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Addendum

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

April 13, 2021

Special Town Meeting Tisbury School:

The Tisbury School Committee and Tisbury Select Board need to vote officially on the funding warrant article for the school project in the amount of fifty-five million dollars. The annual warrant article for reallocation of remaining funds from special warrant articles for temporary facilities and for other purposes will not be necessary in the opinion of our Town Attorney for purposes of developing a temporary school facility and therefore can be withdrawn.

MassDOT Beach Road Project:

The Town has received a revised plan (attached), which is in response to the Town's concern with design conflicts revealed by recent test pit data provided to us from MassDOT and with the concerns raised by property owners on Beach Road.

If not for these design conflicts and potential damage to infrastructure systems, there would be no necessity for the town to replace or relocate any existing town water or wastewater infrastructure for decades. The questions as to materials in the construction of town infrastructure have not been substantiated by our engineering consultant to date. It is clear that the MassDOT drainage system as proposed by their engineering consultants cannot proceed forward without significant revisions to their drainage system and/or the town water and wastewater system at substantial cost. MassDOT is not prepared to bear that additional cost to address the problem (see attached letter dated April 7, 2021 to MassDOT).

Therefore, the supervising project manager for MassDOT, Mr. Currier, has proposed changes to the plan so that the Tisbury Select Board can see what they entail. The specific improvements that would proceed forward with the changes to the plan are as follows.

1. New curbing and sidewalk surface with new ADA ramps - curbing set to the existing curb alignment with minor adjustments. The new sidewalks will be wider in most of the project than existing utilizing the ROW we acquired for pole relocations and Town requested wider walks.
2. The roadway surface will be milled and paved and re-striped according to the attached sketch plan. This corresponds closely with the designed contract under construction.
3. The existing drainage would be retained but cleaned and restored to functioning status. MassDOT commits to a more frequent regular cleaning schedule for the drainage system to insure it is functioning during storm events.
4. The beach nourishment work detailed in the construction contract will be completed.
5. The drainage stub requested by the Town will be included upon receipt of the Town's design for the stub for proposed new outfall into the Harbor.

The changes to the plan call for repair of the roadway surface, new widened sidewalks and directional one-way bicycle accommodations to be established within the existing traveled way. The utility poles would also be relocated to the back of sidewalk and would eliminate any architectural barriers. The stub connection would go forward for the future outfall drainage pipe to the harbor and the beach nourishment to protect the roadway.

Outdoor Band Concert and Outdoor Seasonal Events

You received in your meeting packets the application for use of Veterans Park for two concerts in celebration of the 350th Anniversary of the founding of the Town of Tisbury. The band which has not been announced has two weekends available at this time, July 16-17 or 23-24. They would perform one concert each night.

The schedule would be:

July 13-15	Site Setup
July 16	Performance 1
July 17	Performance 2
July 18-20	Strike & Restore
Or	
July 20-22	Site Setup
July 23	Performance 1
July 24	Performance 2
July 25-27	Strike & Restore

The Board of Health will be meeting with Mr. Epstein prior to your meeting to review the proposal. A staff meeting was held to review the proposal. Planning and scheduling need to be finalized, if this is going to take place. The Select Board have other outdoor seasonal events to consider.

Plastic Water Bylaw and Related Warrant Articles

The Bylaw goes into effect May 1, 2021. The Select Board at this time wanted to develop an action plan and bylaw for May 2021 to manage plastic reduction and mitigation in the Town. As we come out of the pandemic, the first step is to provide public outreach via town website and to our establishments that apply for annual licenses. A task group of the Executive Assistant, Building Inspector and Public Works Department should work on this effort with representatives from the public, especially the business community.

Respectfully Submitted
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Town Administrator