

**UP-ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE
OF MARTHA'S VINEYARD
5:30PM, Monday, March 27, 2023
West Tisbury School
and by Zoom Cloud Conference**

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Present: Chair – Jim Newman, Roxanne Ackerman*, Robert Lionette, Skipper Manter, Alex Salop*,

Others: Supt's Shared Services Office: Richie Smith, Mark Friedman,
Principals: Donna Lowell-Bettencourt, Susan Stevens, Mary Boyd,
WT FinCom – Greg Orcutt,
Press – Jenna Bernstein – MV Times,
Recorder: Marni Lipke *Late arrivals or early departures

Call to Order (Agenda item #II)

The Up-Island Regional School Committee (UIRSC) meeting was called to order.

Minutes Read and Approved (Agenda item #II)

A. Including But Not Limited to: March 20, 2023 – Tabled

West Tisbury School (WTS) Space Needs Study Warrant Article Discussion and Possible Vote to Withdraw (Agenda item #III)

(See Minutes: 3/13/23, & 3/20/23 p.4 #C)

* During this discussion Alec Salop entered the meeting at 5:32PM and Roxanne Ackerman at 5:37PM.

The UIRSC considered the financial, space and educational benefits of delaying the Study:

- West Tisbury Capital Improvement Planning Committee advice on the Town debt schedule;
- the number of capital projects impacting all 3 Towns: Tri-Town Ambulance, Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS) Feasibility Study, unexpectedly costly Chilmark School Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC), etc.
- unknown Shared Services configuration and space needs among all Martha's Vineyard Public Schools (MVPS);
- possible outdating of study if done too many years before the project;
- time to consider and prioritized groundwork on WTS needs;
- possible coordination with or duplication of Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) feasibility study.
- There was a repeat discussion on MSBA timeline and requirements, as well as the MVPS/UIRSC administrative capacity.
- The MSBA received about 90 applications a year and was projecting accepting less than each year due to, funding limits, construction inflation and project size.
- The application process would itself be burdensome to the MVPS/UIRSD administration.
- The UIRSC should be completely committed before starting the MSBA process.

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- The UIRSC requested the Central Office contact the MSBA about the chances/timeline of a WTS application.

• *SKIPPER MANTER MOVED TO REQUEST THE UP ISLAND REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TOWNS WITHDRAW THE WEST TISBURY SCHOOL SPACE NEEDS STUDY ARTICLE FROM THE TOWN MEETING WARRANTS; ROBERT LIONETTE SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: ALEX SALOP—AYE, ROBERT LIONETTE—AYE, JIM NEWMAN—AYE, SKIPPER MANTER—AYE, ROXANNE ACKERMAN—AYE.*

Public Comment – None (Agenda Item #VI)

Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair (Agenda Item #VII)

• *ALEX SALOP MOVED TO ACCEPT WITH GREAT THANKS \$700 FROM THE MARTHA'S VINEYARD STRIPED BASS AND BLUEFISH DERBY SANCEY PACHICO SCHOLARSHIP; SKIPPER MANTER SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS—funds to be used at the UIRSD Administrators' or Guidance Dept. discretion to support students in need.*

• There was no water or bathroom function in the Chilmark School today due to electrical problems with the well pumps. The problem was solved by 2:30PM and the water was being tested. Meantime, Head of School Susan Stevens was able to get keys and use the bathrooms in the Chilmark Community Center and the Library.

Meetings/Events

• UIRSC – 5:30PM, **Thursday, April 13, 2023 – TBD**

Adjournment (Agenda Item #VIII)

• *ROBERT LIONETTE MOVED TO ADJOURN AT 5:52PM; ALEX SALOP SECONDED; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.*

Documents on File:

• Agenda 3/27/23

Minutes approved 4/13/23