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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Sewer Connection, 57 Lagoon Pond Road, Douglas

Change of use to office space which requires the allocation of 75 gallons. The wastewater demand was determined by Environmental Partners. Wastewater Superintendent supports connection. Sewer Advisory Board made a favorable recommendation to the Sewer Commissioners (Select Board) on the connection and gallons to be assigned.

Tennis Courts, Center Street

Public Works Director Kirk Metell updated the Finance and Advisory Committee last week during his review of budget related warrant articles. He informed the Committee that the Open Space and Recreation Committee received from David McNamara, director of the West Chop Club Tennis Program about offering to provide free tennis clinics for kids and adults this summer at Lake Street Courts. If this summer's program is a success, the proposal offers is to extend this program at Church Street when the new clay courts are completed and to contribute to the daily court maintenance. This sounded very promising. The supplemental funding for the rehabilitation of the clay courts is a proposed warrant article subject to Town Meeting approval. Once the Open Space and Recreation Committee and Public Works Director reviews this more closely with the director to understand the details better, then it would be appropriate for the Select Board to be directly involved in developing a license agreement as may be appropriate.

Steamship Authority Legislation

Below are the amendments to the Act concerning the Steamship Authority. The bill is not showing logged in with the Legislature or assigned a bill number as of this writing.

An Act relative to the Steamship Authority

SECTION 1. Section 3 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, as most recently amended by sections 3 and 4 of chapter 429 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended in the second paragraph:

by striking the word "his" and inserting in place thereof the word "the";

and by adding the following sentence at the end thereof:-

No member shall serve more than three full terms; provided, that a member appointed to fill a vacancy may serve three full terms after serving the unexpired portion of the former member.

SECTION 2. Section 4 of said chapter 701, as most recently amended by sections 3 and 4 of chapter 429 of the acts of 2002, is hereby further amended by adding after subsection (j) the following subsection:-

(k) To employ a chief operating officer, who shall be responsible for improving the management and performance of the Authority, and who shall report directly to the general manager and shall be subject to the authority of the general manager. The chief operating officer shall:

(i) provide overall organization management to improve agency performance and achieve the mission and goals of the Authority through the use of strategic and performance planning, measurement, analysis, regular assessment of progress, and use of performance information to improve the results achieved;

(ii) advise and assist the general manager in carrying out the requirements of chapter 701;

(iii) oversee efforts to improve management functions within the Authority; and

(iv) coordinate and collaborate with relevant personnel within and external to the Authority

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding section 3 of chapter 701 of the acts of 1960, as amended herein, members serving on the Steamship Authority Board who have served three full terms as of the effective date of this act may complete the remainder of their term and may serve an additional term immediately after their current term expires.

Town Special Legislation Update

Special Legislation still pending before State Legislature

Senate Bill 2611 to authorize the Town to hold its 2022 Annual Town Meeting outside the geographic limits of Tisbury if the Select Board determines that there is no suitable location within Town limits that will safely and comfortably accommodate all interested participants. The bill was referred to the committee on Election Laws. The House concurred with the referral. A Hearing was held on January 19, 2022. Waiting for report from committee.

House Bill 4124 to permit Fire Department Employees to serve in such position until the age of 70. The bill was referred to the committee on Public Services. The Senate concurred with the referral. A Hearing was held on October 19, 2021. Waiting for report from committee.

House Bill 4240 to permit alcohol to be drunk on the premises to restaurants, including restaurants within inns and hotels, without the requirement that such beverages be consumed with meals only. The bill was referred to the committee on Consumer Protection and Professional Licensure. The Senate concurred with the referral. The Hearing was held on June 14, 2021. New draft of the bill was issued by

the House on November 8, 2021. Committee reported favorably on November 8, 2021. Placed on Orders of the Day November 15, 2021. Order to third reading and engrossed by House December 20, 2021. The Senate has also ordered third reading on January 26, 2022.

House Bill 910 to protect local resident and environment from harmful pesticides. The House referred the bill to the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture. The Senate concurred with the referral. The Hearing was held on December 14, 2021. Waiting for report from committee.

House Bill 4322 to prohibit the rental or leasing of mopeds and motor scooters. The House referred the bill to the committee on Municipal and Regional Government. The Senate concurred with the referral. Tisbury Select Board submitted a letter of support.

MassDOT Beach Road Project

Based on the contractor's current schedule, work will continue through the winter as much as the weather allows to install conduit and prepare the underground utility relocations. Utility Companies may also continue with overhead relocations as weather allows.

Spring of 2022: Will consist of overhead and underground utility relocations by the Utility Companies. MassDOT's contractor will be installing curb and placing sidewalk on the inland side of Beach road, along with ancillary work on both sides of Beach Road.

Fall of 2022: Utility companies may have some remaining relocation work depending on spring progress. MassDOT's contractor will place Final paving, permanent pavement marking installation, sign installation, and final landscaping.

Invoices: W.T. Rich, Dasdalus (Cha Companies), and Tappe'

The invoices will be sent to you under separate cover. We received current invoices for Tappe'. We are confirming that the Tappe invoices are outstanding and approved for payment. As of this writing, I have not received any current invoices for W.T. Rich or CHA.

Climate Action Program Workshop(s)

Without objection, I am authorizing the Martha's Vineyard Commission Climate Action Plan facilitation team, Meghan Gombos, the lead consultant, Cheryl Doble assistant consultant and Liz Durkee, MVC climate change planner to organize and schedule workshop(s) in March and April of this year in Tisbury. The goal of the workshop is to review the Climate Action Plan goals and objectives. The workshops will be an opportunity to gain insights as to local climate change related priorities. Tisbury staff and board member representation at the workshops is requested.

Prospective Meeting Agendas

The Select Board will be meeting jointly with the Tisbury School Committee and Tisbury School Board Committee to hear and discuss an update on the Tisbury School Construction Project. This will be on or after March 10th. Want to verify that your calendars are open between March 10th and say March 15th.

The Select Board will hold a regularly scheduled meeting on March 16th.

Ballot Questions are to be submitted on March 7, 2022. The Special and Annual Town Meeting Warrants close on March 8th. The Select Board are scheduled to sign the warrants on March 15th. These dates were predicated on holding Town Meeting on April 12th. The legislation for holding the 2022 Town Meeting outside the geographic boundaries of Tisbury is still pending approval as referenced above. The Select Board have not officially voted to move the date of Town Meeting to Saturday April 30, 2022 and will need to do so at a future meeting.

Respectfully Submitted

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Town Administrator