

Tisbury School Committee/Tisbury School Building Committee
5:00PM, Monday, March 26, 2018
Tisbury School Library

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TSBC Members Present: Chair Colleen McAndrews, Wiet Bacheller,
John Custer, Matt D'Andrea, Sean DeBettencourt,
Cheryl Doble*, Jeff Kristal, Melinda Loberg*,
Reade Milne by phone, Erika Mulvey, Sean Mulvey,
Dan Seidman*, Richie Smith, Amy Tierney,

TSC Members Present: Colleen McAndrews,

Town Officials Present: Moderator: Deborah Medders, FinCom - Jynell Kristal,
Selectmen Melinda Loberg,

Others: Public – Paul Lares,
PTO/Parents – Siobhan Mullin, Nevell Previd
Daedalus – Joe Sullivan, Christina Opper,
Turowski2 – Peter Turowski,

Press: MVTV – Evgeny Mishchenko, Vineyard Gazette – Holly Pretsky,
Recorder Marni Lipke

* Late arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC) was called to order at 5:06PM. Chair Colleen McAndrews announced that Ms. Reade Milne joined the meeting by phone, so all votes would be roll call. (*Recorder's note: discussions are summarized and re-grouped for clarity and brevity.*)

I. Approval of Minutes

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. SEAN DEBETTENCOURT AND SECONDED BY MR. SEAN MULVEY THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 12, 2018 MEETING WERE APPROVED; 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. DEBETTENCOURT—AYE, MS. MCANDREWS—AYE, MS. MILNE—AYE, MR. JEFF KRISTAL—AYE, PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MS. AMY TIERNEY—AYE, MS. ERIKA MULVEY—AYE, MR. MULVEY—AYE, MS. WIET BACHELLER—AYE.**

* Ms. Cheryl Doble, Ms. Melinda Loberg and Mr. Dan Seidman entered the meeting.

V. Town Meeting

Town Moderator Deborah Medders explained Tisbury Annual and Special Town Meeting (ATM/STM) practices, procedures and traditions. It was Ms. Medder's philosophy that the 400 year old tradition was for the Town's citizens to come together as registered voters to take care of town business for the year. Consequently she was respectful of opinions and did not limit questions and discussion; although she took a sense of the meeting to move on when comments began to repeat themselves, and people became distracted.

• The STM, (usually lasting about 45 min. to 1 hr.) covered non-appropriating articles and preceded the ATM.

- The ATM warrant article order was taken by lottery with the following provisions:
 - The first article was always to hear reports.
 - The last article was always on how much was spent.
 - An article could be taken out of order by motion, second and 2/3 vote from the floor.
 - An Australian Ballot could be called by motion, second and 2/3 vote from the floor. In Ms. Medders' tenure there had been only one such call (during a particularly controversial and bitter debate), which was overwhelmingly defeated. In general an Australian Ballot changed the tenure of a debate.
 - By State statute any article could be called for reconsideration and re-vote at any time until the ATM adjourned (including on different nights or after a recess) by motion, second and 2/3 vote from the floor. This had never happened in Ms. Medders' time.
 - The TSBC could make a presentation under Article #1 To Hear Reports, but it could be no more than 7-10 minutes long and should concentrate on what citizens should hear about the project. Ms. Medders advised that the report be a presentation (technology was available) and that questions be taken under ATM Article #37 New Tisbury School Construction. She noted that as part of an Annual Town Meeting with about 40 other articles, the situation was different from a Special Town Meeting where the School was the main article.
 - Most citizens would not have seen the Warrant before entering Town Meeting.
 - As a significant spending article with long-term effects and issues beyond its cost, Ms. Medders expected the deliberations and vote to last the better part of an evening and predicted this would be a lengthy ATM.
 - As it required a 2/3 majority Ms. Medders would call for a standing vote.
 - Informational handouts were allowed on the table with the Annual Town Report and ATM/STM warrant. However all campaign sheets and brochures had to be distributed outside the meeting location.
 - Ms. Medders, the Town Clerk, the Town Administrator, Chair McAndrews, Principal John Custer, and the Dept. of Public Works (DPW) and Facilities Directors met to plan for contingencies such as an Australian ballot or an overflow crowd. (The most recent controversial subject (Beer and Wine) drew 350 people.) The gym had a large capacity including space preserved for public microphones and citizens with disabilities. An overflow room was being prepared with sound, visual, a Deputy Moderator and a vote counter. People would move to the gym floor to speak at microphones.
 - The TSBC thanked Ms. Medders for her time. Ms. Medders thanked the TSBC for two years of hard work and dedication, and wished them good luck at the Meeting.
 - Mr. Seidman asked if it would be beneficial to call the Article early out of order however Chair McAndrews was not comfortable planning or discussing such an action.

II. Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Report

III. Architect's Report

The presentation schedule was reviewed (see below: Meetings/Events).

- Last week's Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) forum was very well attended.

- The three-dimensional model of the new School so generously donated by Turowski 2 Architects (T2) would be on display during the forums, as well as at Cronig's Market with PTO and TSBC representatives April 6th and 7th (see below: Actions).
- The TSBC decided to shift the Thursday, April 5th public forum to Saturday morning, rather than hold both forums. Student guided tours of the current building would be available an hour before and an hour after the Saturday forum.
- The League of Women Voters had failed to respond to inquiries.
- Letters to the Editor were appearing in both papers and the newspapers agreed to write Op-Ed pieces before Town Meeting. (Prin. Custer stated that Tisbury School students had 18 to 24 minutes for lunch, correcting a misleading assertion in one letter.)
- Tank Talks was being aired on MVTV but other videos (including the student generated project) were delayed.
 - T2 added a presentation slide showing the cost of other Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) 2019 renovation/addition projects. The Tisbury School was again in the middle of the cost scale.
 - There was a discussion on how to present the cost to taxpayers.
- The median value of a year-round resident house \$515,900 generating a \$558 increase for the first year and decreasing annually to the end of the bond. Other ways to explain it were considered:
 - \$400,000 to \$800,000, or \$500,000, \$1,000,000, and \$1,500,000 houses,
 - \$108.20 per \$100,000 of value,
 - quarterly, monthly and daily breakdowns, etc. (see below: Actions).
- A chart of the decreasing debt would also be shown, but it would show only the project's debt, other Town debt (new Town Hall, etc.) was another factor.

IV. Communications (See below: Actions.)

The Working Group was very active. Thanks went to the PTO for funding the fact-based brochures and the yard/lawn signs.

- A Frequently Asked Questions website posting would be printed out for Town Meeting.
- On-line comments were noted.

• MS. MCANDREWS AFFIRMED THAT WORK OUTLINED ON THE FOLLOWING INVOICES HAD BEEN PERFORMED:

- TUROWSKI TWO ARCHITECTS 3/21/18 INVOICE #16-14-12 AT \$33,061.14;
- DAEDALUS PROJECTS 2/28/18 INVOICE #180228 AT \$18,000; AND
- EVGENY MISHCHENKO 3/26/18 VIDEOGRAPHY INVOICE #0005 AT \$245.

Adjournment

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. DEBETTENCOURT AND SECONDED BY PRIN. CUSTER THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 6:05PM: 12 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. DEBETTENCOURT—AYE, MS. MCANDREWS—AYE, MS. MILNE—AYE, MR. KRISTAL—AYE, PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MS. TIERNEY—AYE, MS. MULVEY—AYE, MR. MULVEY—AYE, MS. BACHELLER—AYE, MS. DOBLE—AYE, MS. LOBERG—AYE, MR. SEIDMAN—AYE.**

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Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- **TSC/SAC – 8:30AM, Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Tisbury School**
- **Presentations/Forums:**
- **Public – 7:00PM, Tuesday, March 27, 2018 at the Library**
- **Vision Council – 7:00PM, Wednesday, March 28, 2018**
- **Town Dept. Heads – 9:00AM, Monday, April 2, 2018**
- **League of Women Voters Candidates Forum – April 4, 2018**
- **Town Cabinet – 4:30PM, Thursday April 5, 2018**
- **Public & Tours - Thursday, April 5, 2018 at the Tisbury School**
- **Public – 10:00AM, Saturday, April 7, 2018 at the Tisbury School Gym**
- **TSBC– 5:00PM, Monday, April 9, 2018 at the Tisbury School**
- **Tisbury Annual Town Meeting – Tuesday, April 10, 2018**
- **Tisbury Town Ballot – Tuesday, April 24, 2018**

Appendix B: Actions - None

- Ms. McAndrews/Ms. Mulvey – contact Ms. Medders re: School model at ATM/STM.
- Ms. Bacheller – contact MV Film Society for displays/posters/brochures.
- TSBC/Turowski 2 – bring presentations to forums on jump drive re: compatibility.
- Turowski 2 – draft slide with graph showing debt decline.
- Turowski 2 – Add \$108.20 per \$100,000 in value to cost slide.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 3/26/18
- Sign In Sheet 3/26/18
- The New Tisbury School Project brochure (2 p.)

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

Minutes approved by TSC and TSBC 4/30/18