

## **TISBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Wednesday** February 16, 2022, at 3:45 PM

Jeff Kristal; Larry Gomez, Roy Cutrer

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

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

**Others Present:** John Grande – Town Administrator, Pam Bennett, Jon Snyder, Jared Meader, Mr. Douglas, Ross Seavey

**Vote to go into Executive session. Will reconvene in open session.**

### **Announcement**

**Vote to approve Executive session May 24, 2017, December 15, 2017 and January 31, 2018 but not release at this time.**

### **APPOINTMENTS:**

Assistant Wiring inspector- J. Simon Warren- **Member Gomez made the motion to appoint Simon Warren as assistant wiring inspector. Seconded by Member Cutrer. All in Favor**

Martha's Vineyard Commission Select Board Representative- One Vacancy- Elaine Miller or David Ferraguzi, Ruth Koningsberg, Issac Macy. **The board interviewed resident who was interested in the position. Member Gomez made the motion to appoint Greg Martino to MVC. Member Kristal Seconded the motion. All in favor.**

### **DISCUSSION & DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Fire Chief update 319 Main st- Member Kristal thanked Chief Leland and the Fire department, Building Commissioner, and police chief. And a thank you to Tony Maciel and Jon Dumas with Eversource regarding the fire on Main Street.

DPW Director Storm update- The Director stated that to remove snow worked over 900 hours and has expended about \$18,000 this year for snow removal. member Cutrer said his concern was that had kids waiting in street because sidewalk was not cleared and who should be responsible. Need to look at the best course of action moving forward. He stated he would need to budget for outside contracting since he does not have the staff to do the sidewalks.

Building commissioner bylaw update- He made a map of the sidewalks in Tisbury and how to enforce. We do have a snow removal bylaw but with aging residents there needs to be a closer look to see if the bylaw is feasible. If he sent out tickets, it would have been \$16,000 but we cannot write hundreds of tickets. So he found carbonless paper but the cost including, driving, dash cam footage, creating list, paper etc. if decide looking at another 8 hours of work not including people who don't pay tickets. Administration would be \$1,100 if proceed with the program. Does this bylaw work? No. He knows it needs to be done for people walking and kids walking to school. Enforcing for the first time was an issue. Right by the school the sidewalk was done by DPW out of necessity. Need a better plan or bylaw. Do we see if DPW takes care of it by ensuring they have the equipment and man power needed or do they contract it out. Highway departments are budgeted to remove snow with the understanding they are responsible for removal on public roads and sidewalks. Would like to evaluate the costs more closely and come back with recommendation to the select board.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

#### **4:00 Hearing Wastewater Department proposed customer rate changes**

Jared Meader increases due to shortfalls in budget anticipated and have not increase since 2017. Only have 138 users. Member Kristal asked what is the permanent Privilege user fee will you explain? It is for new applicants. Cannot issue a betterment for an emergency hook up or new applicants so this is standard practice fee for hookups. Josh Goldstein said Jared did a great job explaining to everyone. Asked about prior issues brought up by the Sewer board and about town hook ups. Jared stated the town is paying for the use for the town buildings that are hooked up. Will be looking at going back to try to address people who hooked up but never paid a fee. Les Leland asked if there was anything being done to lower rates in the future? Jared said, to expand the plant have to do a study and are in the process already. Will take 2 years. It is in the need assessment stage. Was very conservative so that hopefully in the future can adjust rates. Received one letter from Mrs. Brunelle asking the board to exempt seniors. Jared said if look at tier 10 says .35 cents a gallon. Everyone pays .041 but on tier 10 seniors and veterans and municipal. If you elect to do so the .35 is based on usage for seniors based on usage rate no minimum \$400 charge as long as usage does not go up. For Veterans made

100% disabled unable to work for veteran eligibility. Mr. Kristal said if approve then still have to have a discussion about tier 10 to go to the Sewer board. Jared said it is just a policy decision for tier 10 that will be made after this vote. What was posted was 0-10,000 so that is what is being discussed. **Member Gomes made the motion to close the public portion of the hearing. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor. Member Gomez made the motion to approve the Wastewater Schedule as presented. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.**

#### TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

Sewer hookup Douglas, 57 Lagoon Pond **Member Gomez made the motion to approve 57 Lagoon Pond for 75 Gallons. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.**

Tennis courts, center street- the open space and recreation committee received a proposal from David McNamera of the West Chop tennis program for the Center Street courts. Pending warrant Article for funding for rehabilitation of these courts. Recommends veting completely and brining to the board. **Member Gomez made the motion to formalize something with David McNamera. Member Cutrer Second. All in favor. Lets get something on the website letting people know and thanking David.**

Steamship authority Legislation to create chief operating position and a term.

Town Special Legislation update Senate bill 2611 to hold town meeting outside geographic limits still pending. House bill 4124 similar status regarding mandatory retirement age of 65 for Fire personnel. 4240 to not make it mandatory for food requirement when serving alcohol. It is now at the senate. House bill 910 regarding pesticides has not left with a report at this time. 4322 Mopeds has not progressed t this time.

MassDot beach road project continues working through winter. Continue into spring and begin on other side of beach road. In the fall warp up the project fall of 2022.

Invoices WT Rich Daedalus and Tappe- **Member Gomez made the motion to approve payment of Tisbury school project invoices. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.**

Climate Action Program Workshop- looking to have Town Administrator send out a invite for a specifi date and time for a workshop. Meghan with the MVC is the lead consultant. Cheryl Dobel is the assistant consultant and Liz Dirky is Climate change planner with the MVC. The workshop is to touch base with local community regarding goals and objectives of climate action plan.

Common Victuallers

Santoro Seafood inc., 79 Beach Road

North Star Distributors inc. Vineyard Grocer, 294 State Road

Golden Bull Brazilian Steakhouse Corp., 13 Beach Road

Black Dog Tavern Company LLC, Bakery café, 509 State Road

**Member Gomez made the motion to approve the Common Victuallers. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.**

One Day Alcohol License-MV Museum Event 3/16/22

**Member Gomez made the motion to approve the one day Alcohol License. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.**

Atlanta Island Auto rentals, 4 Water Street

**Member Gomez made the motion to approve the Auto Rental. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.**

#### ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

12.17.21 Minutes

Payroll	11.8.21	\$188,561.33	Payroll	11.16.21	\$364,736.91
Payroll	11.23.21	\$144,200.38	Payroll	11.30.21	\$365,919.95
Payroll	12.7.21	\$186,816.95	Payroll	12.14.21	\$359,661/.32
Payroll	12.21.21	\$137,697.69	Payroll	12.28.21	\$367,043.35
Payroll	1.4.22	\$138,272.26			

**Member Gomez made the motion to approve all Payroll. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.**

Bills Payable	11.9.21	\$201,488.44	Bills Payable	1.12.22	\$1,320.000
Bills Payable	11.16.21	\$500,253.18	Bills Payable	11.27.21	\$175,789.56

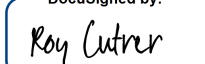
Bills Payable	12.3.21	\$245,620.93	Bills Payable	12.10.21	\$245,620.93
Bills Payable	12.16.21	\$1,181,223.74	Bills Payable	12.31.21	\$712,617.44
Bills Payable	12.31.21	\$6,915.54	Bills Payable	1.7.22	\$52,688.39
Bills Payable	1.11.22	\$356,099.73	Bills Payable	1.14.22	\$166,244.69
Bills Payable	1.18.22	\$133,908.35	Bills Payable	1.21.22	\$524,109.63
Bills Payable	1.24.22	\$366,343.78	Bills Payable	1.28.22	\$3683.95
Bills Payable	1.28.22	\$1,570,336.67	Bills Payable	1.31.22	\$156,163.04

Member Gomez made the motion to approve the Bills payable. Member Cutrer seconded. All in favor.

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