

**Tisbury School Committee
in Joint Meeting with the
Tisbury Select Board
5:00PM, Tuesday, February 23, 2021
by Zoom Cloud Conference due to Covid-19 Restrictions**

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Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Jen Cutrer,
Select Bd: Chair Jim Rogers, Larry Gomez, Jeff Kristal,
Others: Members of the Public & Recorder – Marni Lipke,
Schools: Supt. Matt D’Andrea, Asst. Supt. - Richie Smith,
MVPS Business Administrator Mark Friedman, Prin. John Custer,
Asst. Prin. Melissa Ogden, Sean DeBettencourt, Danielle Ewart,
Town: Town Administrator – Jay Grande, Administrative Assistant Alex BenDavid,
Treasurer – Jonathan Snyder, Town Clerk – Hillary Conklin,
Moderator - Deborah Medders, Town Counsel – David Doneski,
TSBC: Prin. John Custer, Sean DeBettencourt, Rachel Orr, Jim Rogers,
Planning Bd. - Chair Elaine Miller, Ben Robinson, Cheryl Dobel,
Admin. Asst. Pat Harris,
FinCom: Chair Nancy Gilfoy, Jynell Kristal,
CPC: Victor Capoccia, Admin. Asst. Heidi Dietterich,
Fire Chief Greg Leland, DPW Director Kirk Metell,
Harbormaster – John Crocker, Kim Elias, Waterways - Greg Martino,
Building Inspector – Ross Seavey,
Press: MVTV, MV Times – George Brennan, Nelson Sigelman,
Louisa Hufstader – Vineyard Gazette,

* Late Arrivals or early departures of TSC members.

Call Meeting to Order

- The Tisbury School Committee (TSC) was called to order at 5:03PM.
 - The Tisbury Select Board (TSB) was called to order at 5:03PM.
- (Recorder’s note: Discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

1. Modular Classroom/Temporary School (See 2/9/21 Minutes p.3-4 #V.)

The Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC) recommendation to the Selectmen was read into the record (see documents on file). A letter from the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) was also received. The Town had been working diligently on the temporary school (see Town Administrator’s Report).

- Professional services required to establish a temporary facility were identified (utilities, fire protection, set up, site work).
- The site offering the most room was 55 West Williams St, which was also in close proximity to the School.
- The Town met with School staff on questions for professionals including vendors, and consulted with Mr. Chris Blessen of Tappé Architects who laid out conceptual drawings.

- The site would be engineered for the entire school in keeping with the TSBC project recommendation.
- The September installation goal was very ambitious, set to accommodate other School needs—e.g. to allow full attendance under Covid-19 spacing guidelines. If the Project was approved, demolition was targeted for January 2022.
- The fee for the Tappé contract amendment for a temporary school master plan with all the details, cost estimates, school coordination and municipal permitting was \$11,750 plus site survey costs (by May 1st). Funding was available from previously approved Articles 1 & 2 pending TSC and TSB authorization to proceed.
- Modular/trailer procurement would be coordinated with Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS) Business Administrator Mark Friedman.
- The Special/Annual Town Meeting (STM/ATM) would include a number of articles including a secondary plan if the School Project did not pass, such as housing during substantial remediation of the current building (see below: Actions).
- Thanks went to Mr. Grande and Mr. Friedman for their diligence.
- The Town was conferring with Counsel on Article funds and doing its best to stretch every dollar, including possible use of the current School modulars "the white house". More information would be available in two week.
- Tisbury School Principal John Custer strongly advised that most drafts showed 22 modular units, which was not enough to adequately address educational needs for the 2 year construction period. Mr. Grande responded that the Town understood the importance of the need and was doing its best but that the more complexities involved the longer the timeframe. For example the cafeteria might be located off-site.
- Preparing the site would be the easiest part.

After some word-smithing and on the advice of Town Counsel:

• Mr. Jeff Kristal moved and Mr. Larry Gomez seconded a motion to authorize proceeding with the modular classroom plan as presented by the town administrator and the amendment of the Tappé Architects services contract at \$11,750 plus any survey costs outlined by the Town Administrator, which passed unanimously: Mr. Gomez—aye, Mr. Kristal—aye, Mr. Rogers—aye.

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. JEN CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MS. AMY HOUGHTON THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY AUTHORIZED PROCEEDING WITH THE MODULAR CLASSROOM PLAN AS PRESENTED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND THE AMENDMENT OF THE TAPPÉ ARCHITECTS SERVICES CONTRACT AT \$11,750 PLUS ANY SURVEY COSTS OUTLINED BY THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR: 2 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE.

Adjournment

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CUTRER AND SECONDED BY MS. HOUGHTON THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:39PM: MS. CUTRER—AYE, MS. HOUGHTON—AYE.

continued

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- MVRHSC – 5:00PM, Monday, March 1, 2021 – Zoom
- TSC & TSC/TSB – 4:00PM, Tuesday, March 9, 2021 – Zoom
- STM/ATM – TBD 12:00N June 12, 13, 2021, 4:00PM June 14, 2021

Appendix B: Actions

Mr. Grande/Select Board – please keep TSC informed of all warrant articles.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 2/23/21
- Chapdelaine cover email re: TSBC Recommendation to the Select Board and School Committee 2/19/21
- Tisbury School Building Committee letter re: Approved Recommendations of February 18, 2021 (2 p.) 2/19/21

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Marni Lipke – Recorder

Date

Amy Houghton – TSC Chair

Date

Minutes approved 3/9/21