



TISBURY SELECT BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, February 8, 2023 at 4:00 PM
Roy Cutrer, John Cahill, Abbe Burt
VIRTUAL MEETING

SELECT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: John Cahill, Roy Cutrer, Abbe Burt

STAFF PRESENT: John Grande, Town Administrator, Elena De Foe, Executive Assistant

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Cutrer called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair Cutrer announced the following.

The Select Board Office, Town Administrator, Human Resource and Purchasing staff have moved to the Department of Public Works Building at 115 High Point Lane.

The Embarkation revenue for this year is \$263,807. This is an increase from 2021.

Animal Control Facility is participating in the Green Communities Program to replace the existing heating and cooling system. The Department of Public Works has recently completed the installation of a new highly efficient heating and cooling system as participant of the same program.

DEPARTMENTAL AND OTHER REPORTS

Martha's Vineyard Commission, Representative Greg Martino

Greg Martino Tisbury's representative at the Martha's Vineyard Commission gave a brief update of the projects in Tisbury reviewed by the commission. He pointed an upcoming budget presentation and would like to have quarterly meetings with the Board to provide updates.

Information Technology Administrator, Heidi Rydzewski

Heidi Rydzewski gave an update. She stated the smart board at the Emergency Services Facility has been installed for a few months now. It is ready for Hybrid meetings. A smaller 65-inch panel was ordered for the Senior Center that would be installed in March. There will be training on it and videos are available online. A third panel will be ordered for the Katharine Cornell Theatre. The website project is underway, it is scheduled to be completed in June. A prototype will be available in the spring and Ms. Rydzewski is going to reach out for input on the new design.

Chair Cutrer asked when the Harbor Camera will be back live.

Ms. Rydzewski responded that a new camera has been installed and she is working with the vendor so that the image could be displayed like the Tashmoo camera.

DISCUSSION SESSION AND POSSIBLE VOTES

Beach Road Music Festival

Adam Epstein stated he has submitted a plan to the Town which covered everything from capacity, questions, public safety questions. It published the Emergency Action Plan that had been in place for the last 3 years. It published a series of steps that we would like to take to objectively measure certain concerns and issues that have been raised by the public. There was a public forum at the Senior Center and a Zoom call in October where questions have been answered.

Member Cahill raised a few concerns. The estimated attendance for each night is 11,000 people located in a downtown area. Does the Town have a plan should a serious problem arise. He would like to make sure the Town is protected from liability. The park is small and in a contained neighborhood so that area is off limits for essentially 10 days. Mr. Cahill stated he also hears conflicting reports on the condition of the field itself. The traffic and noise are also a concern and lastly he would like to make sure the town has the appropriate insurance in place.

Mr. Grande responded that there is insurance in place by Innovation Arts and by the different vendors part of the festival. The Town is not liable currently, but it is worth a discussion with the Town's insurance agent to update the policies.

Mr. Epstein responded that Innovation Arts provides full coverage for the town as well as naming everybody involved, including the officers and employees of Tisbury. Also, additional coverage is provided as recommended by the State of Massachusetts. There is 5 million dollars coverage, so the festival is over insured by standards. Mr. Epstein continued that the emergency action plan that is in place has been continuously updated since 2019 and evaluated by Town Departments and the insurance company. This is a common event no different than what other municipalities have. The event was significantly under the recommended capacity and fire code capacity for the site. By the State of Massachusetts, the event is rated to go to a 19,000-person capacity event that is, both by industry standards, Insurance company standards, the state standards and Tisbury standards. Innovation Arts is setting up a hotline with the cooperation of the Health Department. People will be able to report to the hotline if they have a concern about the sound. A professional with a town observer will go out, evaluate the concern. Through a direct line with the audio professional on the sound board the problem will be addressed in real time. Mr. Epstein requested the opportunity to have a proper sound check where the system can be adjusted, which last year was stopped due to complaints from residents.

Affordable Housing Committee Charge

Burt made a motion to approve the Affordable Housing Committee Charge subject to minor amendments. Cahill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Lake Tashmoo Anchorage

Mr. Grande stated the Waterways Committee will be taking this on at their next meeting. The soonest this will be taken at the Select Board is on March 8th, 2023. Over the last year and more I have been in contact regarding Tashmoo watershed management plan. The Select Board will consider moratorium on anchorage in Tashmoo. This will buy the Town enough time to put a plan together.

Chair Cutere stated that we are trying to be proactive to protect lake Tashmoo and get through a watershed management plan. All concerned departments are asked to provide their input.

Jeffrey Canha suggested prohibition on all anchoring in all Tisbury waterways only in approved areas.

Lynne Fraker doesn't believe there is an issue with boats anchoring.

Ben Robinson the Water Resources comm has been working on the CWMP program. We have been working on the targeted Wastewater management plan. Scott Horsley is helping us with this as a consultant.

Cahill made a motion to empower the Town Administrator to move forward with the lake Tashmoo plan and all we discussed tonight and report back on March 8th and March 25th on the management plan. Burt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

APPOINTMENTS

Affordable Housing Committee: Henry Nieder, Caitlin Burbidge, Scott Mullin

Scott Mullin stated he has been a Tisbury resident since 2004. He is an architectural designer and is involved with the business association.

Abbe Burt made a motion to appoint Caitlin Burbidge and Henry Nieder to the Affordable housing committee until June 30, 2023. Member Cahill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Special Events Martha's Vineyard Museum-March 11, 2023, Private Event

Special Events Martha's Vineyard Museum-March 10, 2023, Craft Workshop

Tabled to the next meeting.

Common Victualler License Renewal-Black Dog Tavern, 20 Beach Str Ext

Cahill made a motion to approve the Common Victualler license for the Black Dog Tavern. Burt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Taxi License- Transfer of License, All Island Taxi, 118 Franklin Str

Cahill made a motion to approve the transfer of Taxi License from Samantha Church and James Hickey to Shemario Houghton and Kristal King. Burt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

December 21, 2022

January 11, 2023

Cahill made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Cutrer seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 2 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstained.

Treasury Warrants Signed by Clerk

Payroll Warrant 1.26.23

Payroll Warrant 2.2.2023

Bills Payable Warrant 1.24.2023

Bills Payable Warrant 1.27.2023

Bills Payable Warrant 1.31.2023

Approval of Cemetery Plot Purchase

Lot 280

Burt made a motion to approve the purchase of cemetery plot 280. Cahill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

TOWN ADMINISTRATION REPORT

MassDOT Beach Road Project

Mr. Grande stated the project has essentially come to a closing with the utilities being put underground. We now have a 5ft ADA compliant sidewalks. We have bike shoulders dedicated to both directions.

Lake Tashmoo Pump out Boat

Mr. Grande stated that the Harbormaster would like to replace the boat. We will not have a new one for the upcoming summer and we are looking for some alternatives for this summer.

Special Town Meeting Warrant Article, Charter Review Committee

There will ultimately be a committee for town meeting to consider. David Doneski will be looking at the draft and making sure all steps are included.

Lake Tashmoo pump out boat

John Crocker has stated he had the pump out boat survey by the Shipyard. The aluminum hull has corroded. The Shipyard has stated it may last another 2 years, however they cannot make any guarantees. If it breaks in Tashmoo it will be a disaster. We are looking at some alternatives on how to manage the upcoming season. We are not positioned properly for a grant.

Jeffrey Canha suggested putting a pump out facility at the end of the Tashmoo Dock with a holding tank and bring it to the sewer facility. This will allow people to pump after the Harbormaster's work hours.

MassDOT Downtown Drainage Projects

Included the old fire station lot. The Select Board will need to weigh in on with MassDOT they will need a confirmation for permanent easement and maintenance.

Melinda Loberg has requested approval for a letter as part of the extended public comment to MassDOT hearing. She shared the composed letter on the screen.

Burt made a motion to approve the sending of the Climate Committee letter. Cahill seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Update

Our levy capacity is below \$100,000 and we would want to maintain it much higher, closer to \$1,000,000. I am asking departments to dive deep into funding reductions.

PROSPECTIVE MEETINGS SCHEDULE AND AGENDA ITEMS

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Cahill made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Burt seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote. The vote was 3 in favor, 0 opposed, and 0 abstained.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 PM.

Meeting Minutes Recorded by Executive Assistant Elena De Foe

Meeting Minutes Approved June 28, 2023



Roy Cutrer
Chair

John Cahill
Vice Chair

Abbe Burt
Clerk