

Tisbury School Building Committee

2019-2020

6:30PM, Tuesday, May 26, 2020

by Zoom Cloud Conference

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TSBC Members Present: Chair Rachel Orr, Harold Chapdelaine, John Custer,
Sean deBettencourt, Peter Gearhart, Rita Jeffers,
Reade Milne, Jim Rogers, Michael Watts,

Others: Anna Edey, Emily Solarazza,
Daedalus Projects – Richard Marks, Christina Oppen,
Amanda Sawyer,

Schools: Tappé Architects – Chris Blessen,
TSC – Janet Packer, Principal – John Custer
Whitney Burke, Sean DeBettencourt, Ray Fallon,
Meredith Goldthwaite, Rita Jeffers, Natalie Krauthammer,
Emily Levett, Esther Teves,

Town: Select Board - Melinda Loberg, Jeff Kristal, Jim Rogers,
Town Administrator – Jay Grande,
FinCom – Jynell Kristal, Planning Bd - Ben Robinson,

Press: Louisa Hufstader – Vineyard Gazette,

* TSBC members late arrivals or early departures.

1. Call To Order

The Tisbury School Building Committee 2019-2020 (TSBC) meeting was called to order at 6:32PM. Chair Rachel Orr reviewed the protocol for remote meetings. All votes would be roll call. The public could join by chat, call-in or Zoom. The meeting was being recorded and would be posted with all background documents on the Project website <http://www.tisbury-school-project.com>

- (Recorder's note: discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

2. Attendance - Attendance was called alphabetically.

3. Review and Possible Approval of Minutes

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. JIM ROGERS AND SECONDED BY PRIN. JOHN CUSTER THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2020 MEETING WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED FOR A TYPO: MOTION PASSED: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. HAROLD CHAPDELAINE—AYE, PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MR. SEAN DEBETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. PETER GEARHART—AYE, MS. RITA JEFFERS—AYE, MS. READE MILNE—AYE, MS. ORR—AYE, MR. ROGERS—AYE, MR. MICHAEL WATTS—AYE.**

4. Space Summary – Update (See documents on file.)

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) formally voted to increase average class size (kindergarten through eighth grade—K thru 8) from 16 to 18 students in keeping with all previous guidance, and in consideration that the change would

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not materially effect current designs, as most classrooms were already within the new size parameters. Mr. Chris Blessen of Tappé Architects agreed the changes were within the design scope.

5. Tappé Architects – Update and Progress (See below: Actions.)

- Tappé was working to package Concepts 1 & 3 for preliminary cost estimates, writing narratives and doing normal background work.
- A staff meeting produced excitement and positive comments on Concept 3, which retained the exterior building but delivered a modern educational interior. A written report would be posted on the website.
- After consultation with the Music Teachers and Prin. Custer it was determined that for the sake of project savings, the All Island music practices could be held at the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS). The Music space was moving forward to include small group practice or one-on-one lesson rooms.
- Tappé was in consultation with School Librarian Ms. Whitney Burke on the media/commons room logistics.
- Fifth Grade teachers' concern that specialists/service providers were on the floor above, was being addressed with discussions to be continued at staff meetings.
- The smallest possible gym with a full court and buffers drew no comments.
- Site plan pricing would be separated by item, allowing different cost choices.
- Industrial brick was the least expensive building material especially for schools, despite added shipping costs to the Island. Exterior texture could be added by a "rainscreen"—an exterior wall of shingles, clapboards, concrete panels, etc. outside the brick creating an air barrier to allow drainage/ evaporation.
- There was a question about acoustics, particularly in the open media/commons and cafeteria spaces. The existing stairwells were intrusively noisy, however new buildings were specifically engineered for better acoustics.
- Daylight, north side windows and other indirect natural lighting would be designed once an option was chosen.
- The laboratory results showed the School bricks to be very hard quality in good shape, but a retest requested for whole bricks. In the meantime Tappé would design/price for worst case scenario: 6 in. of interior insulation—probably more than was needed for a good balance re: "R value" versus exterior room space.
- Mr. Richard Marks of Daedalus forewarned the TSBC that Option 3 would be significantly more expensive than Option 1. Selectmen Jim Rogers appreciated that fact and emphasized the presentation in terms of educational need, and creative funding to relieve taxpayer burden.

6. Town Meeting Preparation

Town Moderator Deborah Medders requested a short presentation.

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- Members raised a concern about showing visuals at this early stage, since it could signal to voters that a choice had already been made, when the decision was still in process. Members did not want citizens to pre-judge the process.
- It was premature to introduce a debate about different options and pricing, especially in light of the Covid-19 shortened Town Meeting.
- IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE COMMITTEE THAT NO VISUALS BE DISPLAYED AT THE JUNE 2020 TOWN MEETINGS, AND THAT THE TSBC TRUSTED MR. ROGERS AND MR. WATTS TO DRAFT THE REPORT WITHOUT FURTHER REQUIRED APPROVAL.

7. Public Outreach and Inclusion - Discussion

- The Subcommittee discussed how to organize the Project website to foster better engagement and outreach such as:
 - rolling recap summaries of TSBC progress;
 - reconfiguration of the document page for easier access to groups of resources;
 - a Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page.
- They were also soliciting outside or different opinions on the project to gauge and respond to unexpected issues.
- Brazilian community contacts continued to be difficult, and as was the loss of “parking lot” or Main Street conversations due to Covid-19 shutdown.
- Videography was still planned for a scripted tour of the building, including its needs, beauties and the differences in 21st Century education needs.

8. Public Comment/Questions

- Parent Ms. Emily Solarazza reported that this was the first time she heard of the meeting through the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). She suggested videos be short and only layman’s terms be used—e.g. what was flex-space.
- Community member Ms. Anna Edey expressed concern about the gigantic costs of deep renovations and requested a ballpark price, noting the Town reluctance and ability to reject expensive projects.

9. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair Within 48 Hours of the Meeting- None

Adjournment

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. ROGERS AND SECONDED BY PRIN. CUSTER THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 7:40PM: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. CHAPDELAINE—AYE, PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MR. DEBETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. GEARHART—AYE, MS. JEFFERS—AYE, MS. MILNE—ABSTAIN, MS. ORR—AYE, MR. ROGERS—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.

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Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- TSC – 8:30AM, Tuesday, June 2, 2020 – Zoom
- TSBC – 4:00PM, Monday, June 8, 2020 – Zoom
- Special/Annual Town Meeting – 1:00PM, Saturday, June 13, 2020

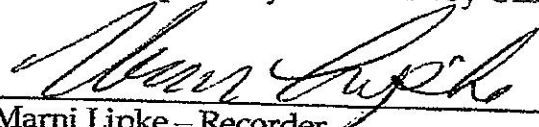
Appendix B: Actions

- Mr. DeBettencourt/Ms. Jeffers – ask staff re: 5th grade service provider issues.
- Tappé/Daedalus – send TSBC Option 3 site plan.
- Tappé/Daedalus – prepare written report on staff meeting for website.
- Tappé/Daedalus – chart what needs are met with each Option to see trade-offs.
- Tappé – prepare massing/elevations for Concept 3.
- Ms. Oppen – contact PTO re: meeting publication/outreach.


Appendix C: Documents on File: Available at:

- <http://www.tisbury.mvyps.org/> click on Tisbury School Project
- (Official archive hard copies on file at Tisbury Town Hall & Tisbury School):
- Agenda 5/26/20
- Draft Excerpt Tisbury School Committee minutes 5/12/20 (2 p.)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.


Marni Lipke – Recorder

6/8/20
Date


Rachel Orr – TSBC Chair

6/8/20
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Minutes approved as amended for typos 6/8/20