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**Tisbury School Building Committee \ Tisbury School Committee
5:00PM, Wednesday, May 3, 2017
Tisbury School Library**

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TSBC Members Present: Chair Colleen McAndrews, Ian Aitchison, Wiet Bacheller, Catherine Coogan, John Custer, Matt D'Andrea, Sean DeBettencourt, Cheryl Doble, Jay Grande, Amy Houghton*, Melinda Loberg, Reade Milne, Siobhan Mullin, Erika Mulvey, Sean Mulvey, Dan Seidman, Richie Smith, Amy Tierney,

TSC Members Present: Chair Amy Houghton, Colleen McAndrews,

Others: Erin Leddy, Christina Oppen – Daedalus, Libby Turowski, Peter Turowski – Turowski2 (T2) Evan Hammond – Horiuchi Solien Jynell Kristal – Tis. FinCom, Ben Robinson – Planning Bd. Hyung S. Lee, Akeyah Lucas, Anthony Peake, Henry Stephenson – Residents, Jim Norton – SAC, Mike Taus – MVRHS Facilities Director, Dusko Stejic - MTVV Marni Lipke – Recorder

* Late Arrivals or early departures.

The Tisbury School Building Committee (TSBC) meeting was called to order at 5:02PM.

I. Approval of TSBC Draft Minutes of 4/12/2017 - Tabled

II. Open Meeting Law Complaint (See documents on file.)

The Committee received an Open Meeting Law complaint over a posting oversight. Principal John Custer took responsibility, went before the Selectmen, sent and read a letter of apology and rectified procedure so it would not happen again. On Counsel's advice the three actions taken at that meeting would be re-voted at this meeting. Thanks went to everyone for their patience and to Prin. Custer for his comprehensive action.

III. 4/12/2017 TSBC Meeting Actions

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. JAY GRANDE AND SECONDED BY MR. DAN SEIDMAN THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO INCORPORATE ALL APRIL 12, 2017 NOTES INTO THE OFFICIAL RECORD; 14 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

* Ms. Amy Houghton entered the meeting and called the Tisbury School Committee (TSC) to order at 5:08PM.

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. MELINDA LOBERG, AND SECONDED BY MR. SEIDMAN THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO APPROVE THE MARCH 22, 2017 MINUTES; MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: 15 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. CHERYL DOBLE AND SECONDED BY MS. LOBERG, THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY VOTED TO ELIMINATE THE TASHMOO WELL SITE FROM CONSIDERATION; 15 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. SEIDMAN AND SECONDED BY MS. LOBERG THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED (15 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS):

- \$6,488 FOR A REQUIRED MANTER SITE ARCHEOLOGICAL SITE STUDY;
- AND NOT MORE THAN \$4,400 FOR A MANTER SITE TRAFFIC STUDY.

V. Update on Archeological Survey, Traffic Study, Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP)

- The archeological survey found no disturbances, or important artifacts but given the terrain advised a more intensive survey where the landscape was disturbed.
- The traffic study including counts and crash history would be completed May 12th.
- Natural Heritage had not yet responded to the application.

VI. Update on Survey (See documents on file.)

Chair Colleen McAndrews thanked Ms. Christine Opper of Daedalus for her help with the website, the brochures and the surveys. Boxes to collect the survey were placed at Town Hall, Senior Center, Tisbury School, and Library. A total of 192 responded through paper or Internet voting, of which 19 were from other towns—possibly Tisbury School staff. Results showed:

- 46% (89 respondents) for renovation addition,
- 20% (38 respondents) for new building on the existing site, (showing 66% total for the current site) and
- 34% (65 respondents) for the Manter Site;
- 38% (73 respondents) had or would have children in the school, and other school use was: 125 – town meeting, 93 playground, 71 community use, 37 gym, and 41 other uses. Although there were about 3,400 registered voters this was considered a good response—and the TSBC noted it was about the same number as showed up for Town Meetings. Responses spiked after Town Meeting, showing it to be an effective venue.

VII. Update on Presentations (Parent Teacher Organization (PTO), Vision Council)

- Only two parents showed up at the PTO forum. Parents received an email blast, and surveys/brochures were available in the lobby during Parent/Teacher conferences.
- The Vision Council attracted 40 plus participants. The TSBC spoke on educational programing. There was a good discussion and a lot of questions fairly heavily focused on the sites. The entire process was civil and positive.
- Several people raised the issue of previous Town Meeting votes that specifically dedicated the Manter site to conservation, so the matter was being researched.
- There were strong feelings towards the current site (nostalgia, lower cost, already developed, etc.), but serious concerns on the construction/renovation process.

- Committee openness/transparency was emphasized and members were cautioned on expressing strong personal opinions.

- The Committee was distressed about the amount of misinformation among the public and further outreach was debated in terms of:
 - gathering constituency feedback during meetings in the street or grocery store;
 - incentives to forums or surveys;
 - 190 responses as a good showing with no further outreach needed;
 - better to err on the side of more outreach.
- A majority of the TSBC wanted more information before making a decision.
- It was finally agreed that a modified survey be re-opened for another two weeks (Survey Monkey fee (see below: p. 5 #X) covered a year of surveys);
- And there would be a final public forum in the School gym, with the goals of:
 - gathering information for the TSBC decision;
 - promoting opinion sharing between distinct groups (staff, visioning, etc.);
 - clearing up misunderstandings.
- (See below: Meetings/Events and Actions.). There was general consensus for a public forum rather than a more formal public hearing.

IV. Architect Update on Options 2, 3 and 5 (See documents on file.)

Presentations included three-dimensional (3D) schematics. Discussion points are listed.

- Option #2 Addition/Renovation

- The option would fulfill educational needs however flexibility and special relations would be challenged, i.e. clustered classrooms, etc.
- The proscenium and cafeteria could be used at the same time.
- The old façade and foundation would be preserved, the building gutted, all windows and systems replaced (minimized duct work, more fresh air, multiple heat units, etc.). Original ceilings could be restored by eliminating acoustic ceilings—which might allow windows large enough to light classrooms. Additions would be brick and glass.

- Option #3 New Building Current Site

- The stage could be opened either to the cafeteria or gym.
- There could be enough windows so teachers would not have to turn on lights.
- Playing fields would be sufficient but not standard for town use; i.e. undersized soccer field. This could be rectified with a three story building.
- The buildings were sited on the lot to avoid a more urban feel at the tight corner.

- Option #5 New Building Manter Well Site

- The access could be pulled closer to meet the sewer connection.
- A three story building would also make some sense on this site eliminating the long run of walls. The buildings would accommodate pods for small learning communities.

- Mr. Hyung Lee commented on the design citing: building orientation, congregation spaces, public versus rural style, and neighborhood.

- Mr. Henry Stephenson spoke to the hybrid nature of the renovation/ addition design.
- Mr. Tony Peake questioned the planning for pre-kindergarten space, and advocated for a centralized Martha's Vineyard junior high school instead of four middle schools with duplicate resources, small classes and restricted social issues.

VIII. Update on Overall Schedule (See documents on file & below: Meetings/Events.)

The TSBC judged that the May 18th Preferred Schematic deadline was not sufficient for Town feedback. A May 10th TSBC meeting was scheduled solely to plan for the Public Forum. This would leave about two meetings to meet the June 29th deadline

IX. Schedule Community Forum (See below: Meetings/Events.)

X. Other Business

- MR. CUSTER AFFIRMED THAT WORK OUTLINED ON THE FOLLOWING INVOICES HAD BEEN PERFORMED:
- MVTV/MICHELLE VIVIAN INVOICE # 0001 FOR \$90;
- MV TIMES ADVERTISING INVOICE FOR \$345.60;
- SURVEY MONKEY RECEIPT FOR \$300.

Adjournment

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. SEAN MULVEY AND SECONDED BY MS. SIOBHAN MULLIN THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 7:05PM.
- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. HOUGHTON AND SECONDED BY MS. MCANDREWS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 7:05PM.

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- **TSC - 8:30AM, Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at Tisbury School**
- **TSBC/TSC - 6:00PM, Wednesday, May 10, 2017 at Tisbury School**
- MSBA Preferred Schematic – May 18, 2017
- Tisbury School Graduation – 5:00PM, Wednesday, June 14, 2017 in the School Gym
- **TSBC/TSC Public Forum - 6:00PM, Wednesday, May 10, 2017 in the School Gym**
- **TSBC/TSC - 5:00PM, Wednesday, June 6 &/or 21, 2017 at Tisbury School**
- MSBA Preferred Schematic – June 29, 2017

Appendix B: Actions

- Ms. McAndrews – email survey summary to all.
- All: bring list of forum questions to May 10th meeting.
- Forum topics- cost differential, estimate Manter busing impact & safety (police), education disruption logistics on current site.

Appendix C: Documents on File:

- Agenda 5/3/17
- Sign In Sheet 5/3/17
- Building Committee Presentation for: Tisbury Elementary School May 3, 2017 (22 p.)
- McAndrews/Grande emails re: Manter Well Land (2 p.) 5/2/17
- McAndrews emails re: TSBC Information (2 p.) 5/5/17
- Vision Council/School Building Committee Community Workshop on Site Selection (3 p.) 5/1/17
- Tisbury School Community Workshop – Worksheet Summary (2 p.) 5/1/17
- Please list your “Pros” and “Cons” for the New Construction on the... 7 p.
- Custer email re: Tisbury School Building Committee 5/9/17

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

