

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 5:00 PM

Tisbury Town Hall, Katharine Cornell Theater, 51 Spring Street, Vineyard Haven, MA
Melinda F. Loberg; Tristan R. Israel; James Rogers

Members Present: Melinda Loberg, James Rogers (Member Rogers excused himself and had to leave at 6:15 PM, Tristan Israel)

Others Present: John Grande- Town Administrator, Pam Bennett, John Crocker, Ray Tattersall, Frank Brunelle, Lynn Fraker, Debby Packer, Ralph Packer, Mr. Sprayregen, Mrs. Chase, Jessica Elder

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

- Library Annual 5K Fun Run -Karen McPhail spoke on behalf of Friend of the Library. She said 25 participants to enter kids run free. Requesting to reduce traffic (Benefit for Friend of the Library) It is the same race as always. Starts at Greenwood avenue the up Main street toward West Chop and then turn around and come back. **Member Loberg motion to approve. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved**
- HGTV Island Life Filming Permission Request – Letter requesting the approval to film in town, mostly at private locations and small local businesses. Josh Goldstein supported it. Member Israel wanted HGTV to give a list of places they will be going and give them a list of places might go in Tisbury. Loberg approved request motion, Jim second all approved.
- Mooring Fee Abatements FY2018; FY2017- This was a hold over for Mooring fee abatement from 2017 & 2018. **Member Loberg motion to approve. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.**
- Municipal Code Consulting Update- Municipal Code Consulting executed an agreement for inspectional services to support the Building Department. A meeting is scheduled next week to delegate and assist with plan review. They are capable of doing onsite inspections. K. Barwick the Building Inspector determines what they will do. It's a process but we need a longer-term solution. Member Rogers is concerned that people do not get held up with inspections and that we have qualified people doing the inspections. Discussed at the meeting September 11th for mutual support to expand our inspectional services.

Tristan Israel -Next meeting want Gail Barmakian for mutual support for this area will be on the table. Also, if you have other items submit them to Jay for the August 28th. Have punch list.

- Police Chief Recruitment and Hiring Process- Police interview committee meeting August 20th. Interview candidates August 27 & 28 then will go before the Selectmen in September.
- Beach Street Extension Basin Damage - Beach Street catch basin going into harbor collapsed. Closed road and Ken Maciel oversaw work. Pavement is a Cold patch and will seal with hard top when the plant is open. Next week it will get paved.
- Edgartown Dredge Agreement – We have been working with Edgartown and have a draft agreement. Mr. Hagerty is looking over with the Edgartown Selectmen and the value of the project is \$190,000 +. Looking for a Long-term relationship considering frequency Tashmoo has to be dredged. Member Rogers spoke with other towns and suggested they should reach out too. He also asked about the fees. Are some of fees we paying or Edgartown? Mr. Grande responded that most of the fees are for barging, but it is

encompassed within the agreement. As much of the work will be enveloped in the contract. We do not want to contract these other entities, so they have control. Member Rogers asked about the \$28,000 crane fee? Mr. Grande said they have not included charge for that at the moment but have not gone through full process yet. Member Loberg asked if we got the survey? Mr. Crocker responded yes, but he wanted to get an update, so they have an updated version to look at. Member Israel asked when are we anticipating this to happen? And if we are still talking to Barnstable? Mr. Crocker said between September and November. It depends on their dredge schedule. Yes, still talking to Barnstable. Mr. Grande stated that it was good to stay in contact with Barnstable if one dredge is unavailable in the future. Edgartown seems competitively priced. Member Israel asked it to be put on OB punch list. Lynn Fraker asked Who decided this is the best course of action? Cost analysis Between Edgartown and Barnstable? Wants to make sure everything is included. What does final cost encompass? What about the Grant? Mr. Grande stated we will not hear until September. Ms. Fraker asked if the Dredge committee has it been involved? Member Israel stated that it has been Mr. Grande and Mr. Crocker. The rest will have to be looked at after we have all information at a future meeting.

DISCUSSION

Mass DOT Beach Road Improvement plan citizen request

We received 2 citizen requests. Ralph Packer has a property 9C10 on beach road. Ralph Packer- Handouts: Deed to property and lot map, Photo of parking front, DOT diagram, and Road cut agreement which Deprives them of entry and road cut. The sign would be 17 ft high and take 4x5 piece of land in front of Josie's Cottage. Asking that the Selectmen to acknowledge and communicate with MassDOT that this should not happen and there is a problem. Sign in front of store front and curb cut loss. Would like the Selectmen to take a vote to communicate to MassDOT.

Member Loberg thought it was already communicated along with several other changes but we do not know if they were executed. Mr. Grande- yes it has been communicated and they are making adjustments to the crosswalk but you, Mr. Packer are asking the Selectmen to take a vote.

Mr. Packer stated yes, he was asking the selectmen to take a vote.

Member Rogers- when they met with you Mr. Packer they were supposed to talk to you, did they? Mr. Packer -the Engineer said up to Tisbury. Mr. Grande asked if the lot lines be could adjusted at Josie's cottage? And said that the elevated sign is optional according to engineer. Mr. Grande we have requested crosswalk be adjusted so does not impede access to your lot and asked that the sign should not have everything on it at that location. Have not received anything back confirming that the changes have been done.

Member Loberg made a motion to send an official request to address crosswalk and eliminate gargantuan signage from that location and curb cuts and to send updated engineering plan. Member Rogers seconded but said would like to get revised plan first to see what has been addressed that they said they would first. Mr. Packer stated the sidewalk works where it is so why change the property of Josie's cottage? Member Loberg sympathetic to member Rogers but have repeatedly requested for an update with no answers. **Member Israel seconded the motion. Member Rogers passes. Motion approved.**

Member Israel drafted letter to Mr. Currier at DOT regarding hybrid hybrid SUP beach road project (Read letter) to return to original symmetrical plan. Member Rogers supportive in some ways but would rather write letter to get revised plan, then meet with Planning board and property owners. Wants to see if changed what they said they would before going back to symmetrical plan. Member Loberg- wait until we get revised plan to see what has been addressed to see if heard concerns of the abutters. Member Israel originally against SUP. In a compromise he then said ok to hybrid plan.

State did nothing. Doing SUP but he is not in favor, it has been a long arduous process. So why are we going through it? member Rogers not necessarily in favor either of SUP.

Member Loberg said on Oct 6, 2015 the board voted on the hybrid hybrid plan. You said, "you hoped they would get a sidewalk all the way to packers wharf" and on Dec 2018 they met in Taunton with DOT, district 5, planners and engineers and all the permitting agency who had authority over this project. They all said this is a barrier beach and will treat as such so was a dead stop but it is a dead stop and now will not permit a sidewalk in that section. Trying to make a safer road in a smaller area. SUP provides a separation between pedestrians and bicycles. Would do almost anything to create a safe barrier between pedestrian, bicyclists and traffic. Should not encourage DOT to go back to a smaller pathway.

Member Israel - If we had nice sidewalks wouldn't need a SUP. Back to the letter. Member Rogers wants a letter to get the plan and have a public meeting run by the board and then go back to the DOT. Want an answer in the next couple of weeks. To be continued

Hearing

Member Loberg read notice 5:49. Table until 6pm

Frank Brunelle- idea that SUP is safer option he disputes. 8 ft wide path. Faster cyclists they go in road with traffic or on SUP. Anyone coming from OB to vh must decide to go to Cromwell lane or cross over. Symmetrical road offers better road space and options. member Israel is correct to write letter.

Debbie packer- Studying SUP plan by boat storage (passed out handout) and read note she typed. If plan utilizes 40 ft right of way would take away the need for eminent domain.

Ralph shocked about notice in paper July 17th hearing in conservation. Proposing beach nourishment between Tisbury wharf and shell. 2019 contract goes out June of 2019, work starts fall 2019 and beach nourishment would start 2020/ they wants to bring in material and plant 10,000 stems of beach grass. No formal document has been received but Mr. Packer said would cooperate. How much sand is there? 750 yards of sand=1000 tons. What happens to sand with the first nor'easter? Goes down the shore. Can we protect the road? Stone or barriers? We will pay for it? He did not speak out at the hearing because had not seen the numbers. Sand that will disappear is unacceptable.

Member Israel wants to talk to DOT about it. Mr. Grande said hardscape is the choice by DOT and the town. It was the permitting agency at the state who said we have to go through this process. Member Israel makes motion to set up legislature meeting and whatever state agency for permanent fix for this corner. Member Loberg said DOT is responsible to get the road usable for the public. **Member Rogers made motion to set up meeting, Member Loberg seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.**

Hearing for Eversource 6:05pm

Eversource representative present was Jessica Elder. Jessica Elder said requesting to replace poles 4 and 7 but the petition said one pole. They want to replace one pole to accommodate the transformer on one of the poles for church st. (Passed out citizen letters)

Mr. Tattersall said it is one cable with 40 conductors inside. He spoke with Eversource about replace any section of sidewalk instead of patching. One pole with transformer on Franklin Church side. (Last pole on right is being replaced). Pole needs to be replaced b/c need a bigger pole to accommodate solar. Will only change one they need. Needs a bigger pole to support the transformer.

Peter Sprayregen- 36 Franklin st. Concern to confirm the church street pole is being replaced? And the franklin will have the transformer? This is to benefit the church? Can the transformer be placed elsewhere? Say the Parking lot? Concerned about EMF's and aesthetics.
(Have letter)

Mrs.Chase -44 Franklin street said if put poles up for the church aesthetics will be going downhill. Can it be on the Church property? It is supposed to be part of historic district. If the church has the money to do solar why not pay to have the transformer on their property.

Member Israel directed the questions to Jessica. Not sure not involved with the design side. Did what was less costly to customer. Does not know if can go in parking lot but would most likely need more poles b/c have to go in a line. Transformers do not hum. Mr. Grande was it roof mounted solar they are adding? Yes, according to member Rogers roof mounted.

Mrs. Leonard not happy about location. Would impact the value of her property? (Have letter Loberg read out) Mr. Grande how many wires cross there? What is there is not going away just adding larger wires for the transformer according to member Rogers.

Mr. Sprayregen clarification diagram does not indicate transformer. Makes him concerned not getting full disclosure. Member Loberg asked Planning board- for introduction of solar into residential neighborhoods is there anything in writing? Has very dense plan would have to read it (Ben Robinson). This is not in historic district but wondered if the Planning board already addressed this issue at some point? If not, can you look at it for future. Mr Sprayregen said he would like to know if church has submitted everything for solar permit? Member Israel said that would go to building dept.

Member Israel motion to close public portion of hearing, Member Rogers seconded. Unanimously approved.

Member Loberg said she is concerned about the issues raised and that they haven't gotten all answers if all avenues have been explored? Talk to all the boards. Member Rogers said the only reason there is a hearing is due to the changing pole; if didn't need to be replaced would not need a hearing. It would already be done. Thinks would be wrong to not allow someone alternative energy. Member Israel not opposed but would like to talk to the church about alternative placement. Sympathetic to the residential neighborhood. Wait a few more weeks to talk to church. Willing to take time to look at it. Member Loberg made a motion to continue to the hearing rather than close it to 5:45 on the 28th. Member Israel seconded, Member Rogers opposed, Motion passed.

APPOINTMENTS

Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority: Elain Miller.

Member Loberg made motioned to appoint stated above individual to the Martha's Vineyard Regional Transit Authority Board. Member Rogers seconded, The Motion was approved.

Crossing Guards: Katharine Colon, John Rollins, Rosemary Littlefield, Stephen Nichols, Rita Reynolds, Kathleen Tilton, Marilyn Susan Yas, Robyn Lopes-Beaulieu, William Magee

Member Loberg made motioned to appoint stated above individuals as Crossing Guards. Member Rogers seconded, The Motion was approved.

POST OFFICE

Member Israel said that the workers are all hardworking but sitting in lines that are getting longer at the post office impacts traffic in the parking lot, so no one can park and it backs up to State road. He would like to contact post office in Boston to have more employees to help. It is impacting the town. Wanted the boards support to contact them. Write a letter to have them look at this operation. Member Rogers supports it. Member Loberg has had people talking about post office. Primarily external appearance. Would like to add that to the letter since it is in center of town. Everyone sees

it. In other states they do not do package delivery like we do. They have boxes take the key out and put it in the persons box you unlock box and key stays in box. Want supervisors to take a closer look at this option to alleviate lines for packages. Member Rogers wants to enforce the lot of Post Office when people leave cars and not doing USPS business. Request a meeting with them.

Member Loberg made a motion. Member Rogers seconded. Unanimously approved.

Member Rogers left 6:15 pm

Appointment of all Crossing guards. TI Motion to appoint Katharine Colon, John Rollins, Rosemary Littlefield, Stephen Nichols, Rita Reynolds, Kathleen Tilton, Marilyn Susan Yas, Robyn Lopes-Beaulieu, William Magee. ML second, All in favor.

DISCUSSION CONTINUED

Road projects-Cromwell lane improvements- took advantage of a pilot program with with MVC. Early sept put out to bid for Woonerf walkway. Ground level with curving. Needs some adjustments want to reach out to them. Will slow traffic.

Camp Street- Table it for now,

Water/ Union-barrel study everyone agreed. Final design with small changes. Member Loberg envisioning parking in that lane. Did you as part of test have someone parallel parking? It will be a delay. September posting bids.

Center Street - Go from Main and William. Replace basins, reconstructing sidewalks. Ground layer. Met with Eversource today. One pole would move. Must meet with Verizon and Comcast. Historical committee needs to meet with him to make sure no issues. Cost est. ready next week.

Owen park- call with landscaper design from off shoots. She is working on changes suggested.

Main street- survey finished couple weeks ago. Will have update in 3 weeks but wanted to do a site visit first. Environmental partners meeting with BOS and DPW meeting have buyouts so can see people. Would be on left side so can see cars going through town.

Woodlawn ave- repaving / replacing 2 basins at intersection of Main and Woodlawn. Asked Environmental partners to look at the idea of moving sidewalk from right side to left side by the 1789 house. Would remove current sidewalk and put it in another area so correctly lines up.

Signage- Environmental Partners spoke today sending new documents about sign locations and types; once have plan will bring to BOS and talk to business community. Member Loberg asked that when a sign is removed that they take out the bump from sign. Mr. Tattersall said we had 25 signs on Main now have 15. Environmental Partners suggested we should do a sign ordinance which regulates all signs put up. Mr. Grande said he can look into construction sign options to adopt for Public Works.

MVTA complaint about bus on main st from Mr. Gomez going up Union to Main. Made an exception no trucks or buses to go that way. VTA still go that way. TI ask new rep. Ask Elaine to talk to her about it.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

July 9 minutes need time to review. Member Loberg made a motion to approve minutes from 7.10.18, 7.13.18, 7.24.18.

Member Loberg motioned to approve. Member Israel Seconded with July 10 minute changes member Loberg submitted. The motion was unanimously approved.

MVP grant for \$20,000- Work to become a designated community in the Municipal vulnerability program worked with Cheryl and Horsley and wooden provided scope of work value \$19,000 but to not prolong it would like authority to move forward to analyze our vulnerabilities. Makes you eligible for other grants. We are spending Money we received from the state to evaluate vulnerabilities. Member Loberg made a motion to allow. Member Israel second.

Signing of warrant given by the Town Clerk. Member Israel read warrant.

Member Loberg motioned to fix where says County of county and then sign it. Member Israel seconded. Motion was unanimously approved.

Payroll #07/19/18 \$267,921.12
Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #07/19/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Payroll #07/26/18 \$133,797.16
Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #07/26/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Payroll #08/02/18 \$266,864.24
Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #08/02/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Payroll #08/09/18 \$131,173.24
Member Loberg motioned to approve Payroll #08/09/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bills Payable #07/16/18 \$310,258.40
Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #07/16/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bills Payable #07/17/18 \$503,201.33
Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #07/17/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bills Payable #07/23/18 \$58,242.51
Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #07/23/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bills Payable #07/24/18 \$390,165.48
Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #07/24/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

Bills Payable #07/30/18 \$183,214.31
Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #07/30/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

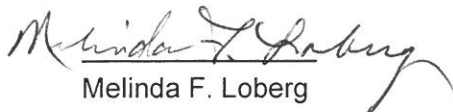
Bills Payable #07/31/18 \$465,508.78
Member Loberg motioned to approve Bills Payable #07/31/18
Member Rogers seconded the motion. Motion approved.

The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted by
Pamela Bennett



Tristan R. Israel
Chairmen



Melinda F. Loberg
Vice Chairmen



James J. Rogers
Clerk