

TISBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 5:00 PM

Tisbury Town Hall, Katherine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven

James Rogers; Jeff Kristal; Larry Gomez

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

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

DEPARTMENTAL/COMMITTEE'S REPORTS

Council on Aging

Joyce Stiles Tucker updated Select Board on the Council on Aging recent activities. It has been a challenging year. The council on aging continues to perform regular wellness checks on Tisbury's elderly population. Food distribution program remains operational. Holiday dinners have been delivered to the record-breaking amount of people this year. The senior center roof has been replaced and Council on aging received a grant for installation of the automated doors.

Harbormaster, FY22 Staffing Proposal

John Crocker, Harbormaster presented a staffing proposal to add Natural Resources Assistant position. The employee would assist Harbormaster and Shellfish departments. It would be a Union position with annual salary starting \$50,321. The salary would be offset by eliminating over \$20,000 in salary expenses for seasonal assistant Harbor master and other seasonal employees. Town Administrator added that this position is the subject to review by the collective bargaining unit. Danielle Ewart, also mentioned that having a full-time year-round employee would reduce the time spent training new staff each year. Member Rogers stated that the Board is going to take this proposal under advisement while waiting for the Finance Committee Feedback.

Tisbury School Building Committee Report

The committee met with Tisbury Historical Commission to review the design. A lot of positive comments and ideas. Another meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with Finance Committee and Financial Planner. There is request for reserve fund transfer later on the agenda that Mr. Rogers would like to hold off at the moment.

Energy Committee Update

Bill Straw was present at the meeting. Mr. Straw provided an update on the projects that Energy committee has been working. In 2020 the total Green Community awards were \$17,298,979 and Tisbury was awarded \$63,621. There were 33 new towns added to the Green Community in 2020 for a grand total of 271 towns. The average award in 2020 for the 130 town that received awards was approximately \$133,069. Therefore, it is reasonable to conclude that Tisbury could have received more money. One of the low hanging fruits is to change the hot water heater at each location to an under the sink instant hot water heater. Solar array on the Fire Station was brought online around 12/1/2019 and over the last year Eversource has paid Tisbury for the electricity generated at the Station year to date a sum of \$7338.96 in accordance with the Solar Massachusetts Renewable Target or SMART Program as it is commonly called. These payments will continue for 20 years. The Solar array proposed for the new Tisbury School is still in the development stage and the estimated cost of the system is in the range of \$1,650,000 and would be approximately 425K or 425,000 watts. This means that the cost per watt is about \$3.88/watt. At 425 kW the projections are very close to or at NET ZERO and that would be a major progressive achievement. Cape and Vineyard Round 6 projects for Tisbury include the following 4 possible projects: 1. Solar array on the roof of the Wastewater Treatment plant 2. Battery storage at the Emergency Services Facility (Fire Station) 3. Solar array on the roof of the Senior Center with battery storage. 4. Solar Canopy w/battery storage next to the Town Annex with a microgrid connection to the Annex and Animal Shelter. The estimated installation start date for these projects is in early 2022. Cape and Vineyard Round 1 project now installed at the Tisbury Land Fill next to the Park n Ride lot. This project continues to pay Tisbury on average \$113,000 each year for the last 6 years. To date the total revenue is \$630,252. These payments will continue for the next 14 years. Member Kristal

thanked Mr. Straw for the report and Energy Committee for the work that they do. Additionally, Member Kristal requested that Energy Committee research permitting process for battery storage,

DISCUSSION

Martha's Vineyard Commission Policy for DRI Review: Energy

Alex Elvin was present at the meeting on behalf of Martha's Vineyard Commission. This policy was drafted by the MVC's subcommittee to replace current energy and environmental policy from 2008. Currently collecting comments and feedback from Town's boards and committees. Ben Robinson chaired the subcommittee. Ben Robinson made a presentation on the proposed policy. A copy of the presentation is available upon request to abendavid@tisburyma.gov. Member Kristal stated that he liked the proposed policy and wanted to know how much of the proposal is new and how much was incorporated from a prior policy. Ben stated that the committee was trying to move away and really clean up previously cumbersome policy. Ross Seavey raised concern over potential influx of the projects requiring the review by the Town boards or committees that can be caused by this policy. Member Rogers thanked Mr. Robinson for a detailed presentation.

Climate Committee

Ben Robinson was present at the meeting on behalf of Planning Board. Mr. Robinson stated that Planning Board provided the recommendation for committee make up. Member Rogers recommended that Select Board establish and advertise vacancies for Climate committee. Town Administrator stated that it is extremely important to have adequate staff resources available to assist the committee and have clearly defined duties and responsibilities in order for it to be effective. Town administrator suggested that further review is necessary.

PUBLIC HEARING

6:00 PM Continued Public Hearing to review and consider an Aquaculture License Application by Noah Mayrand.

Member Rogers opened a continued public hearing. Additional letters of support were received since the last hearing.

Member Kristal motioned to close public portion of the hearing. Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved. Member Kristal motioned to approve Aquaculture License Application for Noah Mayrand with the condition regarding the use of moorings and enter received letters if support in official application file . Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWALS

Common Victualler Licenses:

Sweet Bites, 32 Beach Street

Copper Wok Inc. d/b/a Copper Wok, 9 Main Street

Bernier's market, Cronig's Market, 357 State Road

Member Kristal motioned to approve renewal of Common Victualler Licenses for stated above licensees.

Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

All Alcohol Licenses:

Copper Wok Inc. d/b/a Copper Wok, 9 Main Street

Member Kristal motioned to approve renewal of All Alcohol Licenses for stated above licensees. Member

Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

Lodging House Licenses:

Platinum Possible LLC d/b/a Nobnocket Boutique Inn, 60 Mount Aldworth Road

Vineyard Harbor Condo Trust, 60 Beach Road

Member Kristal motioned to approve renewal of Lodging House License for stated above licensees.

Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR

Town Meeting Calendar

The Town Meeting Calendar was modified with a proposed Town Meeting date of May 1, 2021. The Chair of the Select Board reviewed the dates at the Town Cabinet Meeting with other elected officials. Member Rogers stated that there was a significant support in favor of the June town meeting date versus the May. Deborah Medders suggested that Special Town Meeting can be called a day before or after our Annual Town meeting dedicated specifically to the Tisbury School Project.

Member Rogers motioned to set the Town Meeting date to June 5th. Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

Select Board Calendar

Enclosed within the packet is a monthly calendar with key Select Board business items for 2021.

Aquaculture License: Husselton Head Oysters

The Department of Marine Fisheries revised certification letter for Jeffrey Canha requests conditions to be attached to the Select Board License. The license to be executed by the Select Board includes: The latitude and longitude coordinates that identify the site; A unique identifier for the site (I believe the town has decided to call this site LP1: The date of license issue and the expiration date; and all conditions placed on the site license including those imposed by the town and those documented in DMF's site license certification letter.

Member Kristal motioned to approve aquaculture license as presented. Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

Personnel Budget

The proposal is to fully fund the Personnel Budget in the amount of \$25,000.00. This proposed budget would complete the transition of personnel services to the Human Resources Coordinator (established April 2015) and Personnel Board. This will meet the organizational objective of the town.

Member Kristal motioned to support personnel budget funding as presented. Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

VTA, Union Street Parking Lot

Town Administrator informed Board Members of the conceptual proposal and plan submitted to the State by the VTA seeking funds to relocate the bus pickup/drop off area and bus shelter to the Union Street Parking Lot. The proposal must be evolved to greater level of engineering that can be implemented, when funding becomes available. The review of the proposal with the businesses, Steamship Authority and other interested parties will inform the VTA and town to that end. Through the Planning Board and Public Works Department, the town has a Complete Streets Project adjacent to the proposal which must be completed before the end of the fiscal year. The VTA proposal will require coordination with the Complete Street Project and any other development plans in the area.

Beach Road Weekend 2021 Dates

Adam Epstein was present at the meeting. Mr. Epstein is requesting Select Boards approval of the August 27th through August 29th dates for the Beach Road Weekend. The Setup would begin on August 23rd. The breakdown/strike of the venue, August 30th and be completed by September 1st

Member Kristal motioned to approve proposed dates pending final review by the Town staff. Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Athletic Field

The Planning Board will be meeting to review the proposed artificial field proposal in advance of the Martha's Regional Commission Meeting on said proposal scheduled for next week. The Planning Board will be requesting to discuss this proposal with the Select Board on January 26th with the goal of issuing a joint position on it.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Reserve Fund Transfer Request: Tisbury School Building Committee, \$25,000

Member Rogers was considering putting off the approval of this request. Town Council stated that the use of funds to inform the members of the public on the progress of the project is permissible the issue that raises a question is that use of public funds cannot be used to influence the outcome of the ballot question.

Whatever is created and used cannot be used for the purpose of advocacy to urge people to vote in a particular way rather it would be restricted to informational purposes only.

Member Kristal motioned to authorize Town Administrator to forward the request to finance committee for review. Member Gomez seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Kristal – Aye; Gomez- Aye; Rogers – Aye. The motion was unanimously approved.

PROSPECTIVE MEETING AGENDA(S)

Meeting Adjourned 7:07PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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