

Tisbury School Committee
3:00PM, Tuesday, September 18, 2018
Tisbury School Conference Room

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TSC Members Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Colleen McAndrews,
Staff: John Custer – Principal, Sean Mulvey – Assoc. Principal;
Rita Jeffers – SAC,
Others: Siobhan Mullin – PTO
Molly Doyle, Clark Myers, Rebekah Thompson – Field Fund
Marni Lipke – Recorder

* Late Arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) meeting was called to order at 3:08AM.

I. Campus Improvements (See Minutes: 8/14/18 & 9/11/18 p.1-2 #III A.)

The TSC and Board of Selectmen would hold a mid-October joint working session on the education plan and student needs, to try and arrive at common ground. The Selectmen had a goal-setting meeting and were unanimously against:

- new construction on site, and
- school location at the Manter property.

They now wanted to hear from the TSC, parents and community.

- There was a discussion on further Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) applications.
- The application process timeline was likely to be not less than two to five years.
- MSBA process required a complete feasibility study open to all options (renovation, new construction, building location/placement, etc.) and therefore Selectmen intention might automatically disqualify Tisbury.
- The Town could vote the project over Selectmen objections but there were questions of Selectmen jurisdiction over the application process.

A. Community Preservation Act (CPC) Application (See documents on file.)

- The Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) wanted to make long-lasting improvements to the school playgrounds and fields, separate from the School building project, but the unsettled situation made even renovations to the grounds difficult since building repair/renovation/construction could easily disrupt or destroy any or all of the work; so they also asked about short term remediation.
- Ms. Molly Doyle of the Field Fund expressed her sympathy at the recent defeat of the School project. She attested to the Tisbury School grounds being in desperate need of grading, aeration, irrigation, seeding, etc., but it was not fair to ask patrons for substantial donations that in the near future might be destroyed by temporary trailers or heavy equipment.
- The Field Fund had just invested \$200,000 in the Oak Bluffs School playing fields, irrigation, non-potable well, reseeding, etc.
- CPC application deadlines were imminent (Eligibility 9/28/18, Final 10/28/18) but Ms. Doyle advised that even the landscape design phase was dependent on such things

as sun, shade, where parents, students and staff entered and exited the building and grounds, all of which could change with the upcoming project.

- It was suggested that the work be completed and any trailers be located off-site.

- In the short term the Field Fund recommended movable field goals and aeration, suggesting TSC and PTO view the Chilmark School, which had recently renovated its playground with movable, re-usable/repurposed play structures and benches.

- The PTO was interested in adding more picnic tables.

- It was agreed that the TSC and PTO would gather more information, visit the Chilmark playground and

- **MS. COLLEEN MCANDREWS MOVED TO APPROVE AN APPLICATION FOR COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT FUNDING TO IMPROVE THE TISBURY SCHOOL GROUNDS; MS. AMY HOUGHTON SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Adjournment

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. HOUGHTON AND SECONDED BY MS. MCANDREWS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 3:40PM.**

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- **BOS/TSC Working Session – TBD, Monday, September 24, 2018 at Town Hall KCT**
- **MVRHSC - 5:00pm, Monday, October 1, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR**
- **TSC Meeting – 8:30am, Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at the Tisbury School**
- **AISC - 4:00pm, Thursday, October 18, 2018 at the MVRHS LCR**

Appendix B: Actions

- Prin. Custer – contact John Bacheller re: CPC Eligibility application
- All – visit Chilmark School playground by September 26th.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 9/18/18
- Town of Tisbury Community Preservation Committee 2018-2019 Meeting Dates
- 2018 Standard Application Packet for Tisbury Community Preservation Act Funding (6 p.)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Minutes approved by the TSC 10/9/18