



TISBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING Minutes
Wednesday, July 27, 2022, at 4:00 PM
Larry Gomez, Roy Cutrer, John Cahill
VIRTUAL MEETING-Revised

CALL TO ORDER

Vice-Chair Cutrer called the meeting to order 4:00 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS

Council on Aging- Three-Year Terms

Motion made by Member Cahill to appoint Sandra Johnson Pratt, Edward Sternick, Mary Ellen Larsen and Tristan Israel and seconded by member Cutrer. Roll Call Vote: Cahill-Aye, Cutrer-Aye

Zoning Board of Appeals-Five Year Terms

Motion made by Member Cahill to appoint Jeffrey Kristal and Akeyah Lucas and seconded by member Cutrer. Roll Call Vote: Cahill-Aye, Cutrer-Aye

Zoning Board of Appeals- One-Year Terms

Motion made by Member Cahill to appoint Frank Piccione, Brandon Smith, Rick Homans, Lesley Segal and seconded by member Cutrer. Roll Call Vote: Cahill-Aye, Cutrer-Aye

Water Resources-One Year Terms

Motion made by Member Cahill to appoint Nancy Gilfoy, Michael Loberg and Ben Robinson and seconded by member Cutrer. Roll Call Vote: Cahill-Aye, Cutrer-Aye

Tisbury Affordable housing- One Year Terms This appointment was done at the July 13 meeting.

Tisbury Waterway One Year Terms:

Motion made by Member Cahill to appoint Jeff Canha, Matthew Hobart, Paul Munafo, Greg Martino, Roger Moffatt, Michael Baptiste and John Packer and seconded by member Cutrer. Roll Call Vote: Cahill-Aye, Cutrer-Aye. Member Cutrer asked if the current Waterways chair would like to consider the letters of interest Lynn Franker, Rick Homans, and John Ryder as alternates. Mr. Canha stated that no he would not. They have not had a problem meeting a quorum.

Election Workers -One year Terms

Motion made by Member Cahill to appoint Joy Rogers, Heidi Feldman, Nancy Weaver, Jackie Hokanson, Suzanne Kennedy, Jonathan Snyder, Elizabeth Cleary, John Minnehan and seconded by member Cutrer. Roll Call Vote: Cahill-Aye, Cutrer-Aye

ANNOUNCEMENT

September 6th, 2022 in Person Early voting dates, Times and location

Member Cahill made the Motion seconded by Member Cutrer to set the September 6th, 2022 in Person Early voting dates, Times and location as follows: Saturday, August 27, 2022 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm and Monday, August 29, 2022 through Friday September 2, 2022 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. All early voting to take place at the Towns polling location at the Emergency services facility, 215 Spring street.

Assignment of Constables to serve at the polls during September 6 State Primary and November 8 State Election: Michael Ciano, Kenneth Barwick, Mark Campos

Member Cahill made the Motion seconded by Member Cutrer To assign Michael Ciano, Kenneth Barwick and Mark Campos in their capacity as Constables to serve at the polls during the September 6th State Primary and November 8th State Election.

Motion to approve the Police chief the authority to assign officers according to scheduling and availability to polls.

Member Cahill made the Motion seconded by Member Cutrer to approve a sufficient number of police officers, but not less than 1, at the polling location at every election therein to preserve order and to protect the election officers and supervisors from any interference with their duties and to aid in enforcing the laws relating to elections, as required by Section 72 of MGL Chapter 54 which was changed in section 13 of Chapter 92 of the Acts of 2022. Further, move to designate the Police Chief the authority to assign specific police officers

according to scheduling and availability. The Town Clerk will advise the Police Chief on the location and time the officer is needed.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

One Day Alcohol Licenses

Member Cahill made the Motion seconded by Member Cutrer to approve one day alcohol license for 22-191 Carter Hakala Concert 386 State Road August 14

Member Cahill made the Motion seconded by Member Cutrer to approve the listed one day alcohol licenses for the Martha's Vineyard Museum Rehearsal Dinner Party July 29, Private Rental August 17 and 18, Conference August 12, Conference-August 10, Anniversary party- August 6, Dance Workshop- July 30.

Beach Road Music Festival Update

Have input from OB, Select Board and Steamship authority on what they advise for beach road festival. Mr. Grande stated his understanding from Member Cahill is there will be a follow up meeting. Member Cahill would like to propose the Select Board to appoint a person to oversee and assist the town and events going forward. Point person for innovation arts. Member Cutrer feels need to look more in-depth before appointing or create a committee after the beach road festival. Member Cahill feels should appoint someone prior to oversee it. He already sees issues. Member Cutrer asked if needs a motion. Mr. Grande said no but won't be able to attend every day of the concert and looking at meeting schedule which is August 10 to take it up as a discussion item. Or maybe at a special meeting. Communication on this should have come earlier to the Select Board office. Member Cutrer says has public safety. Member Cahill asks why not now? Member Cahill made the motion to appoint someone now to oversee the festival this year. member Cutrer seconded. Discussion feels needs more time to discuss it. Pam Bennett said want to make sure following the open meeting law and not sure can vote on it since not on the agenda. Mr. Grande stated that is a good point. We should identify individual and bring that back at the next meeting August 3rd for a special meeting as a separate agenda item.

Town Accountant extra compensation

Member Cahill made the Motion seconded by Member Cutrer to refer to the personnel board for recommendation.

Certification of Language for Special Firefighter Legislation H.4662

The only change in language was section 1 line 3 and if a member of the retirement system are retired for superannuation may serve in such a position until the age of 70.

Member Cahill made the Motion seconded by Member Cutrer to approve the redrafted language of the bill lines 3 and 4 by the Committee on Public Services

Tisbury School Project Update

Mr. Grande stated the next few agenda items are all interrelated. Monday yo authorized completing an application to department of Revenue. Page 6 section B related to the proposed increase and in contact with MDOR. Michael Owens will present. The form itself is straightforward did update the \$25, 610.841 brings proposed to \$80,610,841. Application has many proponents. In back is June 15, 2021 findings for the \$55 million form Town meeting. Breaks out the data for DOR to consider. The circumstances surrounding the cost increases. Primarily inflation driven in a volatile marketplace. Speaks to engineering process primarily Tappee and WT rich- Analyzing 3 options and option 3 was settled on. It meets educational programming for a new school. Reviewed by Select Board, School Committee and School building committee. Breaks down budget. Detailed cost estimate comparison with original with WTR projected current estimate. Tappee combined D and E requirements cost and scope management. Member Cahill asked if he could show the report. It is posted on Tisbury school website. Mr. Grandes stated it should be noted that the Total project budget table on 2019 an appropriation for \$1,232,443. Need to put on section D page 6 it was leftover monies from the abatement of the school at that time. That money will be reflected in the application section D with an explanation. MV Times Rich asked percentage wise is

what this project is facing now reflective of what the project the folks are overseeing in Chilmark facing? And two there seems to have been a challenge with getting the electrical line, not just to temp school but a new line to the entire renovation and wondering if that has been overcome and is cost reflected? Owens said did not do a cost analysis to Chilmark. As for question two, is to the primary feeder cables and we have done through Eversource a engineering cost analysis upgrade b/c don't have enough power so have done analysis to have engineers to take spring street side run. Yes cost included in budget spring street hopefully will bring primaries we need to use and permanent power. And looking at North William. Ben Robinson if the select board is comfortable asking for exception to a ballot vote on a number that is now known to be close to \$25 million plus? And is there any appetite to look at the gym as a renovation portion of the project given cost savings that would be associated with that? Mr. Grande said the number is considerably higher but does know town accountant has been interactive with DOR and the application. They have seen this elsewhere and they are aware and receptive to receiving it. It still requires 2/3 vote at town meeting. He is uncomfortable filing quasi processes. Wants to follow the processes laid out. Nancy Gilfoy said she understands the Solar Array on roof is not included and wanted to make sure that the electrical plan includes that as a future component? Chris Blessen said electrical has a complete solar design for the building but not included in the project. Provisions for them. Its ready for when the town finds the appropriations for it. Mr. Owens in response to Bens questions said if keep gym does not allow for the educational program to move forward which compromises the intent of building a new school. The school as designed needs to service a 50-75 year window. Keeping gym does not allow that to happen. Amy Houton said the school committee have given much consideration to this question. Not taking down the gym changes the scope of the project so going to DOR would change the scope that was put to the voters and from the start number one goal was to eliminate harmful materials. Mr. Grande don't have a plan for another option in which one retains the gym. Would lead to another delay, redesign and cost estimate. Jon Rich from WT Rich a couple months ago put all options regarding the gym on the table and it really did not meet the educational program. You would have to reset the process and start from square one at least 6 months delay. Have bids in had for maximum price and that would not be guaranteed if delayed. Would still have to come back to the town for override in cost if went that round. Melinda Loberg about sufficient power for school if you go ahead and do solar. Second thought is to do with the town meeting process and to be relieved of a ballot vote. Taxpayers voted for the funding to fix the school not a project. Mike Owens. You cannot run the school on solar alone because it is based on sun power. Still need primary power. Mr. Grande recommended previously once a grant funding source is identified for solar and go to town meeting with the match for that grant. WT Rich stated Infrastructure has to be upgraded for temporary school in time to support temporary modular and would not be ready in time to utilize the temporary school. Mr. Blessing said the building is designed to be as energy efficient as possible from the beginning. MR. Grande said the Select board authorized to pursue the application and it is very important for the process to go through that application for the ascent to file it as of the cost. Nancy Gilfoy said not hearing extra funds coving the windows and mortar its more all sorts of costs so if we don't pass the 25 million what happens? Mr. Watts of the school committee said if we don't get the money a 10-15 million dollars are just gone and nothing is solved. A lot of money is already committed. Finishing what we started. MV times asked the gym floor will be synthetic and not wood if that is the case what would be cost for a wood floor? Have they considered the threat of forever chemicals? Mike Watts stated have not that was part of value engineering process to reduce cost as used in many schools. Can explore but again would need to go out to bid as part of the process. Anything we do that takes time raises cost. Member Cahill asked if 81 million holds what does it look like for average taxpayer? Mr. Snyder the 55 million tax bills going up 10% if 86 million it will be roughly 15 ½%. Average median is roughly \$1000 more in tax bill for 30 years. Mr Cahill said hopes to get there it is a lot of money. Have to consider all the residents and it is a significant number. Member Cutrer said he has to look at the alternative of no new school for the community and what we have already spent. Yes, has to do what is best for the town and not moving forward is wasting 10-15 Million dollars.

At the Tisbury Select Board Meeting on July 27, 2022, The Board made the following motion: To accept the report of Daedalus, the owners project manager for the Tisbury School renovation project regarding categories and reasons for project cost increases in support of the town's application to the Department of Revenue for a determination of borrowing covered by debt exclusion for the project. And to authorize the Town

Administrator to file the application. Motion made by Member Cahill and Seconded by member Cutrer. Roll Call Vote: Cahill-Aye, Cutrer-Aye

Bond Rating Update

Mr. Snyder for 7-8 yrs AA plus which is very good. this past month the new rating by the Premier bonding rate agency. They affirmed our AA plus rating and applied it to our new bond. Will get competitive interest rates. Thank you to the finance team.

Vote to set Special Town Meeting on September 20, 2022 at 7:00 PM at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School, Oak Bluffs, Massachusetts Mr. Grande said would be in the PAC center. It is being held Town Moderator and Town clerk indicated they are prepared to have town meeting September 20th to review the warrant article. Town Council Mr. Doneski said if they could briefly talk about the warrant article then he has four motions to put on the table. There was the foundation article that was approved for 55 million and I have updated it for the supplemental article I would like to insert the 26 million unless there is a concern and incorporate the changes from town attorney language changes.

Warrant Article for Tisbury School Supplemental Borrowing Authorization.

Member Cahill made the motion seconded by Member Cutrer to call special town meeting to be held on September 20th, 2022 at the Martha's vineyard regional high school in Oak Bluffs to consider a single warrant article for a supplemental appropriation for the Tisbury School renovation project that article to be in substantially the form presented to this meeting by the Town Administrator subject to final review by Town Council.

Opening and Closing of Special Town Meeting for Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

Member Cahill made the motion seconded by Member Cutrer to Open the warrant for Special Town meeting Tuesday, September 20, 2022. To accept the single article approved by the board at this meeting and to close the warrant as of the time of the vote under this motion.

Vote to set date for Special Election. Town Council said the motion would be to call a special election for October 4th 2022 Vote to set date for Special Election for Tuesday October 4th, 2022 for a proposition 2 ½ debt exclusion vote for the supplemental borrowing appropriation for the Tisbury school renovation project which will be considered at the sept 20, 2022 special town meeting. Mr. Doneski said could wait until application to DOR to consider prior vote as sufficient for appropriation. Could defer calling the special election. Mr. Grande said if meet on August 3rd could propose the special election and ballot question at that time. Would be able to have a better timeline from DOR. Defer with the consent of town attorney. No vote required just acknowledge it will be august 3rd.

Vote to approval Ballot Question to exempt from proposition 2 ½ the supplemental borrowing for Tisbury School for Special Election. No action taken at this time if required will be on the August 3rd agenda.

BILLS PAYABLE

Member Cahill made the motion seconded by Member Cutrer to approve Tappee invoice 220701 \$64,166.66 and F.R. Mahony invoice RL01053 \$27,301.00

Vice-Chair Cutrer made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by member Cahill. Vice-Chair Cutrer asked for a Roll Call Vote: Cutrer Aye, Cahill Aye. Meeting adjourned at 6:06 p.m.

Larry Gomez, Chair



Roy Cutrer, Vice Chair



John Cahill, Clerk