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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

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Stormwater Tide Pathways Project

The request by the Martha's Vineyard Commission is for the Town of Tisbury to provide local match in the amount of \$8,000 for this grant. The Select Board need to authorize submitting a warrant article for the Annual Town Meeting to appropriate those funds. The effort will not duplicate the coastal resiliency work by the town's consulting engineer Applied Coastal under the Coastal Zone Management grants received by the Town of Tisbury.

The Storm Tide Pathways project, undertaken by the Center for Coastal Studies in Provincetown, MA, will identify and map direct pathways that floodwater now flows and will flow as the sea rises, it will provide Island towns with an app of the mapped pathways and a link to a National Weather Service website providing real-time water level forecasting. This project will assist first responders identify safe routes in emergencies during storm events, will assist highway departments identify roads requiring storm water management upgrades, and will be a valuable Island-wide climate adaptation tool.

The project is a state-of-the-art climate adaptation tool and a critical piece of the Martha's Vineyard Commission's Island-wide climate change planning program. The total project cost is \$296,346 with a local match of \$74, 866. In-kind services are being provided by the Barnstable Count floodplain specialist, WHOI/Sea grant, graduate students at UMASS Boston, and MVC staff.

MassDOT Beach Road Project

As of this writing, the erosion that is undermining Beach Road has not been remedied by MassDOT. Further, the town has not received the test log information for the town to review. No additional revisions have been submitted by MassDOT addressing subsurface utility conflicts of the project. Without this critical information, the town cannot gauge the extent of these conflicts or potential remedies.

R.M. Packer Company, Inc. has sent correspondence and digital information concerning problems with the current roadway design that raise mobility concerns. Beach Road serves a working waterfront that larger trucks and vehicles transit which will be impeded by the proposed narrowing of the travel lanes and reduction in curb widths for their access driveways. The information provided showing how the proposed design does not comply or inconsistent with the purpose and standards of the National Highway System and Department of Transportation is provided in writing and digital presentation on CD(s). The request before you made by R.M. Packer is for the town to reconsider the plan profile for Beach Road.

Tisbury School Facility

Following the last joint meeting between the Select Board and Tisbury School Facility, instead of procuring, planning, and engineering for up to 5 modular unit the decision made was to pursue the full temporary school facility at this time. I have taken the next steps in that effort developing with staff and consultants what needs to be considered in the planning and engineering to establish the temporary school facility. In terms of procuring professional services for the planning and engineering of the facility, the most efficient course of action is to amend the contract or new contract for the professional services of the multi-disciplinary team at Tappe. I believe this work can be considered a fee amendment for Tappe at the schematic level, but not a procurement ready deliverable. In my discussions with Mr. Chris Blessen at Tappe, they can provide the following professional services.

- Tappe will work with a modular vendor (or two) to establish layout guidelines, logistics and set-up for the requisite number of classrooms to run a Tisbury school for 24 months.
- Tappe will generate a layout and master plan for the temporary school including looking at a location for a tent structure as the gym and upgrades to the adjacent property that has a kitchen space which might be suitable for a temporary cafeteria/school kitchen. Logistics would include a plan for drop-off and pick-up as well as busing logistics.
- Tappe will advise on utility connections (electrical, water and sewer) and layer that into the schematic plans.
- Tappe will produce a final layout site plan and a budget estimate for the temporary school
- Tappe will engage a site surveyor to survey the 55 West William property and pass that cost through to the town as a reimbursable expense.

I believe it is important for you to know that that a full temporary school by September may be ambitious based on the level of effort and timeline for ordering modular units. The actual timeline for actual construction of the school project is later, January 2022.

The fee for professional services by Tappe is in the amount of \$11,750.

I would ask you to approve these services so that a final deliverable of master plan, budget and site logistics can be delivered to the town by May 1st. This would assist the town in forming a plan and sound budget for the temporary school facility. This would allow for site construction activity to prepare the site and the utility connections, which includes work in the roadway, to commence earlier as information is provided by the consultant and vendor for the modular units to be procured and ordered.

Snow Removal Bylaw

Section XII of the Town Bylaws makes the property owner that abuts a sidewalk responsible for removing snow from it. Once the snow ends, the snow must be removed within 4 hours. If the snow ends at night, you have until 11 a.m. in the morning to clear the sidewalk of snow.

Property owners that failure to remove snow can be assessed a fine. Following the most recent snowstorms, individuals contacted town officials saying property owners have not removed the snow from the sidewalk abutting their property. The snow removal bylaw was posted as a news announcement last week. The Building and Zoning Inspector may likely have updates and revisions for you to consider. This bylaw was last updated in 2011.

Respectfully Submitted

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Town Administrator