

Dukes County Commissioners

Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 2019

4:30pm

Dukes County Administration Building
9 Airport Road, Edgartown, MA

Dukes County Commissioners Present: Gretchen Tucker Underwood – Chair, *Keith Chatinover, John Cahill (John C.), Leon Brathwaite, **John Alley (John A.), Christine Todd, and Tristan Isreal – Vice Chair

*Participated remotely due to distance

**Left early

Other County Officials Present: Connie Andrade – Admin. Asst., Chuck Cotnoir – Dukes County Emergency Manager, Paulo DeOliveira – Register of Deeds, Ann Metcalf – Dukes County Treasurer

Others Present: Joanie Ames—MVTV, Bob Rosenbaum – Chair Airport Commission, Ed Christofono – Martha's Vineyard Airport Controller, Brian Morris –Island Health Care/SUD Access Coordinator, Julie Fay –MV Community Services

Gretchen called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

Minutes:

Tristan/Christine made a motion to approve the joint meeting of the Dukes County Commissioners and Dukes County Advisory Board minutes from 4-10-19 as amended. So voted. Keith yes, Leon yes, Christine yes, John C. Yes, Gretchen yes, Tristan yes and John A. abstains. Motion carries.

Recovery Coach Program – Presentation by Brian Morris:

Brian Morris said he was hired as a SUD coordinator and works with Island Health Care. Brian gave the DCC a brief history of his experience and qualifications. A discussion was held. He said currently there are 16 trained recovery coaches on the Island.

Martha's Vineyard Airport FY2019 Amended Budget:

Bob Rosenbaum (Bob R.) asked the DCC to approve a FY2019 budget amendment. He reviewed the spreadsheet with the DCC (see file.) A discussion was held. Bob R. said the expenses for water testing are \$300k and growing. The airport is considering a class action to recover the costs. The DCC discussed the fact that if there was a fire at the airport, the same fire retardant would be still used.

Tristan/Leon made a motion to present the amended FY2019 budget is sent to the Dukes County Advisory Board for approval. So voted. Tristan yes, Christine yes, John C. yes, Leon yes, John A. yes, Gretchen yes, Keith yes. Motion carries.

County Treasurer- Elected vs. Appointed – Discussion, Possible Vote:

Tristan said the sub-committee met and they decided they need to find out what established the treasurer position and Leon will go through some archives at the State to get that information. The sub-committee will meet on June 5th prior to the DCC scheduled meeting.

Amendment of Resolution Creating Personnel Board:

Leon reviewed the Amendment of the Resolution that created the Dukes County Personnel Board with the DCC (see file). He noted two changes:

- The original resolution said the “executive to the County Manager is ex-officio member of the board” which was Martina before she became County Manager. Currently, there is no executive assistant. That was changed to “County Manager”. The Personnel board wanted to more closely define the person who is going to be the County employee representative and added the line “subject to the Dukes County Personnel Bylaws.

Tristan/Christine made a motion to approve the changes to Dukes County Resolution #01-2010 as presented. So voted. Tristan yes, Christine yes, John C. yes, Leon yes, John A. yes, Gretchen yes, Keith yes. Motion carries.

Manager’s Report:

Gretchen reviewed the County Manager’s report submitted by Martina with the DCC (see file).

- Town Meetings Update: All articles in the town meetings passed.
- Legislative Update (Registry of Deeds fee increase): Tristan said he would like to have someone from the County attend the hearing when the bill is being discussed at the legislature.
- MOU with Airport: The MOU has been signed and the Airport will repay by July 22, 2019.
- Eastville Beach: Christine and Martina met with the Highway Departments from Tisbury and Oak Bluffs to go over repairs to be done primarily on the parking lot and fence repair. They also spoke to the towns about installing a porta-pottie on the beach and have decided on a place where it would be suitable and Martina has pricing (see file). The money would come from the Economic Development Fund. A discussion was held. The DCC said the bathroom should be handicapped accessible. Tristan said Martina should contact the Conservation Commission from Oak Bluffs to get approval. He also said Oak Bluffs and Tisbury agreed to have \$4k each from the town’s CPC to manage that area and repair the parking lot and fencing. John C. asked why the County should be paying for the porta-potties if most of the land belongs to Oak Bluffs and Tisbury; he would like to wait for Martina to be present before voting. The DCC had a discussion regarding how much of the beach the County actually owns. The DCC would like to do a one year term on the contract with the porta-potties.

Leon/Christine made a motion to move forward and give Martina the authorization to allow the County Manager to move forward to explore and get the approvals from the proper jurisdictions and report back to the Dukes County Commissioners at the June 5, 2019 meeting. Martina should also find out who owns the beaches. So voted. Gretchen yes, Leon abstains, John A no., John C. abstains, Christine yes, Tristan abstains, Keith yes. Motion fails

Leon/Christine made a motion to reconsider the vote. So voted. Gretchen yes, Leon yes, John A no., John C. no, Christine yes, Tristan no, Keith yes. Motion carries

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Christine said the beach rules need to be addressed, regarding the nesting birds and dogs. Dogs will be allowed on the side where the channel is and under the bridge. Dogs would not be allowed on the ocean side where the birds are located. Keith said that he understood that Susan Bellincampi said no dogs either side for the summer months. Tristan said the Town of Oak Bluffs owns most of the beach, with Tisbury owning a small sliver, the County does not. He does not think the County has the authority to ban dogs on the beach. He said the only piece the County owns is the mound by the parking lot. The DCC would like to see definitive property lines to establish ownership. Keith asked if the County has an MOU with the towns to maintain the beach.

****John A. left at 5.46pm**

New Business:

- Dukes County has had a department head meeting regarding safety instructions for the building. More details will follow on the June 5th meeting.

Leon/Tristan. made a motion to adjourn the DCC meeting. Tristan, yes, Gretchen yes, Christine yes, John C., yes. Leon, yes. Keith, yes. Motion carries.

The DCC meeting was adjourned at 6:02pm.

Certified by:

T. George Davis, Clerk of Courts

Documents presented at the meeting and part of the official record:

- Agenda
- Joint Meeting Minutes 4-10-19
- FY19 Airport Amended Budget
- Dottie's Potties Proposal for Eastville Beach
- Dottie's Potties Proposal for State Beach
- Norfolk County Amendment #364 – County Government Fiscal Stability
- Norfolk County Government Fiscal Stability-Increase in Registry of Deeds Base Recording Fees
- Email from Martina Thornton Regarding the beach and an amendment to the Resolution creating Dukes Personnel Board
- Resolution #01-2010 – As Amended Dukes County Personnel Board
- Communications Plan Draft 5-10-19
- Manager's Report
- Island Health, Inc. – Peer Recovery Coaching @ Island Health Care