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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR REPORT

November 3, 2021

Special Legislation to Hold Town Meeting Outside of Town of Tisbury

The Martha's Vineyard High School is available to hold Town Meeting Saturday, April 30, 2022. The Governor's COVID 19 pandemic emergency declaration and order is now expired, which allowed a town meeting to be held outside the geographic boundaries of a town. If the Select Board want to hold Town Meeting outside of the Town of Tisbury, this would require the filing and approval of special legislation by the Massachusetts General Court.

Town Attorney David Doneski will brief you this evening on the process as to filing special legislation. The Governor's Office and our Legislative Delegation would be engaged to move this forward to a decision expeditiously. However, time is of the essence and there is no guarantee that it would be taken up, but likely. I was informed that time is of the essence.

Town Meeting Date 2022

The Select Board approved the Town Meeting date of Tuesday, April 12, 2022. The Finance Director and Town Clerk have developed a calendar accordingly and I have signed it. They have also developed an alternative calendar for April 30, 2022. In the absence of filing special legislation and approval by the General Court to hold Town Meeting outside of Tisbury, it would be premature to change the date to April 30, 2022.

If you hold to April 12, 2022, please be aware that Town Meeting would have to be held outdoors. The Public Works Director is planning to utilize town property at 55 West William Street for Town Meeting. Availability of tents, heated, will need to be reserved by the Public Works Director and so he will need sufficient lead time.

Kuehn's Way -Consent and Subordination to CPA Restriction

The Massachusetts Housing Partnership Board "Mass Housing" will be providing construction and permanent financing for the Island Housing Trust Kuehn's Way Development. In connection with the upcoming losing on the construction portion of the financing, Mass Housing requires the Town subordinate its Affordable Housing Restrictions and Covenants in favor of Mass Housing. The proposed Consent and Subordination of Affordable Housing Restrictions instrument is nearly identical to the prior

subordinations the Select Board have granted previously for the Perlman House, 6 Water Street, and 14 Village Court. Please be aware the Select Board will receive a future request for subordination when the closing on permanent financing at the time construction is complete.

Storm Update

Vineyard Haven experienced the full brunt of the recent storm. First, thank you to all the town employees who responded to before, during and after the storm. A special thanks to Fire Chief Greg Leland for opening up the ESF facility for anyone who needed internet service or place to warm up. I would also like to express gratitude to Council on Aging Director Joyce Stiles and Interim Police Chief Chris Habekost for mobilizing to make door to door wellness checks on seniors and others. A special thanks to Public Works Director Kirk Metell, Wastewater Superintendent Jared Meader and Waterworks Superintendent Chris Cassidy who coordinated closely in mobilizing their resources and response. A significant amount of work still is required. I am sure we all wish to acknowledge our appreciation for their incredible effort they made and continue to make on our behalf.

Update & Orders in Response to COVID 19

October 22, 2021, I requested the Board of Health to establish a benchmark or conditions that must exist for the lifting of the “mask” requirement for town hall offices. The Board of Health met last week and discussed this topic. I anticipate that our Board of Health Agent Maura Valley with the Board of Health will determine the above conditions in the very near future, but not as of today.

Prospective Meetings.

The Select Board have virtual meetings related to the Tisbury School Project coming up this week and just prior to the Thanksgiving holiday. On Thursday, November 3rd at 3:00 p.m. the Select Board will vote the authorization and bid award for the bid anticipation note for the Tisbury School in the amount of \$8,000,000.00. On November 22nd at 5:00 p.m. the Select Board will meet jointly with the Tisbury School Committee and Tisbury School Building Committee to review the recommendation and contract for the construction manager at risk for the Tisbury School Project. Tisbury received approval to utilize the CM at Risk Procurement process for the Tisbury School.

Respectfully Submitted

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