

Approved 10/24/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 10, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy, Skipper Manter, Jen Rand

Also Present: Larry Schubert, Charlie Kernick, Bill Wilcox, Kristen Fauteaux, Prudy Burt, Tara Whiting, Jill Napier, Nate Davies

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 9/26/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Reserve Account: Bruce told the Board he needed a vote to spend up to \$24,346 from the Separation Benefits reserve fund in case the police department did not have enough in their budget to meet the obligations due to Officer Gouldrup's family.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the expenditure of up to \$24,346 from the Reserve Fund for Payment of Accrued Liabilities for Compensated Absences to supplement the Police Department appropriation, as needed, for payment of separation benefits. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

16 Old Courthouse Rd (OCR) Affordable Housing Project: Larry Shubert, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) said that one of the options discussed for 16 OCR was two 2 bedroom apartments or condominiums. This would require granting nitrogen credits from a 10,000 square foot (SF) area of a piece of town owned land. Without credits, the lot can support 3 bedrooms. Kent noted that State Title 5 regulations determine the square footage needed per bedroom. He did not think that should be the limiting factor in what was built. Skipper said he would support whatever the AHC determine was the best use for the lot. Nate Davies, an abutter, said he thought it would be restricted to 2 bedrooms. After some discussion it was determined there may be a need for more than 10K SF off-site. Jill Napier, an abutter, said she was in favor of affordable housing but she said it was hard not to consider the proposed housing project down the street and the impacts that will have on the neighborhood. She felt it was too much activity for the road and asked that the site be limited to 3 bedrooms. Bill Wilcox asked that the Board look for properties in the same sub-watershed so the nitrogen credits are coming from the same system. Cindy closed by noting to Larry that it is not a done deal but in general the Board seemed supportive.

One Day Beer & Wine: Jen said there were two requests, one from Middletown Nursery for the Family Fun Day on 10/28/18 and one from "Fresh off the Farm" for 10/17/18 at the Ag. Hall. Kent said he was not in favor of the Board sponsoring events with alcohol. Cindy noted that the Board wasn't sponsoring the event, but was charged with issuing the permit.

S. Manter motioned to approve the two one day beer and wine permits. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & CM in favor KH abstained.

Skipper said the Board should get more than a week's notice about an event, he then asked whether the MV Ag. Society (MVAS) was applying for the permit. Jen said that the permitting for the Fresh off the Farm event was not done in advance, so she and the other town departments had been working to bring them into compliance. She said the event was not new, it had gone on for a few years, but it had not been permitted properly until now. It was not being requested by

the MVAS, but it was going to benefit them and Island Grown Schools. Skipper said he thought it needed to go to the holder of the Preservation Restriction and the Conservation Commission. Jen said she didn't understand why the switch in policy. Cindy said she felt strongly that the license should be granted because the staff in town hall had made it clear they only needed this one last permit to be able to go forward.

S. Manter motioned to reconsider the previous vote to authorize the permit for Fresh off the Farm. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Cindy said she didn't think it was fair to punish them for this at the last minute. Skipper said they needed to get a sign-off from the holders of the APR. The BOS could have a special meeting before next Wednesday. Kent said what if we let them do it without beer and wine. Cindy said that was punishment because either they can do the event or they can't. The Board left the topic to discuss other items then came back to this.

S. Manter motioned to approve the Fresh off the Farm one day beer and wine permits. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & CM in favor KH abstained.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Mill Brook Watershed Application: Cindy recapped that the Selectmen had applied for and been granted eligibility for CPC funds. The discussion this meeting was to review the priorities from the report and determine which project should be funded first. Kent said that the most important thing was to determine how much water was getting into the watershed. The brook flow needed to be measured in a number of places to make that determination. Kent said the other priorities of most importance were the chemical make-up of the water and measuring the rainfall. Bill Wilcox agreed with Kent, he said that they needed to have fewer measurement stations with more frequent readings. He said they also need to know the water temperature and the dissolved oxygen. Kristen Fauteaux said there also needed to be a measurement of micro-invertebrates for a full year. She agreed with the need to study water flow and dissolved oxygen. Tara said the Conservation Commission felt dissolved oxygen and water diversions were their priorities. She said the Con Comm had created a draft bylaw regarding water diversions that they would like to send to Counsel. The Board asked to hold off on that until they read what was being proposed in case they had questions for Counsel also. Sean Conley said the Historic District was most concerned about the pond itself and wanted to see a vegetation management plan put into place. Prudy noted that the temperature was still being monitored. She said removing vegetation will probably not cool the water notably. Cindy asked to meet with a small committee to come up with a project and budget.