selectmen for up to 3 minutes during the Public Comment portion of the meeting. Topics must be within the Board's purview and not already listed as an agenda item.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION**

#### MOU Tisbury School Parking Lot

Town administrator informed the Board that the document is still being reviewed by town council and unfortunately is not ready for tonight's meeting.

#### OPEB Funding Policy Statement

Jon Snyder presented OPEB Funding Policy to the Board. OPEB are the Town's commitment to pay for 75% of the health care premiums for qualified retirees. Tisbury liability is estimated at \$29.6 million as of June 30, 2017. Mr. Snyder would like to propose to increase the contribution to prevent further increase of OPEB liability. Town administrator suggested scheduling separate discussion with Finance committee to have more detailed review of the OPEB expense. No action was taking.

#### Busker Permit: Martha Child

***Member Israel motioned to approve Busker Permit for Martha child.***

***Member Gomez seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.***

#### Approval of Minutes for November 7, 2017

***Member Israel motioned to approve Minutes for November 7, 2017.***

***ember Loberg seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.***

<u>Bills Payable</u>	<u>#11717</u>	<u>\$257,463.42</u>
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***Member Israel motioned to approve Bills Payable #11072017***

***Member Loberg seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.***

<u>Bills Payable</u>	<u>#111417</u>	<u>\$239,504.51</u>
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***Member Israel motioned to approve Bills Payable #11142017***

***Member Loberg seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.***

<u>Payroll</u>	<u>#11/09/2017</u>	<u>\$378,987.47</u>
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***Member Israel motioned to approve Payroll #11092017***

***Member Loberg seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.***

<u>Payroll</u>	<u>#11/16/2017</u>	<u>\$378,987.47</u>
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***Member Israel motioned to approve Payroll #11162017***

***Member Loberg seconded the motion. Motion unanimously approved.***

**EXECUTIVE** Vote to go into Executive Session pursuant to M.G.L. c. 30 A, Sec. 21(a), 6. To consider the purchase, exchange, lease or value of real estate properties if the chair declares that an open meeting may have a detrimental effect on the negotiating position of the public body; 2. To conduct strategy sessions in preparation for contract negotiations with nonunion personnel (Police and Fire Departments) 3. To discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining or litigation 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**

Roll Call Vote: Member Gomez – Aye

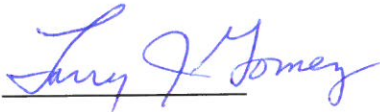
Member Israel – Aye

Member Loberg - Aye

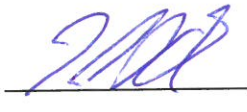
**Executive Session Minutes.**

*The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.*

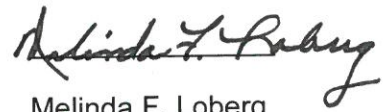
*Respectfully submitted by  
Alexandra Kral*

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Larry J. Gomez  
Chairmen

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Tristan R. Israel  
Vice Chairmen

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Melinda F. Loberg