

**Tisbury School Committee/Tisbury Board of Selectmen/Tisbury
4:00PM, Tuesday, March 26, 2019
Katherine Cornell Theatre**

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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;
Rita Jeffers, Natalie Krauthamer, Ashley Tarter,
Matt D’Andrea – Superintendent,

Others:

Tisbury: Town Administrator Jay Grande, Alex Kral,
Treasurer – Jonathon Snyder, Planning Bd. – Ben Robinson,
John Bacheller, Wiet Bacheller – SAC,

Public: Kathryn Foley, Seth Gambino, Rachel Orr, Michael Watts,
Press: MV Times – George Brennan, Vineyard Gazette – Holly Pretsky,
MVTV – Heidi Carter

Marni Lipke – Recorder

* Late Arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) and the Tisbury Board of Selectmen (BOS) Meetings were called to order at 4:07PM.

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

I. Preparation for Annual Town Meeting (See 1/14/19 Minutes.)

- Discussion focused on the jointly sponsored Annual Town Meeting (ATM) Warrant Article #9 \$800,000 To Fund Professional Services for the Tisbury School renovation/addition. Since the last meeting, a number of events had transpired:
 - withdrawal of the mold/mildew testing/remediation article and merging of the two amounts (see 2/19/19 Minutes p.2-3 #V);
 - a proposal to significantly reduce the amount to \$350,000 after consultation with the original designers Turowski Two (T2);
 - research on Article #9 coverage for an Owner’s Project Manager (OPM) for this phase;
 - two new leaks at the School, one of them from the new (2014) roof;
 - referral of the School facility to the Massachusetts Department of Public Health (DPH) which might result in required remediation measures.
- The phrase “...and to fund extraordinary emergency repairs of the existing Tisbury School Facility...” was added as contingency for any such DPH mandates; however both the Selectmen and the TSC felt it confused the issue; bringing up questions on which portion was for professional services and which for repairs.
 - The DPH would test air quality and review the facility when all children were present and the building in regular use. Their report was not likely to be in time for ATM.
 - All three Selectmen agreed that the line could be deleted as a separate issue from the professional services.

- Ms. Colleen McAndrews and Ms. Janet Packer also agreed. Ms. Amy Houghton had reservation on the resulting lack of funding for any DPH ordered remediation, which would then mean calling a Special Town Meeting (STM).
- It was agreed the Town and School could manage to fund repairs on the order of, say \$50,000, however larger repairs were likely to be considerably more than the remaining \$450,000 and a STM would be necessary in any case.
- In addition expensive repairs that could be destroyed by the renovation/addition were not popular with anybody and the TSC again emphasized their commitment to a comprehensive project and not to phased renovations.
- Ms. Packer and Selectmen Jim Rogers agreed that \$350,000 was not sufficient to move the renovation/addition project forward at a significant pace. The Town could put out a Request For Qualifications (RFQ) to better judge pricing. To expedite the process, the RFQ could be advertised and awarded immediately as pending ATM approval.
 - ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MOVED TO DELETE "...AND TO FUND EXTRAORDINARY EMERGENCY REPAIRS OF THE EXISTING TISBURY SCHOOL FACILITY" FROM ANNUAL TOWN MEETING ARTICLE #9; MOTION WITHDRAWN.
 - Although the article could be amended on Town Meeting floor, the ballot was already set with the original wording and could not be altered.
- Town Treasurer Jonathon Snyder suggested the funding source be changed from borrowing to raise and appropriate, with adjustments to the amount and other articles. This would eliminate the need for a ballot question, however it might fail the vote whether eliminated or not.
- Ms. Houghton reiterated her concerns on funds for possible mandated repairs. Ms. Rachel Orr suggested this might be addressed by increasing funding for Article #8j \$122,000 for Replacement/Repairs to the Tisbury School Facility...
- The ballot question became a major technical obstacle and the TSC and Selectmen agreed to meet again after Counsel had been consulted (see below: Meetings/Events). The public was encouraged to contact the Selectmen and/or the TSC with any comments or questions.
 - The TSC then raised the issue of defining the project scope, as different people meant different things by "renovation/addition", which would materially affect the cost estimate.
- Selectmen Melinda Loberg advocated for keeping focus on the goal of Town consensus on a comprehensive project to be started within the year, and suggested a steering committee be formed.
- Selectman Tristan Israel repeated the goal of a school that fit the education program and was within the Town's capacity to fund. Mr. Rogers assumed the previous feasibility study would be used to hire the same or a new designer and OPM.

Adjournment

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MCANDREWS AND SECONDED BY MS. PACKER THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:00PM.

continued

- *Ms. Loberg moved and Mr. Rogers seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting at 5:00PM, which passed unanimously.*

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- MVRHSC - 5:00pm, Monday, April 1, 2019 at the MVRHS LCR
- TSC/BOS – 9:00am, Wednesday, April 3, 2019 at the KCT
- TSC – 8:30am, Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Tisbury School
- Tisbury Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 9, 2019
- Tisbury Town Ballot – Tuesday, April 23, 2019

Appendix B: Actions

- Mr. Grande – consult counsel re: ballot question.
- Mr. Grande/Mr. Snyder – pending advice from Counsel draft changes re: altering Article #9 funding source.
- Mr. Grande/Ms. Houghton – research better estimate on OPM/designer costs.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/26/19

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 4/9/19