



Town of Tisbury
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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

May 11, 2022

Licenses

Common Victuallars Licenses: All renewals and no concerns raised.

Taxi Licenses: All inspections complete and passed.

Busker License: The applicant has held a busker license and prior years and no concerns raised.

Lodging License: All inspections are complete and passed.

One Day Alcohol Licenses: The requests for specific events are in your meeting packet and no concerns raised.

Events

Memorial Day Weekend Events include the Tisbury School "March to the Sea" on Friday, May 27, 2022, arriving at Owen Park at 1:00 p.m. The other major happening are the Veterans March and Graveside Ceremony on Memorial Day and the Annual Town Picnic on Monday, May 30, 2022, at the Spring Building, Lake Tashmoo, noon to 4:00 p.m.

Annual Street Fair, Friday, July 8, 2022, 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Closure of Main Street and Union Street beginning at 5:00 p.m. to general vehicle access and parking. These street closure require an affirmative motion and vote of the Select Board in their capacity as Road Commissioners to close Main Street and Union Street for this event.

Projects

Martha's Vineyard High School Capital Project Funding Formula

The Select Board Working Group has met weekly. A formula based on any single factor, i.e., student enrollment was eliminated from consideration. The working group is meeting on May 11th and the request made each of us on the working group is to seek input from our respective Select Board on the proposed future capital cost based on a formula using 25% EQV and 75% Student Count in the different time scenarios provided in your meeting packets. The working group noted how little fluctuation in the apportioned costs between the scenarios.

Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Construction Options

As of this writing, the Tisbury School Building Committee has recommended proceeding with Option 3. The Tisbury School Committee will have met on May 10, 2022, to consider the options and recommended Option 3. Following the Select Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m. on May 11, 2022, the Finance and Advisory Committee will meet to review the options and recommended Option 3. The Select Board should review the options and determine if the Select Board is able to support Option 3. The three options are difficult. However, only one option, Option 3, provided to date permits the project to move forward without significant delay, which facilitates bidding and receiving a guaranteed maximum price for the bulk of the project and further mitigates the costs of the interim school facility and time spent in them. The alternates to the main bid are critical components of the school project. The challenge to all of us in the upcoming weeks is to identify a funding and programming strategy to ensure these critical components get completed concurrent with the main project.

Marine Terminal Update

On April 13, 2022, Ralph Packer executed the lease with Vineyard Wind which is the critical milestone for this logistical support hub for Vineyard Wind and for the future working waterfront in Vineyard Haven. In your packet you will also find the issued Combined Chapter 91 Permit and 401 Water Quality Certification for the combined permit for dredging associated with this project.

Massachusetts Department of Transportation Beach Road Project

You received correspondence from Deborah Packer on behalf of the Packers noting concerns with crosswalks, curb cuts and power and communication utilities. We met with the Packers on site. A follow up meeting was held with MassDOT and Public Works Director, Kirk Metell. The concerns as to the crosswalk and the curb cut across from the Packer Oil Office were resolved. The curb cut on land adjacent to the Shell Station is a separate review process with MassDOT. The Town has no objection to the curb cut. This curb cut will require approval from local Conservation Commission in advance of the issuance of MassDOT driveway permit for it. The three utility poles were installed by Eversource in the area on the Lagoon Pond side of the roadway before Winds Up. MassDOT is making an inquiry to Eversource since these utility poles are not part of the current Beach Road project.

I had mentioned previously that the utility work, both power and communication, can be completed before the end of June. The contractor and MassDOT are looking to work past Memorial Day through June 24, 2022. You have received the request in writing from MassDOT. The recommendation is to exclude work Memorial Day Weekend, but to allow the construction to continue to June 24th.

Herring Creek Road Access

You received correspondence in you packet from Mr. Alexander concerning the traffic problem and condition of Herring Creek Road. The main idea was a road restriction or blocking of the roadway during the high season. I have begun reaching out to interested parties including our departments and Landbank on the issues and concerns with the roadway, potential remedies and will report back when that inquiry is complete.

Respectfully Submitted
John W. Grande
Town Administrator