



**Town of Tisbury**  
**Office of the Town Administrator**  
**51 Spring Street, P.O. Box 1239**  
**Vineyard Haven, MA 02568**  
(Tel. 508-696-4203)

**TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

**April 12, 2023**

**PUBLIC HEARING**

Rescheduled to Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 4:15 p.m.

**CONDITIONAL BUILDING COMMISSIONER AND CONTRACT EXTENSION**

Motion to approve the appointment of Ross Seavey to serve in the capacity of Interim Building Commissioner until May 31, 2023; and to modify the existing contract for services.

**BEACH ROAD EXTENSION OUTFALL DRAINAGE SYSTEM**

I have discussed this project with the Executive Director of the Martha's Vineyard Commission, Adam Turner. The next step is for us to meet with District V Mass Highway Division to see how to get this project on a faster track to implementation. I am requesting a member of the Water Resources Committee and Select Board join us for this important meeting.

**MASSACHUSETTS MUNICIPAL VULNERABILITY PREPAREDNESS PROGRAM GRANT**

Authorize the Chair of the Select Board to sign a letter of support for this grant.

Last year the MV Commission Planners and Climate Committee developed a Vineyard Climate Action Plan. This year they are requesting funds for one of the actions in the Climate Action Plan – the mapping of the Island's vegetation. The project also includes mapping of selected marine aquatic habitat and a community campaign to encourage sustainable landscaping practices. This project will help guide the island to a longer-term goal of building climate resilience into land use planning.

**CONSOLIDATED TOWN OFFICES**

In my January report to the Select Board I provided you with the costs for temporary office space. Some have expressed an interest in purchasing the school modular classrooms for future office space.

The Town also expressed an interest in 4 State Road, the Educomp Building, for future municipal town offices. This option is also on the table for consideration.

The third option is to pursue new construction at 55 West William Street or elsewhere on town owned land.

I would recommend that you authorize me to work with the Finance Director and task group to evaluate the financial impacts of the above options in more detail. I will report to you the recommended task group for your approval after consulting with the Finance Director. The task group can develop a schedule for completing their work based on the deadline you set.

Consolidated municipal town hall offices have been an identified need for over 35 years to provide the most efficient and convenient service to the public. Other capital projects have come up and pushed it to the back burner. The town can anticipate carrying the debt for the Tisbury School Renovation and Addition Project for the next 30 years. The Town will also receive a request to borrow the funds for the High School Renovation and Addition Project. Knowing all this, a greater imperative exists to plan proactively for consolidated municipal town offices in the most fiscally responsible manner.

#### PAYROLLS AND BILLS PAYABLE

Payrolls and bills signed by the Clerk of the Select Board. Informational. No votes required.