

**Tisbury School Committee  
Tisbury Board of Selectmen  
Tisbury School Building Committee  
2019-2020  
8:30AM, Tuesday, November 22, 2019  
Katherine Cornell Theatre/Town Hall**

1

**TSC Members Present:** Chair Amy Houghton, Janet Packer, Michael Watts,  
**BOS Members Present:** Chair Melinda Loberg, Jeff Kristal, Jim Rogers,  
**TSBC Members Present:** Chair Rachel Orr, Harold Chapdelaine, Reade Milne,  
Jim Rogers, Michael Watts,  
**School Staff:** Matt D'Andrea – Superintendent, Richie Smith – Asst. Supt.,  
**Town:** Jay Grande – Town Administrator, Ben Robinson – Planning Board,  
FinCom – Jynell Kristal,  
**Others:** Marie Laursen, Lilian Robinson,  
**Press:** George Brennan – MV Times, Dusko Stajic – MVTV,  
Louisa Hufstader – Vineyard Gazette  
Marni Lipke – Recorder

\* Late Arrivals or early departures.

Call to Order

The Tisbury School Committee (TSC), Board of Selectmen (BOS) and the School Building Committee (SBC) meetings were called to order at 8:34AM.

*(Recorder's note: discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)*

I. School Building Committee (SBC) Architect Recommendation

The SBC met for 6 hours yesterday, interviewing all three qualified firms that met the criteria with identical questions: three requiring complex answers sent in advance and eight more asked at the meeting. This was followed by deliberations, starting with a variety of opinions and ending with a unanimous vote to recommend Tappé Architects based in Boston. In response to a number of questions the SBC members described reasons for their choice.

- Tappé included an intense level of detail, including furnishing, demonstrating careful thinking about using current space. For example, they had already marked both the gym and the boiler room as additional spaces to be maximized, and considered how to work on the building while it was occupied.

- Their engineer was very excited about renovating a vintage building to sustainability.

- They were a small firm, where there was a good range of experience and principal staff had worked together for many years.

- The presenters showed a marked level of thoughtfulness, collaboration and creative problem solving in responding to questions, talking about taking responsibility for their design as opposed talking about their skills.

- They emphasized the need for the Town to set realistic financial limits and to fit the design into that model rather than designing a luxury school and then cutting it back.

- They were interested in coming to the Island for days at a time to survey and solicit public forums and input.
- Their Island experience included: consultant work for the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School (MVRHS), the new Edgartown Library, and the Tisbury School 1990s addition—they were excited about pulling the original Mylar drawings.
- Software included 3-dimensional views accessible not only to subcontractors but also to Town residents.
- They only bid on projects they could take on, noting the increased flexibility of lack of Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) restrictions.
- They received glowing references from previous clients.
  - All three firms:
    - were interested in retrofitting a vintage building to sustainability,
    - were very aware of the Education Program,
    - had worked with Owner's Project Manager (OPM) Daedalus,
    - considered the pitfalls and problems of "fast tracking" a project, such as throwing concrete before completed mechanical design, hastily made decisions by Town boards and committees, etc.
    - The current situation of a split school and restricted spaces may have changed staff, community and student concepts of learning spaces.
    - The timeline was for three months of public input and three months for design, resulting in a Special Town Meeting in Summer or Fall 2020.
    - The BOS and TSC thanked the SBC for their dedication, hard work and weekly meetings to expedite the recommendation.

• Motion: *Mr. Jim Rogers moved approve the recommendation of the School Building Committee to contract with Tappé Architects; Mr. Jeff Kristal seconded; motion passed unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. JANET PACKER AND SECONDED BY MR. MICHAEL WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE TO CONTRACT WITH TAPPÉ ARCHITECTS: 3 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.**

• Motion: *Mr. Jim Rogers moved authorize the Town Administrator to sign a contract with Tappé Architects; Mr. Jeff Kristal seconded; motion passed unanimously: 3 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

### Adjournment

• Motion: *Mr. Rogers moved to adjourn at 9:14AM; Mr. Kristal seconded; motion passed unanimously: 2 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.*

• **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. PACKER AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 9:14AM.**

**continued**

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. HAROLD CHAPDELAIN AND SECONDED BY MS. READE MILNE AND MR. WATTS THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE COMMITTEE VERIFIED THAT ALL THREE ARCHITECTS' PROPOSALS MET ALL REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATION (RFQ) CRITERIA EXCEPT THE FINANCIAL CRITERIA WHICH THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE WAS UNABLE TO RESEARCH AND CONSEQUENTLY REQUESTED THE TOWN ADMINISTRATOR AND TOWN COUNSEL TO VALIDATE SAID FINANCIAL CRITERIA FOR TAPPÉ ARCHITECTS: 5 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS.

Adjournment

- ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MS. READE MILNE AND SECONDED BY MR. HAROLD CHAPDELAIN THE SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 9:16AM.

**Appendix A: Meetings/Events:**

- MVRHSC - 6:00PM, Monday, November 25, 2019 – MVRHS LCR or PAC
- MVRHSC - 5:00PM, Monday, December 2, 2019 – MVRHS LCR
- Selectmen/Education Program – 4/5:00PM, Wednesday, December 4, 2019 – KCT
- TSC – 4:00PM, Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at the EMS Building

**Appendix B: Actions**

Mr. Grande – validate that Tappé Architects meets the RFQ financial criteria.

**Appendix C: Documents on File:**

- Agenda 11/22/19

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Marni Lipke – Recorder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rachel Orr – TSBC Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Minutes approved by the Tisbury School Committee 12/10/19

Minutes approved as amended by the Tisbury School Building Committee 2019 12/11/19