

**Tisbury School Building Committee
2019-2020
4:00PM, Monday, June 8, 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: Anna Edey, Jason Kenney, Paul Lazes, Susie White, Daedalus Projects – Richard Marks, Christina Oppen, Amanda Sawyer, Tappé Architects – Chris Blessen,

Schools: TSC – Michael Watts, Principal – John Custer
Asst. Principal – Melissa Ogden, Julie Brand, Whitney Burke, Sean DeBettencourt, Rita Jeffers, Natalie Krauthammer, Emily Levett, Sarah Mercaldo, Nevette Previd, Esther Teves,

Town: Select Board - Melinda Loberg, Jim Rogers,
Town Administrator – Jay Grande,

* 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 4:04PM. Chair Rachel Orr reviewed the protocol for remote meetings. 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. Review and Possible Approval of Minutes, 5-26-20 Meeting

• ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. JIM ROGERS AND SECONDED BY PRINCIPAL JOHN CUSTER THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 26, 2020 MEETING WERE APPROVED AS AMENDED FOR TYPOS: MOTION PASSED: 6 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MR. SEAN DEBETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. PETER GEARHART—AYE, MS. RITA JEFFERS—AYE, MS. ORR—AYE, MR. ROGERS—AYE.

4. Tappé Architects – Elevations / Site Plans and Comparison of Program to Concept Plans (See below: Actions & documents on file.)

* During this discussion the following members entered the meeting:
Mr. Michael Watts at 4:18PM, Ms. Reade Milne at 4:26PM and Mr. Harold Chapdelaine at 4:31PM.

• Tappé had been working on incorporating TSBC comments (basketball courts, soccer field, play areas, etc.) into a landscaping site Plan C for Option 3. Mr. Chris Blessen highlighted:

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- the change in the hardscape public entrance from parking,
- school/student entries near the bus drop-off,
- a basic service entrance off Spring St., and
- terraced pavers transitioning the grade.

TSBC comments and questions noted drainage and play area grading, resolved with a rain garden, and asked about play structure area comparative sizes—open space was used more efficiently than the current layout. After the final vote on an option, Tappé would solicit staff feedback.

- The elevation sketch incorporated flat roofs to allow more solar panels towards a net zero energy building—or for other uses. The glassed entry from parking could be reduced from its current half circle, and canopies to shelter entrances and waiting areas were added to break the massing. The TSBC liked the flat roofs and the stepped rise to the existing building. They also liked the canopies that, along with the sidewalks, were at grade and transitioned with a retaining wall. There was a general feeling that the half circle glass wall should be reduced, but a liking for the addition of matched glass features that joined the buildings.

- It was maintained that continuing concerns about interior natural light were often a trade-off that happened with many renovated old buildings. Fortunately modern lighting technology could simulate daylight.

- Town Administrator Jay Grande requested abutter buffers, as well as sidewalk and curb cut improvements to the present east side parking lot.

- Space summaries were updated to the 18 student average class size—as per Tisbury School Committee (TSC) vote (see 5/26/20 Minutes p. 1-2 #4). Prin. Custer supported the TSC decision.

- Option 3 captured the entire change, except the Health room.

- Option 1 showed a large differential around Grade 6 and Grade 7-8 Math, which Tappé considered solvable.

- Both schemes showed a compressed sized standard gym, with minimum buffers and bleachers.

- The stacked media/library space greatly increased flexibility, allowing use for: computer classes, small group instruction, changing educational programs, and could even be commandeered for a larger class population bubble.

5. Owner's Project Manager (OPM) – Update on Structural Investigations and Review of Concept Designs

Engineers and contractors were able to work in the empty school, opening several 2 ft. by 2 ft. holes to view and measure internal structures. A good structural grid was revealed with bracing, bar joists, and steel columns supporting the roof. This was particularly important in regards to the construction of the below/grade floor in Option 3. (The holes would be patched before the start of school.)

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- Brick testing was still waiting on the second round. The Tappé/Daedalus cost estimate would posit reasonable insulation needs (~ 4 in.)
- The cost estimate would be presented in an “a la carte” manner since a number of factors were expensive (roof-top solar, net zero, etc.)
- Daedalus and Tappé emphasized the Existing Conditions Report was a continually updated living document, particularly true as information became available when the interior was opened during renovation/demolition.

7. Public Outreach and Inclusion – Video Planning (See below: Actions.)

- The TSBC had been consulting with Tappé and Ms. Christina Opper on the technicalities of good video filming. The videographer would probably have to come to the Island several times since about three hours of video was needed for 3-5 minutes of final cut. A series of short videos was planned to keep people engaged including: a virtual tour, history of building use, interviews with Town leadership, alumna, students, families, residents, staff, etc.
- The Communications Committee was still looking for good bilingual members. Otherwise they continued reformatting the website.

- The TSBC discussed meeting time and format.

8. Public Comment/Questions - None

9. Topics Not Reasonably Anticipated by the Chair Within 48 Hours of the Meeting- None

Adjournment

- **ON A MOTION DULY MADE BY MR. ROGERS AND SECONDED BY PRIN. CUSTER THE TISBURY SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING UNANIMOUSLY ADJOURNED AT 5:23PM: 9 AYES, 0 NAYS, 0 ABSTENTIONS: MR. CHAPDELAIN—AYE, PRIN. CUSTER—AYE, MR. DEBETTENCOURT—AYE, MR. GEARHART—AYE, MS. JEFFERS—AYE, MS. MILNE—ABSTAIN, MS. ORR—AYE, MR. ROGERS—AYE, MR. WATTS—AYE.**

Appendix A: Meetings/Events:

- Special / Annual Town Meeting – 1:00PM, Saturday, June 13, 2020
- TSBC – 5:00PM, Monday, June 22, 2020 – Zoom

Appendix B: Actions

- Tappé/Daedalus – please send background documents well before meetings.
- Tappé/Daedalus – compare play structure area sq. footage with current area.
- Daedalus – contract brick mason within next 2 weeks.

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Appendix B: Actions (cont.)

Tappé – check/revise Option 3 Space Summary re: Spanish, kitchen storage, cafeteria.

All – crowd source material for School videos.


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/Revised Agenda (2 p.) 6/8/20
- Tisbury School, Tisbury, MA, School Building Committee Meeting, June 8, 2020
- TSBC Virtual Meeting Reminders -
- Tisbury School Renovation – Concept A Warner Larson 4/22/20
- Tisbury School Renovation – Concept C Warner Larson 5/26/20
- Tisbury School / Design Option 3 – Elevations 6/8/20
- Tisbury School Building Space Summary Option 1 Comparison, Draft Tappé Architects (3 p.) 6/8/20
- Tisbury School Building Space Summary Option 3 Comparison, Draft Tappé Architects (3 p.) 6/8/20
- Stay Informed + Town Resources
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Minutes respectfully submitted by Office On Call/Marni Lipke.



Marni Lipke – Recorder

7/6/20

Date



Rachel Orr – TSBC Chair

7/7/20

Date

Minutes approved as written 6/29/20