

TISBURY BOARD OF SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA

Tuesday, October 28, 2014
Tisbury Town Hall – 5:30 PM
Jonathan V. Snyder, Chairman
Tristan R. Israel
Melinda F. Loberg, Clerk

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Disposal of Replaced Town Vehicles – ACO and Harbormaster
Energy Manager Update – Gary D. Robinson - (11-3-2014)
Joint Meeting w/Planning Board re: Beach Road – October 29, 2014 – 7:00 p.m. at Annex
Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP)
CPA Eligibility Applications Filed
21 Beach Street Pocket Park:\$70,000; Tashmoo Overlook Mgmt. Plan: \$20,000; Spring Pond Dredging:
\$100,000; Tashmoo Overlook Property – Park Project:\$185,000; Housing Trust Fund: \$100,000; Owen Park:
\$300,000; and Lagoon Drawbridge Pocket Park: \$20,000; KCT Lighting Project: \$72,000 (BOS Support for
R. Friedman Application)
FY2015Tax Rate Classification Hearing –Awaiting Preliminary DOR Certification
Goat Grazing Proposal @ Tashmoo Overlook Property
Ocean Mining

DEPARTMENTAL and OTHER REPORTS

Council on Aging – Executive Office of Elder Affairs FY2015 Formula Grant - \$7,520
Police Chief re: Reminder of Halloween Safety Plan
Town Clerk - Certification of Posting of November 4, 2014 Election Warrant

DISCUSSION SESSION

Revisions to Ocean Plan (Selectman Israel)

BOS APPOINTMENTS

Traffic Committee Appointment – Daniel J. Seidman – until December 31, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION

Approval of Treasury Warrants

Payroll Warrant #10-20-2014	\$113,012.09
Payroll Warrant #10-27-2014	\$294,413.50
Bills Payable Refund Warrant #10-17-4R	\$2,418.02
Bills Payable Warrant #10-24-2014	\$209,388.69
Bills Payable Warrant #10-28-2014	\$96,974.08

Approval of Minutes
July 1, 2014 – Executive Session
July 29, 2014 - Executive Session
August 5, 2014 – Regular Session
August 5, 2014 – Executive Session
*August 12, 2014 – Special Session
*August 12, 2014 – Executive Session
*September 30, 2014 – Regular Session
*September 30, 2014 – Executive Session

OLD BUSINESS

Natural Resources
Park & Ride Lot

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Seasonal Part-time Shellfish Assistant – Donald McGillivray – until 6-30-2015
Patricia Carlet re: (1) Tashmoo Overlook; and (2) Spring Building

PUBLIC COMMENT

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to go into Executive Session to discuss strategy with respect to collective bargaining [Step 2 Grievance Hearings (4)], real estate, litigation and contract negotiations, (not) to reconvene in Open Session.

Next Regular BOS Meeting – November 18, 2014 – 5:30 p.m. – Tisbury Town Hall

The Board of Selectmen met in Regular Session on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 in the Town Hall.

Present: Jonathan V. Snyder, Chairman, Tristan R. Israel and Melinda F. Loberg, Clerk; John W. Grande, Town Administrator and Aase M. Jones, Assistant to the Town Administrator.

Call to order: 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Jonathan Snyder who announced that he would take a few items from the agenda out of order, as follows:

Executive Office of Elder Affairs FY2015 \$7,520 Formula Grant: for programs and services provided through the Council on Aging was approved and signed by the Chairman. M/s/c.

Certification of Posting of the November 4, 2014 Election Warrant: was announced at the request of the Town Clerk, who had the actual warrant signed and posted earlier in the day. M/s/c.

Traffic Committee Appointment: Daniel J. Seidman was appointed to serve on the Traffic Committee until 12-3-1-2014. M/s/c.

At this time the Chairman requested a motion to go into Executive Session to hear 4 grievances at Step 2 of the grievance process, to reconvene in Open Session at the conclusion of the hearings.

Motion: To go into Executive Session to hear 4 grievances at Step 2 of the grievance process, to reconvene in Open Session. Seconded.

Voting on the Motion: Mr. Israel: Yes; Mr. Snyder: Yes. Ms. Loberg: Yes.

Adjourned to Executive Session: 5:40 p.m. M/s/c.

Executive Session Minutes from 5:40 - 7:15 p.m. are recorded separately.

Reconvened in Open Session: 7:15 p.m. M/s/c.

Goat Grazing Proposal at Tashmoo Overlook Property: to contain vegetation was taken up for discussion next.

An individual identified only as Joe, representing a company called "Scapegoats Goatscaping", was present, and a proposal to contain vegetation, including invasive species at the Town property at the Overlook was discussed, including how to contain the animals, and whether this idea is worth pursuing.

Ms. Loberg commented that she does not want this proposal to cost the Town more than it now costs to maintain and mow the grass and occasionally remove invasive species. Discussion followed.

Ms. Loberg suggested a demonstration project along the NSTAR right-of-way under the power lines, asked if goats could be used to control vegetation in that area, and concluded by suggesting that this concept be explored and that negotiations with NSTAR could begin to consider this approach to control vegetation rather than a herbicide program to eliminate weeds under the power lines. Ms. Loberg added that the Town does not have control over how NSTAR

controls vegetation under the power lines noting that NSTAR has already in place a State approved herbicide program for that purpose.

Mr. Israel commented that he likes the idea but this needs to be discussed with various other departments that are involved, adding that cost must be assessed, and speculated whether Green Community Funds could be utilized for this purpose. He reiterated that the Town will look into whether goat-grazing is possible on NSTAR property under the power lines, and added that he thinks it may be possible on at least a section of the property at Tashmoo Overlook. Mr. Israel then made the following,

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen support and endorse moving ahead with the concept of using goats to control vegetation (at the Tashmoo Overlook), subject to discussing this concept with the respective Town boards and entities that are involved, including the Department of Public Works and the Water Department. M/s/c.

Mr. Israel continued by making the following,

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen direct Town Administrator Jay Grande to explore the possibility of using goats to control vegetation under the NSTAR right-of-way power lines. M/s/c.

Town Administrator's Report: was taken up next.

Mr. Grande addressed the following matters:

Disposal of Replaced Town Vehicles in Harbor and ACO Departments:

Mr. Grande noted that the DPW Director wants to use the replaced vehicles for his departmental staff and is currently doing so, adding that disposal of these vehicles would be under the purview of the Selectmen, once they were replaced and such disposal has already been approved by vote of Town Meeting.

Mr. Grande explained further that these aging vehicles still have some value at this point and are useable, at least for now, but pointed out that if they are eventually to be sold, the disposal must be done by the Board of Selectmen, and also cautioned that increasing the number of vehicles available to the DPW and insurance costs must also be considered if adding "new" vehicles to the DPW fleet. Mr. Grande asked the Selectmen what action the Board wants to take with regard to retaining these vehicles and allowing their use by the DPW.

After a brief discussion,

Motion: That the Board of Selectmen allow the DPW use of the former Harbormaster Chevy Blazer and the ACO Dodge Truck w/cap as long as they remain safe or until replaced by new vehicles at the next Town Meeting, and that disposal of the vehicles in that case will be by the Board of Selectmen. M/s/c.

Approval to Hire Energy Manager: was brought up by Town Administrator Jay Grande next. Mr. Grande informed the Board that he and Town Administrators of Oak Bluffs and Edgartown, Bob Whritenour and Pamela Dolby, respectively, have interviewed the candidates and recommend the hiring of Mr. Gary Robinson, who Mr. Grande described as well qualified and enthusiastic and is expected

to begin serving in the position as soon as funding is received from the Commonwealth and the details of serving all three Towns as their Energy Manager are worked out - possibly by November 3, 2014. The Selectmen approved the appointment without discussion, as requested. M/s/c.

Joint Meeting w/Planning Board re: Beach Road Transportation Improvements: Jay Grande announced that this meeting will take place at the Annex on October 29, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

Transportation Improvement Projects (TIP): were addressed next by Town Administrator Jay Grande who reported that he wants to send a letter to the Martha's Vineyard Commission regarding a Road Manual for Martha's Vineyard and another letter to Jeremy McDermott of NSTAR regarding this topic requesting his participation in the project to develop a Road Manual for the Vineyard.

The Selectmen discussed this matter and the letter drafted by Craig Whitaker of the Martha's Vineyard Commission Scenic Roads Committee, and voted to approve and send the letter to the Commission Chairman Fred Hancock as presented over the Chairman's signature. M/s/c.

Community Preservation Act Eligibility Application to the Community Preservation Committee: as submitted by the Town and various other committees, were discussed next by Town Administrator Jay Grande, according to the following list:

- 21 Beach Street Pocket Park: \$70,000;
- Tashmoo Overlook Mgmt. Plan: \$20,000;
- Spring Pond Dredging: \$100,000;
- Tashmoo Overlook Property - Park Project: \$185,000;
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- Lagoon Drawbridge Pocket Park: \$20,000; and
- KCT Lighting Project: \$72,000 (BOS Support for R. Friedman Application)

Mr. Grande stated that there is a need to coordinate the specific projects that relate to the same or similar goals, particularly 3-4 different applications related to the Tashmoo Overlook, such as the proposal to develop a Tashmoo Overlook Management Plan.

Proposed Revisions to the Ocean Plan: were addressed by Selectman Tristan Israel who reported that he attended a recent meeting about this issue in Boston. He pointed out that in the draft plan there is an area on the map, close to Chilmark which is causing concern in the Town of Chilmark.

He added that Oak Bluffs wants to restore sand to the Town's Inkwell beach by sand mining projects in the ocean, noting that there are many competing interests involved here.

Mr. Israel concluded his remarks by stating that he is opposed to co-called ocean mining from the bottom floor to restore beaches, and questioned the public benefit in the long run of establishing this practice. He then reiterated that any such activity should have a specific public benefit, and added that a public comment period will be open until the end of November. Mr. Israel then added that the electric submarine cable to the Vineyard does have a public benefit.

Ms. Loberg noted that there will be a meeting in Aquinnah tomorrow at 12:15 p.m. to discuss this matter.

Natural Resource Department: was addressed next by Town Administrator Jay Grande who commented that the Town has received a couple of proposals to explore this concept, both in excess of the \$5,000 approved by Town Meeting for this purpose.

Mr. Grande noted that the consensus is that existing models for such a department are available for investigation and suggested that he do so and bring back a report to the Board, in view of the support that he feels the Board has demonstrated for the concept of a Natural Resources Department, which would include the Harbor, Shellfish, and Conservation Commission. He then reiterated his request for BOS approval to explore this concept and hold off on hiring consultant services until he has completed his review. Mr. Grande stated that he knows of 4 different communities that have such departments, assessed this as "not difficult" to do, adding that he has met some people in this field within our region, and will move forward with the Board's approval. The Board agreed and so moved. M/s/c.

Park & Ride Lot Update: was provided by Town Administrator Jay Grande who reported that with a recently adopted aggressive enforcement program in place, the proposal to install a gated system may not be necessary. He added that he will meet with the Steamship Authority next week to discuss terms of the renewal of a new operating agreement with the SSA and the VTA to provide shuttle bus service to and from the Park & Ride Lot and the SSA Terminal. Mr. Grande noted that one item up for discussion is the reduction of the number of days free parking is permitted from 7 to 4 days, and holding off on implementing the installation of a new gated system to the lot, approved at last Town Meeting and estimated to cost about \$125,000, which he commented would be an investment that it would take a long time to recoup.

Mr. Israel commented that we should keep the gated system in mind and explore reducing the number of days free parking is offered.

Ms. Loberg stated that she hopes that the agreement with the SSA and the VTA will be renewed for another year.

Appointment of Seasonal Part-time Shellfish Assistant: At the request of Shellfish Constable Danielle Ewart, Donald MacGillivray, was appointed until 6-30-2015. M/s/c.

Patricia Carlet: who had requested to be on this agenda to discuss her CPA application for the Tashmoo Overlook and the Spring building, had left by the time this topic came up for discussion She will be placed on a future Selectmen's agenda.

CPA Applications: submitted to the Community Preservation Committee from various departments and committees were discussed briefly and it was agreed that these (applications) would be discussed further at the next meeting of the Board (November 18), with copies of all applications submitted available for the Selectmen.

Approval of Treasury Warrants: Payroll Warrants #10-20-2014 and 10-27-2014; Bills Payable Refund Warrant #10-17-4R; and Bills Payable

Warrants #10-24-2014 and #10-28-2014, were approved and signed.
M/s/c.

Approval of Minutes: August 5, 2014, Regular Session. M/s/c.

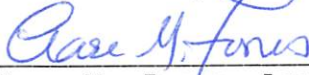
Minutes Deferred: July 1 and 29, 2014, Executive Sessions; August 12, 2014, Special Session; August 5 and 12, 2014, Executive Sessions; September 30, 2014, Regular and Executive Sessions.

There being no further business in Open Session,


Motion for Adjournment: 8:12 p.m. M/s/c.

Respectfully submitted,


Jonathan V. Snyder, Chairman


Aase M. Jones, Asst. to Town Adm.


Tristan R. Israel


Melinda F. Loberg, Clerk