

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 8, 2019 at 2:00 PM

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

Members Present: Melinda Loberg, Tristan Israel, James Rogers

Others Present: John Grande- Town Administrator, Pam Bennett, Jeff Kristal, Ray Tattersall

DEPARTMENT REPORT

Department of Public Works update. Review of Current Projects.

Ray Tattersall handed out a spreadsheet including project's cost estimate, funding source, level of completion, funds expended year to date and remainder of project. The copy of the submitted spreadsheet is available upon request to the Board of Selectmen Office, 51 Spring Street, Tisbury or via email request to akral@tisbury.ma.gov. Member Rogers raised concerns regarding proposed ballot question for 1.6 million bonding article for proposed project during a tough financial year. Member Rogers stated that portions of the projects that already have been funded should be completed prior to requesting any additional funds. Mr. Tattersall stated that portion of the available funds will cover partial completion of the Center Street Project with exclusion of sidewalks. Member Israel inquired on the projects that relate to FY2020. Mr. Tattersall listed following proposed FY20 projects: Main Street bump outs, Church street, Union street undergrounding. Member Rogers stated that completion of the Center Street Project must be a primary goal. Mr. Tattersall stated that available funds won't be enough to finish by spring. Mr. Tattersall expressed his willingness to explore other funding sources to accomplish Center Street project completion on time. Mr. Tattersall also stated that set bidding timelines contribute negatively to the delay in the project completion.

Member Loberg asked if the current sidewalks will be restored to their original form and would they have to be redone again afterwards? Mr. Tattersall confirmed and expressed his belief that it won't be feasible to complete full project by Memorial Day otherwise.

Member Rogers raised additional concern regarding unanticipated Center Street change orders. Mr. Tattersall stated that contractor claimed he was delayed due to water mains located in the way of construction. A second delay was required to accommodate proper placement of the water main.

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Special Town Meeting Closing of Warrant Articles

Articles 1 To Obtain Official Bonds, 3 To Authorize the Treasurer-collector to enter into a compensating balance agreement and 4 To authorize the Treasurer to Borrow in Anticipation of Revenue are housekeeping articles that happen every year.

Member Loberg made a motion to have a Special Town meeting Consent agenda for articles 1,3 and 4. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Article 5 To amend the town of Tisbury regulations of sewer & septage collection treatment and disposal, section 3 fix language since B.O.P.W.C. no longer exists. Member Loberg asked that we find out the scope of ability in regards Article 5.

Article 9 to "Dead End" Oak Hill avenue. Add verbiage that it needs to be viewed by the Traffic, roadway and safety committee and planning board to address the concerns.

Member Loberg made a motion to have a Special Town meeting Article 9 add legal aspect/verbiage before it goes to town meeting. Member Israel seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Article 10 add amount

Article 11 To change the position of Town clerk from an elected position to an appointed position. Member Israel suggested a date of 2023.

Member Loberg made a motion to have a Special Town meeting articles 11 to add date 2023. Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion was unanimously approved.

Article 13 wanted to broaden to all rentals to address the franklin street issue/incident. (Penalty according to BOH would be \$100)

Member Loberg made motion to close Special Town meeting 2019 warrant. Member Rogers seconded. The motion unanimously approved.

Annual Town Meeting Closing of Warrant Articles

Article 23 Member Loberg made motion to remove Article 23, Member Rogers seconded the motion. The motion unanimously approved.

Article 37 Housing Bank Article- Make an amendment to the article for a general amount. If passes want to have language in there to be able to amend the amount allocated. Some language to this respect.

Article 4 g) Member Rogers requested that Dredging plan and schedule be provided to the Board before Town meeting. Member Loberg stated that customarily embarkation fee committee allocates funds in small portions every year for dredging so that they can accumulate money to complete full project in future.

Article 5 m) Member Rogers concerned about the requested amount.

Article 11 Jeff Kristal said with the Osha standards, short term rentals and the current fire chiefs' retirement coming up in the future the Chief provided sufficient back up as to why this position is needed. Member Israel raised concern over the succession plan and possible future recruitment challenges. Fire Chief will present full proposal during next scheduled Board of Selectmen Meeting.

Article 29 It was stated that FINCOM asked the Town Administrator to have the verbiage reworked similar to Edgartown and West Tisbury. Member Israel said the main issue is part of the dollars the town is contributing for maintenance and operation that a financial board be set up based on some kind of formula for contribution. The towns need to have ultimate financial oversight in relation to the monies they are contributing. Some sort of MOU with the Sherriff and the Town. He recalls the sheriff was not happy about it but when member Israel asked him several times he said yes. Everyone was in agreement.

Member Loberg made motion to close Annual Town meeting 2019 warrant. Member Rogers seconded. The motion unanimously approved.

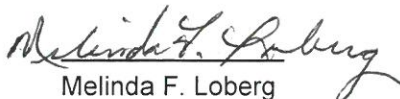
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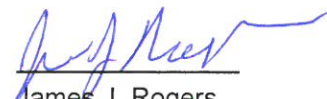
For Agenda on March 19th discussion of waterways issues. Member Rogers won't be able to attend. Waterways Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 26th, 2019.

The meeting adjourned at 4:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted by
Pam Bennet

Tristan R. Israel
Chairmen


Melinda F. Loberg
Vice Chairmen


James J. Rogers
Clerk