

MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Monday, March 25, 2019, 6:30PM

Martha's Vineyard Regional High School

Library Conference Room

Present: Chair – Kris O’Brien, Roxanne Ackerman, Megan Anderson, Amy Houghton, Kimberly Kirk, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Janet Packer, Kathryn Shertzer,
Others: Field Fund - Dardy Slavin,
Staff: Principal – Sarah Dingley, CTE Director – Barbarajean Chauvin,
Finance Manager – Mark Friedman, Special Ed Director – Hope MacLeod,
Athletic Director – Mark McCarthy,
Supt.'s Of: Superintendent - Matt D’Andrea, Asst. Supt. – Richie Smith,
Business Affairs - Amy Tierney,
Youth Sports Terry Donahue, Joe Mikos,
Parents: Donald Brown, Mike Watts,
Press: MV Times – Lucas Thors, Vineyard Gazette – Holly Pretsky,
MVTV – Lynn Fraker,
Secretary: Marni Lipke *Late arrivals or early departures (see * in text)

Call to Order

(Agenda Item #I)

Chair Kris O’Brien called the of the Martha’s Vineyard Regional High School Committee (MVRHSC) meeting to order at 8:02PM and thanked everyone for their patience.

Excess and Deficiency (E & D) Vote - \$350,000 for Owners Project Manager (OPM) and Track & Infield Construction Design Documents (Agenda Item #II)

(See documents on file & Minutes: 12/18/18 p.5-6 & 3/4/19 p.5-6 #C-D.)

- The new E & D protocol was reviewed:
 - approval of E & D withdrawal by a 2/3 majority (six of nine members) of the MVRHSC;
 - written notification to all Towns within seven days;
 - 45 days waiting period for Towns to call a Special Town Meeting (STM);
 - failure to call STM signifying E & D approval, 2/3 approval (four of six Towns) required;as well as the history of the track:
 - 2014 Track Coach Joe Schroeder request for repair;
 - 2015 track condemned as unsafe and application for Community Preservation (CPC) funding;
 - 2017 repair patch to last 18-36 months;
 - December 2018 vote to use E & D to fund design phase one.
- This meeting was called to revote the design funds from E & D in order to follow proper procedure. The Island Selectmen were informed of the new protocol at the March 21, 2019 presentation of the Feasibility Study warrant article. The vote would reconfirm funds for the initial phase design and construction documents as planned. This included an artificial turf (turf) infield (see 2/4/19 Minutes p.4-7 #IV C). The proposal would go before the Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) and would be altered to fit any mandated changes.
- The ensuing discussion repeated most of the themes from previous meetings and forums.
 - Design/construction documents providing specific cost information were a necessary first step.
 - The re-vote would return the matter to the Towns, as some had previously advocated.

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- Some considered the MVRHSC had failed students for at least five years by not providing adequate facilities for the 50-member track team. MVRHS Athletic Director Mark McCarthy had been advocating track repair since 2010 and decried the nine years of no action.
- Many argued strenuously against further delay. If the vote failed the project would likely be stalled until July 2020 and could lead to public perception that the MVRHSC was incapable of taking decisive action.
- Less expensive alternatives were mentioned but were not tenable.
- The Facilities Subcommittee meticulously vetted the designer and OPM and had followed the opinion of a number of experts in terms of sustainable use, drainage, environmental impact, etc., which opinion was endorsed by the majority of the coaches, and addressed the needs of varsity student athletes.
- Other safety and field issues, such as American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance were also part of Phase One.
- There was precedent in the use of E & D funds—although Mr. Skipper Manter did not consider it legal.
- *MS. JANET PACKER MOVED TO AUTHORIZE THE USE OF \$350,000 FROM EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FOR THE ATHLETIC FIELDS PHASE ONE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS MINUS THE FIELD HOUSE BASED ON THE MASTER PLAN PRESENTED BY MR. CHRIS HUNTRESS; MS. KIMBERLY KIRK SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 3 NAYS—MS. ROXANNE ACKERMAN, MR. ROBERT LIONETTE, MR. MANTER; 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair

(Agenda Item #III)

The West Tisbury MVRHS Feasibility Study Warrant Article had not been revised in accordance with the new E&D procedure, and West Tisbury Selectmen/MVRHSC member Mr. Manter requested the E & D offset be re-voted to comply with the new procedure.

- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO ALLOCATE \$220,000 FROM EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY WARRANT ARTICLE; MR. LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION WITHDRAWN.*
- On the advice of counsel, the \$96,267.99 residual from the Superintendent's Shared Services Office feasibility/design article (see 6/23/14 Minutes p.5) was returned to E & D as should have been done at the time of the residual, and consequently the E & D offset amount on all other Town warrants as \$316,267.99. The MVRHSC expressed some dismay and confusion:
 - E & D amounts were calculated to keep an adequate reserve, however:
 - this would be a wash, despite an E & D certification delay; and
 - Finance Manager Mark Friedman attested E & D had sufficient funds to cover the outlay.
- Many members also protested the procedure, since article usually residuals remained in special accounts and the MVRHSC had not been informed of or voted the transfer.
- *MS. AMY HOUGHTON MOVED TO ALLOCATE \$316,267.99 FROM EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY TO THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL FEASIBILITY STUDY WARRANT ARTICLE; MS. KRIS O'BRIEN AND MS. PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED: 7 AYES, 2 NAYS—MR. LIONETTE, MR. MANTER; 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

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- Mr. Manter suggested the Superintendent's Shared Services Office feasibility/design article residual be returned to the Towns as an act of good faith, in consideration of the coming large project. Mr. Friedman attested:
 - this could be done by reducing Town assessments; and
 - that E & D was sufficiently funded to sustain the action.
- *MR. MANTER MOVED TO \$96,267.99 EQUIVALENT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT'S SHARED SERVICES OFFICE FEASIBILITY/DESIGN ARTICLE RESIDUALS TO THE TOWNS; MR. LIONETTE SECONDED: MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*
- Thanks were extended to everyone for their attention and hard work during the four hours of meetings, and particularly to Recorder Marni Lipke and MVTV videographer Ms. Lynn Fraker,

Adjournment

(Agenda Item #IV)

- *MR. LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 9:00PM; MS. PACKER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS*

Appendix A - Meetings

- Facilities Subcommittee – 10:30AM, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - MVRHS LCR
- **MVRHSC - 5:00PM, Monday, April 1, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR**
- IPAC Parents Rights Workshop - 6:00PM, Wednesday, April 10, 2019 – MVRHS Library
- Annual Town Meetings
 - Edgartown, Oak Bluffs, Tisbury, West Tisbury – Tuesday, April 9, 2018
 - Chilmark – Monday, April 22, 2018
 - Aquinnah – Tuesday, May 14, 2018

Appendix B - Agreed Upon Tasks

- Ms. Tierney – inform Towns in writing of E & D votes.

Appendix C - Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/25/19
- Sign In Sheet 3/25/19
- Martha's Vineyard Regional High School Field Construction Project Revised Schedule 3-12-2019

Respectfully submitted,

Minutes approved 4/1/19

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Kris O'Brien – MVRHSC Chair

Date

Matt D'Andrea – MVRHSD Superintendent

Date