

Board of Selectmen Meeting

**Remote Participation only**

April 28, 2020

Present: Chairman Brian Packish, Selectmen Jason Balboni, Gail Barmakian, Gregory Coogan, Michael Santoro. Also present: Town Administrator Robert Whritenour, Executive Assistant Alice Ryan Butler.

**Meeting called to order at 4:30 p.m.**

**Department Head Updates**

Fire Chief Greene reported that he does Inspections on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Library Director Malik is working with the Tisbury Library on a plan for re-opening. It is a 22 page report that is being reviewed by the Board of Health, the Town Administrator and the Assistant Town Administrator.

The Town Administrator is also planning on a larger Back to Work Task Force.

**Minutes**

April 14, 2020

March 24, 2020

March 10, 2020

***Selectman Santoro motioned to accept the Minutes of April 14, March 24 and March 10, 2020, seconded by Selectman Balboni***

***Chairman Packish Aye  
Selectman Balboni Aye  
Selectman Barmakian Aye  
Selectman Coogan Aye  
Selectman Santoro Aye***

**Old/New Business**

Discussion and possible vote regarding emerging Covid-19 issues.

- Status of Governor's orders  
Town Administrator Whritenour discussed "stay at home" during the pandemic. He will also organize a re-opening Advisory Board.
- Island Working Group  
This group will be to organize Island wide policies for coping with covid19. Working with the Board of Health to solve phase two of construction regulations.

- Harbor Issues

The Harbor is ready apart from the Steamship Authority. Nantucket is in favor of a fourteen day quarantine when visiting the Islands.

Martha's Vineyard is the only place with such strict construction rules. The rest of the State is more lenient. The Hospital would like all large events cancelled, and supports a fourteen day quarantine.

There are serious reservations about holding the Annual Town Meeting in the Performing Arts Theatre. Only one entry being one. Consideration will be given to holding it outside, maybe Waban-Alley Park or the Tabernacle.

A message was sent to all Department Heads and the Finance Committee to conserve funds. The FY budget will have to be reduced, and perhaps further cuts at the Fall Special Town Meeting.

#### Discussion of Status of Steamship Authority Issues

The Steamship Authority is waiting on the bids for the Oak Bluffs Pier. They are losing up to \$1M a week due to the Covid19. A follow up letter will be sent urging them to stick to the mid June date for opening Oak Bluffs.

#### **Selectmen's Update**

Selectman Balboni commented on all of the decisions to be made including the Nantucket letter.

Selectman Coogan discussed the construction issues, social distancing and wearing masks. Selectman Santoro said the Harbor Advisory Board is working with the Harbor Master on Harbor issues.

#### **Adjourn**

***Selectman Balboni motioned to adjourn at 6:10 p.m., seconded by Selectman Coogan. Vote was***

***Chairman Packish Aye  
Selectman Balboni Aye  
Selectman Barmakian Aye  
Selectman Coogan Aye  
Selectman Santoro Aye***

Respectfully submitted,

Alice Ryan Butler  
Executive Assistant