

**Tisbury School Committee/Tisbury Board of Selectmen/Tisbury
4:30PM, Monday, January 14, 2019
Tisbury Senior Center**

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TSC Members Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Colleen McAndrews, Janet Packer,
Selectmen Present: Chair Tristan Israel, Melinda Loberg, Jim Rogers,
Staff: John Custer – Principal, Sean Mulvey – Assoc. Principal;
Shannon Carbon, Rita Jeffers, Natalie Krauthamer,
Melinda Maveety, Anne Williamson
Matt D’Andrea – Superintendent, Amy Tierney – Business Admin.
Others: Siobhan Mullin – PTO,
Wiet Bacheller, Mary Gosselin, Jim Norton – SAC,
Tisbury: Town Administrator Jay Grande, Alex Kral,
Treasurer – Jonathon Snyder, Planning Bd. – Ben Robinson,
Jeff Kristal, Jynell Kristal, Mary Ellen Larsen – FinCom
Public: Kate Bernard, Dan Doyle, Eugene Hinges, Paul Lazes,
Nevette Previd,
Press: MV Times – George Brennan, Vineyard Gazette – Holly Pretsky,
MVTV – Lynn Fraker,
Marni Lipke – Recorder

* Late Arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) and the Tisbury Board of Selectmen (BOS) Work Sessions were called to order at 5:05PM.

(Recorder’s note: discussions are summarized and re-grouped for clarity and brevity.)

This was the second working session between the two Boards and their Administrators (Town Administrator Jay Grande, Superintendent Matt D’Andrea and Principal John Custer)—Town Finance Committee (FinCom) Chair Jeff Kristal was in the audience.

I. Tisbury School Facility and Education Needs

A. Proposed Warrant Articles (See 12/11/18 Minutes p.1-2 # IV A.)

- The TSC requested and Mr. Grande agreed that ‘notice to require permission to sponsor’ include the TSC and not just the BOS.
- School maintenance/repairs were the jurisdiction of the TSC.
- This article would cover the repair of the gymnasium wall/roof leaks, replacement of the failing front steps, and replacement of six classroom floors. Selectmen Jim Rogers regretted spending funds on work that was likely to be ripped up in the near future, but this had been explored/discussed in previous meetings.
- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY (3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) APPROVED CO-SPONSORING A \$122,000 WARRANT ARTICLE WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN TO REPAIR AND/OR REPLACE THE TISBURY SCHOOL: GYMNASIUM WALLS/ROOF, FRONT ENTRANCE, AND SIX CLASSROOM FLOORS.**

- *Mr. Jim Rogers moved to cosponsor a \$122,000 warrant article with the Tisbury School Committee to repair and/or replace the Tisbury School: gymnasium walls/roof, front entrance and six classroom floors; Ms. Melinda Loberg seconded; motion passed unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*
- The mold remediation article (two rounds of testing and two of cleaning) was discussed at length (see below: Actions).
 - There were no standards for mold levels and best practices varied and depended on the type and concentration of mold—although it was likely to be a 2019 Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) issue.
 - The School was given a thorough cleaning annually, but this was not the same as air quality assessment and cleaning.
 - Ventilation was the foremost priority of the previous feasibility study, and was a basic wellness/safety concern.
 - Timing depended on contractor availability and was currently unknown. Other unknowns included the extent and cost of the problem. The article could be amended up or down.
 - Air quality cleaning would be immaterial unless some of the causes (e.g. window replacement) were also addressed, which again raised the issue of piecemeal repairs.
 - There had been a formal concern registered with the Teacher’s Union, who would supply and subsidize their own testing.
- **IT WAS THE CONSENSUS OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN AND TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE THAT THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE WOULD GATHER FURTHER INFORMATION AND INVITE THE SELECTMEN TO THE APPROPRIATE MEETING TO PRESENT AND DISCUSS THE RESULTS.**
- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY (3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) APPROVED CO-SPONSORING A \$410,000 WARRANT ARTICLE WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR MOLD/MILDEW TESTING AND REMEDIATION OF THE TISBURY SCHOOL CAMPUS FACILITY.** (See below: Actions.)
- *Mr. Jim Rogers moved to cosponsor a \$410,000 warrant article with the Tisbury School Committee for mold/mildew testing and remediation of the Tisbury School Campus Facility; Ms. Melinda Loberg seconded; motion passed unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*
- Mr. Grande consulted with Finance Director Jon Snyder and submitted a \$400,000 placeholder article (including the \$71,717 residual from the previous article) for design, engineering, Owners Project Manager (OPM), cost estimation, etc. for the next phase of the School Building Project, The ensuing debate resulted in an amended article.
 - Chair Amy Houghton expressed gratitude for the placeholder with the objective of generating discussion.
 - There was general agreement that the Project should not be delayed for another year, not only for the sake of all stakeholders (students, staff, parents, community) but also to minimize further facility deterioration and construction inflation.
 - Current discussions seemed to be circling the same issue, should not go on indefinitely, and the Selectmen felt the community wanted some leadership.
 - Protocol issues included an Annual Town Meeting (ATM) vote without a ballot, and for transparency the article should be clearly worded and published as intended—i.e. avoiding last minute amendments.

- The proposal was for a renovation/addition project.
- The Selectmen were divided on whether to apply for Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). It was considered very unlikely that any such funds would be granted in a timely manner and on a project reported in the press as already in process. Mr. Rogers stated that people didn't support the MSBA process and he would work hard to find alternate funding.
- Ms. McAndrews was a little shocked that the Selectmen were supporting the most expensive project option without MSBA funds.
- Given the conversational direction all agreed to forego the survey and to continue to meet jointly and/or attend BOS or TSC regular meetings (see below: Meeting/Events).
- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY (3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS) AGREED TO CO-SPONSOR A \$400,000 WARRANT ARTICLE WITH THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN FOR DESIGN, ENGINEERING, OWNERS PROJECT MANAGER, COST ESTIMATING, BIDDING, CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT AND OTHER RELATED SERVICES AS AMENDED FOR A RENOVATION/ADDITION TISBURY SCHOOL PROJECT.**
- *Mr. Jim Rogers moved to cosponsor a \$400,000 warrant article with the Tisbury School Committee for design, engineering, owners project manager, cost estimating, bidding, construction management and other related services for a as amended for a renovation/addition Tisbury School Project; Ms. Melinda Loberg seconded; motion passed unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

Adjournment

- *Mr. Israel moved and Ms. Loberg seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 6:02PM, which passed unanimously.*

II. Fiscal Year 2020 (FY20) Budget (See documents on file.)

- FY20 Budget Draft #5C included:
 - \$100,000 of School Choice funds to offset the budget—with continued close monitoring of the fund due to dropping revenues (see 1/8/19 Minutes p.2);
 - a reduction of \$5,000 each from the Extra Custodial and Extra Facilities increases as a share of Facilities Director salary line for the time needed for school maintenance—the TSC requested a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).
- This reduced the Budget increase ~1.25% from Draft #1. The TSC thanked everyone who worked so hard on the Budget, especially Prin. John Custer and Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Business Manager Amy Tierney.
- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE TISBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT FISCAL YEAR 2020 GENERAL FUND BUDGET AT \$7,116,974.02 (OR 3.64% INCREASE) AS PER DRAFT #5C: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

Adjournment

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 6:14PM.**

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Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- TSC Meeting – 8:30am, Monday, January 28, 2019 at the Tisbury School
- MVRHSC - 5:00pm, Monday, February 4, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- TSC Meeting – 8:30am, Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at the Tisbury School
- AISC - 5:00pm, Monday, February 11, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- AISC - 5:00pm, Monday, March 25, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- BOS Meeting – 4:30pm, Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at the Katherine Cornell
- TSC Meeting – 8:30am, Tuesday, March 26, 2019 at the Tisbury School

Appendix B: Actions

- Prin. Custer/Ms. Houghton – gather mold/mildew remediation information
 - include cafeteria, gym and white house, etc.
 - invite BOS to meeting on results

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 1/14/19
- Tisbury School FY'20 Budget Analysis Draft #5C 1/14/19
- Tisbury School Budget for 2019/2020 Draft #5C January 14, 2019 (7 p.)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

 Marni Lipke – Recorder

 Date

 Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

 Date

Minutes approved 2/19/19