

Approved 12/9/15
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 18, 2015 4:30 p.m. – 5:26 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Cindy Mitchell, Richard Knabel, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Samantha Look, Joe Tierney, Kathy Logue, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/21/15 and 10/28/15 with amendments. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Building Maintenance Committee: Cindy asked the Board if they had reviewed the draft charge sent out earlier in the week for the Committee. Richard said he had not had a chance to read it. He did ask if this would be a standing committee. Kathy said she thought so, at least for a while until there is a system up and in place for keeping the maintenance list up to date. The Board asked Jen to advertise for 3-5 members for the committee, the ad should specify the need for building experience. They also suggested reaching out specifically to qualified people. Jen, Kathy, Bruce and Joe will be available to the committee as needed. The Board then reviewed the list of maintenance proposed for the next fiscal year that had been developed by Joe, Jen and Kathy and agreed it was okay for the warrant.

Plastic Bag Ban Proposal: Samantha Look said that Vineyard Conservation Society was asking for the Board's support to place an article on the Annual Town Meeting warrant banning single use plastic bags. She said that the single use bags are not accepted for recycling on the island and if they were, the cost to recycle would far outweigh what was paid for them by the recycler. She added that when they are in the trash stream they never truly break down, so there are small particles of the plastic that remain in the ocean or in drinking water. Richard asked how the idea has been received down-Island, particularly in the stores. Samantha said that stores like Stop and Shop are accustomed to dealing with the ban in other communities, so they are not concerned, she said Reliable was nervous about not having bags available. Skipper suggested making the language of the bylaw shorter and simpler, but he was supportive. *(see attached handouts)*

R. Knabel motioned to support the article and place it on the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Budget Letter: Jen said she was getting ready to send out the annual budget letter and wanted to know if the Board had any expectations of the town boards and committees regarding budget/staffing increases. Richard said he would ask that if there were needs the boards present them for discussion, he said the town boards have been conservative in years past. Skipper said the Up-Island School district should get a different letter, he noted that their increase could be as high as 8% in FY '17. Richard asked what was driving the increase, Skipper said personnel and capital. Richard asked about the High School budget. Skipper said the budget didn't look too bad, but the capital cost could be as high as \$30 million. Cindy said she didn't feel comfortable sending a letter without budget specifics.

Other: Cindy asked the other two Board members for their evaluations of the Town Administrator and Treasurer. She noted she was still waiting for the Town Accountant to complete his.

Skipper thanked the Tisbury Fire Chief for the loan of a chair while he is recovering from back surgery.

Cindy noted the excellent turnout for the Special Town Meeting.