

Approved 11/14/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 31, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:37 pm

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

Also Present: Matt Mincone, Nicola Blake, Steven Powers, Alan Straher, Kathy Logue, Holly Pretsky

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/17/18 with a correction. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Speed Limits in Thickly Settled Areas: Matt Mincone, Police Chief, discussed the vote taken at town meeting to allow the Selectmen to reduce the speed limit in thickly settled areas to 25 miles per hour (mph). He said those areas are on Music Street, part of the Panhandle and New Lane. He said right now the signs say the speed limit is 25 but it is technically 30 mph. If the Board votes to approve the change some of the signs will be moved and there may be a need for one or two more. Skipper recused himself from this conversation.

K. Healy motioned to adopt the lower speed limit as requested. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor.

Holiday Party: Cindy asked if the Board wished to have the party this year. Skipper said that people really seem to enjoy the party and want it to continue. Skipper will ask Phyllis Meras if she wishes to organize it again. If not Jen will put out a notice to the two town columnists saying were are looking for someone to organize the party. Skipper will ask the Ag. Society if December 13th is available, if not then the 6th would be the backup date.

Public Safety Building Generator: Jen said the generator at the public safety building was not working, parts had been ordered, but when they came they did not work. She said an engineer was coming the next day to do a load analysis to determine what the size generator will run the entire building, that will then go out to bid if there are enough available funds, or be put on the next town meeting if not. In the meantime, if one cannot be purchased quickly enough she is working with Louis DeGeoffroy to find a generator to rent.

Herbicide Home Rule Petition: *S. Manter motioned to send a request to the Town's State legislators asking them to file a bill on the Town's behalf and further authorized the Town Administrator to sign for the Board. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Animal Control (ACO) Access to Counsel: Jen said she had asked the ACO to contact Counsel after receiving notice of an appeal hearing on the Cooperrider order. Skipper said it wasn't necessary; the Town was not a defendant. Jen said the hearing notice asked for Counsel's appearance and she felt it was appropriate to keep them involved when things go to court. Cindy said she felt it was reasonable.

S. Manter motioned to authorize access to Counsel. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Tax Work-off Program: Cindy said she thought the draft Kathy had created looked good. The Board discussed if more than one person per household should have access to the program at any one time. Skipper said he didn't see the need to limit it but only those responsible for the bill should be able to apply. Kathy said the law constrains that already. When discussing the limit on the number of eligible spots Cindy asked what the limiting factor would be. Because the total value per household is \$1,500 Jen suggested the limiting factor is most likely managing the program. Bruce noted that it was possible that the town actually would realize a savings if work was being done that otherwise was contracted out. The Board decided to limit the program to 4 seniors and 6 veterans with the understanding that the regulations can be revise at any time.

Budget Letter: The Board reviewed the draft of the budget letter and with a few small edits signed off. Jen has sent it to the Finance Committee for review.

Goals of the Up-Coming Meeting with the MVAS: Jen said, in response to a question from Skipper, that she had invited all the Stakeholders (MVAS, Vineyard Conservation, WT Conservation) to the November meeting so there can be one discussion about how events get permitted in response to questions raised at the last meeting when a permit request was acted on. The discussion also was to answer the question of whether the APR allows the Selectmen to permit beer & wine. Cindy said there was a third issue, which is the desire of the MVAS to change what is allowed. She said the Board needed to be clear on the legal standing of the APR and the interpretation of the letter from Counsel. Jen suggested she would like to ask Town Counsel to attend as it will help the meeting proceed smoothly. Skipper asked what kind of questions would come up that we couldn't ask in advance. Cindy said because there was no way to know the answer to that she thought Counsel's presence would be helpful. Jen will invite Counsel.