

Tisbury School Building Committee
2019-2020
3:00PM, Monday, May 4, 2020
by Zoom Cloud Conference

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TSBC Members Present: Chair Rachel Orr, Harold Chapdelaine, John Custer,
Sean deBettencourt, Peter Gearhart, Rita Jeffers,
Reade Milne, Jim Rogers, Michael Watts,

Others: Recorder –Marni Lipke,
Daedalus Projects – Richard Marks, Christina Opper,
Amanda Sawyer,

Schools: Tappé Architects – Chris Blessen,
TSC – Michael Watts, John Custer – Principal

Town: Supt. - Matt D’Andrea, Esther Teves,
Select Board - Melinda Loberg, Jeff Kristal, Jim Rogers,
Ben Robinson - Planning Bd

* TSBC members late arrivals or early departures.

1. Call To Order

The Tisbury School Building Committee 2019-2020 (TSBC) meeting was called to order at 3:02PM. Chair Rachel Orr reviewed the protocol for remote meetings. All votes would be roll call. The public could join by chat, call-in or Zoom. The meeting was being recorded and would be posted with all background documents on the Project website <http://www.tisbury-school-project.com>
-(Recorder’s note: discussions are summarized and grouped for clarity and brevity.)

2. Attendance - Attendance was called alphabetically.

3. Formulation of Design Working Group - Tabled

4. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair Within 48 Hours of the Meeting (See documents on file.)

Selectman Jim Rogers expressed his worry over continuing concerns raised by members (not enough educational space, Spring St. massing, etc.) and about proceeding to working groups without deciding on a Design Option. This lack of choice seemed to have stalled TSBC momentum and was also likely to delay the Memorial Day cost estimate deadline—not necessarily an important factor. He felt that if this was a one-time quality project, the voters would approve it. Mr. Chris Blessen of Tappé Architects agreed that the most useful action would be to decide whether to expand to the west or north (or if there was a preference to the east). Members each gave their opinions, expressing some common themes.

- There was general consensus on the need to decide on a concept and then work out the details.
- It was important to compromise on the elements of the building, keeping the Educational Plan as a focus (including non-negotiable education factors) and finding the balance that fit Town’s needs.

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- Educational space requirements and maximum classroom capacity should be determined—keeping in mind at least two imminent affordable housing projects. The Superintendent and Principal had been consulted and the Tisbury School Committee (TSC) would formally vote next week (pending one discussion point). More information was needed on how the Education Plan related to the current facility and options, as well as the report on staff feedback.
- Some members also favored a working group of those TSBC members with design experience. Such meetings would be posted and any TSBC member could attend (but not participate). Full TSBC working sessions (without public questions) were also suggested. Members explored technical ability to point and draw during a Zoom session.
- In order to proceed as a total group, critiquing designs, working from area to area, with the limited space and accessibility, the TSBC should switch to weekly meetings. Anticipated timelines had been disrupted by the current Covid-19 crisis. However fast tracking work was exhausting and often inefficient. If weekly meetings were instituted agendas should be shortened and structured “homework assignments” were needed.
- Mr. Rogers moved the below action. This was a major decision not on the agenda, however the majority of members were comfortable with it as a ‘Topic Not Anticipated by the Chair’. The TSBC briefly discussed meeting scheduling.
- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. ROGERS AND SECONDED BY MR. CHAPDELAINÉ THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE VOTED TO START BY MOVING FORWARD WITH MR. CHAPDELAINÉ’S PROPOSAL REFERRED TO AS OPTION #3: 8 AYES, 1 NAY, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. CHAPDELAINÉ—AYE, MR. ROGERS—AYE, PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MR. GEARHART—AYE, MS. ORR—NAY, MS. MILNE—AYE, MS. JEFFERS—AYE, MR. DEBETTENCOURT—AYE.**

Adjournment

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. ROGERS AND SECONDED BY MR. WATTS THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 3:59PM: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. CHAPDELAINÉ—AYE, MR. ROGERS—AYE, PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE, MR. GEARHART—AYE, MS. ORR—AYE, MS. MILNE—AYE, MS. JEFFERS—AYE, MR. DEBETTENCOURT—AYE.**

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- **TSBC – 5:00PM, Monday, May 11, 2020 – TBD**
- **TSC – 8:30AM, Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - TBD**
- **TSBC – 5:00PM, Tuesday, May 26, 2020 – TBD**
- **Special/Annual Town Meeting – 1:00PM, Saturday, June 13, 2020 continued**

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Appendix B: Actions

Tappé/Daedalus/Ms. Orr – send Staff Feedback Report

Tappé – Send out concept to be discussed.

Agenda Items

- Staff Feedback Report
- Space Needs Inventory


Appendix C: Documents on File: Available at:

<http://www.tisbury.mvyps.org/> click on Tisbury School Project

(Official archive hard copies on file at Tisbury Town Hall & Tisbury School):

- Agenda 5/4/20
- Blessen memo re: Response to Requested Committee Member Feedback – Concepts 1 & 2 (4 p.) 5/1/20
- Orr/Rogers/Watts emails re: TSBC Concept Feedback (2 p.) 5/3/20

Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.



Marni Lipke – Recorder

5/20/20

Date



Rachel Orr – TSBC Chair

5/26/20

Date

Minutes approved as amended for attendance 5/11/20