

Department of Public Works Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

April 22, 2019

Commissioners Present: George Balco, Earl Littlefield, Christina Colarusso, Cheryl Doble, and Larry Gomez

DPW Directory: Ray Tattersall

Attendees: Mary Ellen Larsen, Beth Tessmer, and Eunice Younes

Department of Public Works Advisory Board Called to Order by George Balco at 4:00 pm

Approval of Meeting Minutes of March 18, 2019:

George Balco: Motion to Approve? Larry Gomez: Motion – Earl Littlefield: 2nds - Unanimously Approved

Old Business: LDO Compost Station

Beth Tessmer: Trying to get our solid waste out of the trash truck going off island and reducing our weight even more. The compost stays on the island and gets put back into the ground. Another grant would then allow at home composting and eventually curbside pickup. Tisbury is currently the only town not participating.

George Balco: This current revenue of compost dumped, where does the money come from?

Eunice Younes: That's the \$2 bucket charge.

George Balco: So, the individual is paying that. These are new charges for the public.

Tomar Waldman: How big is the bucket? Is it securely closed?

Eunice Younes: Yes, it's like an ice bucket size . . .

Ray Tattersall: We've been basing it off a 5 gallon pails. It's not going to make much, but with the grant . .

Beth Tessmer: If we do this and qualify for the grant it will get us \$600 apiece. Tisbury has never applied for any of these grants so we are in a good position to be accepted for 9/10 of them depending on the school. We get \$600 per point.

George Balco: Do you have an estimate of what a $\frac{3}{4}$ person household would produce annually in compostable waste.

Eunice Younes: I don't have those numbers on the top of my head but I can say it's about 40% of everyone's trash is food waste – U.S. average.

George Balco: You don't know how many buckets/\$ that would transform to – average additional cost?

Eunice Younes: No, and again it's a choice, not mandatory.

Beth Tessmer: The other part of it is the MASS DEP would like any restaurant with >50 seats to comply with this.

George Balco: Commercial is a different ballgame . . .

Ray Tattersall: The LDO is residential only.

Beth Tessmer: But if we are talking community trash, it could be going into our trash without us auditing– but this may be revamped in the new contract. We want it out of our trash so it doesn't end up in our truck

Ray Tattersall: When it comes to the LDO: per bucket we will not make enough to cover it, but with the grant money and the money saved by it coming out of our dumpsters and then recycling it. It's more of a service: to help people recycle better and just give people a place to put it. I would hope in the future they just put their containers up there without charge to us or the customer – they take it and make money off it.

Eunice Younes: Island Grown does not want to be in this business – we are a nonprofit. Our goal is to keep waste going off island and to keep on island to replenish our soil. We are trying to prove it is a viable business so that we can turn it over to business people.

Ray Tattersall: There are people out there who want to do it.

Tomar Waldman: I wrote a grant to get a large municipal compost on the island (didn't get) why wouldn't we do that instead? Require all compostable products into one container and Bruno's could pickup and bring to one facility – in 2 weeks it comes out the other end. It's a high commodity – compost goes for \$60/yard on the island.

Eunice Younes: This is what we aspire to in the future.

George Balco: If we go ahead with this, what about the extra cost of having our people supervisor.

Eunice Younes: The Refuse District has no supervision – they hand out buckets. Everything is cooked in screened.

George Balco: If we go ahead we would have to let the residents know it is voluntary and the town is not involved.

Ray Tattersall: We are involved.

Beth Tessmer: One of the grants is for education, advertising, and signage.

Cheryl Doble: Is this just one grant?

Beth Tessmer: It's multiple grants, the first 2-7 are reimbursable grants and the last 2 are grants written.

Cheryl Doble: So, we need to have money allocated to do that?

Beth Tessmer: Some of them are, for example -mattress programs (2x annual event), after grant is signed we can do signage and advertising and they reimburse you for all the costs: container, Bourne coordination, etc. so it doesn't come out of your budget. Under the current and past contracts, the town has never been paid for a commodity – metals, etc.

Ray Tattersall: Bruno's should have been taking the metals, etc. out and reselling and cutting us a check.

George Balco: What if the people can't afford it?

Ray Tattersall: They are putting less in their trash bag . . .

George Balco: They can put 32 gallons of this in the trash for \$5.50

Eunice Younes: It is a choice

Ray Tattersall: I'm a little skeptical here in Vineyard Haven, we are not West Tisbury, but I think people will do it.

Larry Gomez: It's the right thing to do. By offering it they have options.

George Balco: Any further questions on this? What's the next step on this Ray?

Ray Tattersall: I would propose at the next BOS meeting on May 2nd and let them have their input. If you choose to have them review it.

Earl Littlefield: Motion – Larry Gomez: 2nds . .

George Balco: Any further discussion?

Christina Colarusso: Should we make a flyer with all the information?

Beth Tessmer: What I plan on doing is have Eunice there as backup and also Heidi Carey who does the MASS DEP grant writing and she can go through grants.

Ray Tattersall: They are going to be talking some LDO trash issues anyway so hopefully we can get this on so we can get it approved right away and start it up.

George Balco: Any further discussion? If not, all in favor? - Unanimously approved.

Ray: Beth, please make sure Pam gets it on their agenda May 2nd.

LDO Coin Operated Shredder:

George Balco: I put this on the agenda myself.

Beth Tessmer: Shredded paper is the #1 bad in the world of recycling – better to put an actual piece of paper. It cannot be burned and adds tonnage to the trash.

Ray Tattersall: I know that the Town is looking to get a company to come in and shred our old documents.

George Balco: I don't know a lot about it I thought it could make the town a little money and provide an important service to the community.

Christina Colarusso: I would say at the library.

George Balco: Someone runs one once a year.

Larry Gomez: They come from off island and charge you \$10/\$15 a box . . . I thought it was expensive.

George Balco: Next to the Y

Cheryl Doble: The Town could hire someone for the day who is bonded to come in, they don't shred it, and . .

Beth Tessmer: Part of the grant is to have an Amnesty Day and hire someone for the day to do and we could get reimbursed.

Ray Tattersall: We can look into the Amnesty Day – see if there is a company that does that for municipalities already for the residents.

George Balco: I think people would pay if it were available to people. Kick that around a little bit Ray.

Larry Gomez: Let's try to get it for free.

Christina Colarusso: I don't think the LDO which is outside is the best place, I think the library would be a better space.

George Balco: Any other Old Business?

Mary Ellen Larsen: The Landbank

George Balco: Has this shifted to the Facilities Department yet?

Ray Tattersall: Basically anything having to do with the parks – they are controlling now. Kirk makes the decisions.

Tomar Waldman: Have we designated anyone?

Larry Gomez: Henry Neider -

Mary Ellen Larsen: He hasn't been appointed yet.

Larry Gomez: The selectmen were supposed to do something about it.

BOARD APPOINTMENT UPDATE: BOS reviewing all boards so appointments ON HOLD

DPW PROJECTS OVERVIEW/UPDATE:

Ray Tattersall: 3 spreadsheets – Active Construction: where we are at, where \$ is coming from, how much we have spent so far – if we spent any, etc.

Cheryl Doble: Just wanted to confirm, coming out of Town Meeting, what is still funded, able to go on, etc.

Ray Tattersall: The Future Projects were confirmed at Town Meeting.

OVERVIEW

ACTIVE: Center still needs ADA ramps and topcoat (FALL) which is tied in with Woodlawn's sidewalks. William is basically done except for the topcoat(MID-MAY/JUNE) – looks great, the grass is growing nicely.

Larry Gomez: You couldn't put a sidewalk there?

Ray Tattersall: We couldn't make it ADA accessible – there's a big tree there . .

Union undergrounding has a Verizon ticket to get done but waiting. Comcast ready to go – hopefully before the major part of summer.

Smith Brook Culvert is coming along. This was construction money - \$250K, they had design money \$25K that is now in the stage of the best way to go – blocks like at Joe DeBennecourt's. We put on hold since we jetted and it has cleared up.

Using Chapter 90 money for anything road related: engineering, building roads, repairing roads, paving, etc. - we're getting \$140K this year = \$6500/mile. But if we use it for roads then the sidewalks need to be upgraded to ADA.

FUTURE: FALL 2019

Originally asking for \$1.6 million now asking for \$600K

Not doing Church Street (drainage & sidewalks would be \$650K/road)

Center – all the sidewalk work & topcoat

Cheryl Doble: Will this drainage incorporate some of the EPA stuff?

Ray Tattersall: Going forward, I want to start incorporating and I spoke to Bob Rafferty about it.

Cheryl Doble: Does it cost more?

Ray Tattersall: It should cost less but the structure could be a little more but in the end it should be a little less headaches . . .starting on Church.

Woodlawn – sidewalk money . . . drainage should be ok

Site Walk on Thursday with Traffic Committee, Jay, Water Works, Waste Water to survey areas

Union – mill & overlay

Crack Sealing saves road for a little longer (not pretty) but it costs \$168K per mile to mill & overlay – extend the life/Edgartown Road & Franklin Street – coordinate w/Water & Sewer for shutoffs

Lagoon Pond Road – preliminary survey & design work to get ahead of the game.

Cheryl Doble: The EPA group is coming in May, it would be good to coordinate to discuss ideas.

West Chop/Franklin Drainage Improvements – leaching basins put in need to be cleaned in order to work – collects water & sediment properly. Cleaning more than 100/year (previous count) of the 400 in town

Main Bump outs – not losing any parking spaces, help pedestrians cross the road & feel safer. Opportunity to put out some benches/trees on bigger bump outs

Church Street – no money this year – drainage, sidewalks, road, just like Center Street. I learned a lesson on Center Street, if you can't cover it by winter, don't do it. Start as soon as summer is over and get everything covered by late November.

Tomar Waldman: Main Street says TBD

Ray Tattersall: I think it will be done next fall because we want it done for the 2021 Anniversary. The Business Association is reviewing.

COMPLETE STREETS

Water/Union - Study to see if removing 1 lane would be possible plus some bump outs, design changes, crosswalks, taxi area, etc. The State came in with \$164K of grant money and the cost estimate is \$260K. We are going back to the State with all these projects as a whole to see if we can get an extension and use other money allocated for other projects to try to get these all completed by next fall. Plans are down and ready to go out bid.

Cromwell -Adding asphalt to the roadway to meet the sidewalk (about 6 ") a pedestrian/motor vehicle shared path. Walking path – inlaid granite and tree will be boxed in and put in crosswalk at bottom.

Veteran's Park – Update entryway from Beach by widening to 8' Big pole in Fire Station Lot coming out . . . waiting on Comcast & Verizon.

Lake Pedestrian Access – completed

Camp – waste to finish sidewalk to State since people just cut through bank (use \$ on other project)

Causeway Bike – mostly signage

Cheryl Doble: Wayfinding Project - Planning Study is completed and we are going to share that at the Cultural District Meeting on May 8th at the library about the renewal of district. The State gives State Cultural signs but I would like to be able to find the money for Wayfinding signage "Museum This Way", etc – coordinates in one place and uniform around town.

Ray Tattersall: Review for next meeting - LDO FEE SCHEDULE PROPOSED INCREASES/UPDATES (NO = get rid ofBRUSH!!)

Schedule Next Meeting: May 20, 2019

George Balco: Motion to Adjourn - Larry Gomez: Motion - Earl Littlefield: 2nds - Unanimously Approved

Meeting Adjourned @ 5:05pm

