

## **TISBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 5:00 PM

Jeff Kristal; Larry Gomez, Roy Cutrer

**Due to ongoing efforts to prevent spread of Covid-19 this meeting will be held remotely via Zoom platform.**

**Select Board Members Present:** Jeff Kristal, Larry Gomez, Roy Cutrer

**Others Present:** John Grande – Town Administrator, Pam Bennett, Matthew D'Andrea, Amy Houghton, Richie Smith, Adam Epstein, Ben Robinson, David Doneski

### **CALL TO ORDER**

#### **TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

##### **Letter Regarding Massachusetts School Building Authority for Martha's Vineyard Regional High School**

Mr. Grande announced the superintendent's office asked the board to sign the letter in support of the MVRHS proposed project.

Mr. Matthew D'Andrea explained that the letter is in support for the high school's application to Massachusetts school building authority. He explained that the MSBA is a state organization that supports school building projects, whether they be new or renovations they provide expertise resources and funding. The MSBA is concerned about the disagreement between the towns around the funding formula and they really would like to ensure that the towns are ready to support a building project. They have agreed that a letter signed by each towns select board would be helpful to show readiness.

Mr. Kristal asked if the money for the feasibility study is still available? Mr. Grande responded that if it was appropriated specifically for the feasibility study and it was not restricted to a specific fiscal year it should still be available. Mr. Gomez expressed his concern about Oak Bluffs submitting their own letter of support. He wishes for Mr. D'Andrea to receive the letter before it is sent to the MSBA. He also asked if we would have time to have a discussion with Oak Bluffs and try to hash out any differences around the formula. Mr. D'Andrea responded that if we could produce a letter with all six towns before Friday it would be helpful to get in the program. If it doesn't happen, then we can try next year and try to resolve the towns differences.

**Member Gomez made a motion to sign the letter in support of the high school's application to Massachusetts school building authority. Member Cutrer seconded the motion. Roll Call. All in favor.**

##### **License Agreement for Beach Road Weekend Music Festival Review and Approval**

Mr. Epstein talked about the successfulness of the festival. He explained the festival has been established as a 501 C three nonprofit whose ultimate goal is to support the performing arts, live music and recreational programming on the island. Mr. Epstein continued that the festival is giving back to the Community in respect to the Town that hosts it, supporting music programs in the high school, supporting the men softball league with uniforms and youth soccer. The festival is participating in environmentally friendly initiatives and has a landscaper hired to prep the park and fix any issues after the concerts. Mr. Epstein suggested more contributions to the field and the park such as new score board, new soccer goals, water fountains.

Members Kristal and Gomez made a statement that they have not participated as hotels in the program.

Mr. Ben Robinson asked to consider adding a free night for hosting local musicians. He asked if his understanding of the payment is correct -there's a \$25,000 deposit to cover expenses to the town and a venue fee for three nights plus the Community night and then it looks like there's another \$25,000 payment that is a revenue sharing. So, if the revenues reach a certain mount that 25,000 creep up? Mr. Epstein clarified the several components- The deposit is just a deposit, then we pay for all services: the police, the EMS, the fire department, the water department, public works. Then there's a license fee that is paid to the town per day that we are using the field. Mr. Epstein summarized that in addition to the services they pay, there is a fee of \$37,500 for this year's weekend and they have proposed once the weekend reaches profitability to pay 5% of surplus.

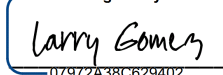
Mr. Robinson expressed his worries about the compaction of the field and suggested there should be efforts put in that direction. Mr. Doneski explained there are a few different pieces in this contract. One is the profit fee the other is that this contract encumbers three years' worth of events and the one-day alcohol licenses which need to be a license for each individual day. He suggested to include a language that each next event depends on the successfulness of the previous one.

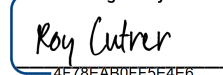
**Member Gomez made a motion to approve the beach road weekend on a three-year agreement on the date specified by the chairman and the contract subject to modifications from council prior to signing. Member Cutrer seconded the motion. Roll call all in favor.**

#### MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Meeting Adjourned 5:55PM.

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