

**Approved 11/18/15**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 28, 2015 4:30 p.m. – 5:22 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Cindy Mitchell, Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Jennifer Rand

**Also Present:** Michael Colaneri, Bruce Stone, Kathy Logue, Heather Hamacek

**Minutes:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 10/14/15. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Electricity Budgeting for FY '17:** Bruce said that due to the complexity of the electrical billing because of the solar project he would like to have a single line in the town budget for all town electricity. He said he is already doing the analysis to figure out where credits and debits are due for each account, and moving forward this will be more efficient. Currently, each building manager budgets for their own building's electrical usage with the exception of the Police Department; their electrical use is budgeted thru the Fire Department as there is only one meter. Bruce noted that the amount of production from the project through the summer months has led to credits that may equal the winter electrical usage. The town is paying an agreed upon price to the owner of the project and the Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative, but will still show a large savings at the end of the year. The Board thought having a single electricity line in the budget made sense, Bruce will provide budget sheets to each department without past electrical expenses so that the bottom line of each budget is comparable moving forward. Skipper noted the school budget will just shift that expense to another line.

**Building Maintenance Budgeting:** Kathy said the town's policy has been to ask the building manager to handle maintenance and budgeting for that work. The Capital Improvements Committee (CIPC) has discussed the need for a town-wide approach that would have a separate budget line and be managed by the Facilities Manager (Joe Tierney) and the Board of Selectmen. Richard noted that this is a conversation the town has been having for some time and nothing has happened. Cindy said this was a way forward in that process; perhaps a committee could be formed to help jumpstart the process. Kathy said that members for that committee could be drawn from past building committee members that have building knowledge. Skipper said that he thought it would make more sense to request funds from a warrant article, he said budget lines were not really intended to have sharp fluctuations in different years, and this work may have peaks and valleys. Richard noted that was the intent of the Stabilization Fund. Cindy said that she agreed that a 20 year plan would take some time to develop, and a committee would be helpful to jump start that, but meanwhile, perhaps Kathy, Jen and Joe could come up with a plan for next year just to keep it all moving. Jen and Kathy were asked to come back in three weeks with a one year plan and a charge for a committee.

**Animal Control Vehicle (ACO):** Jen said she wanted to ask for money for a new ACO vehicle for next year, with the understanding that we would not actually purchase anything until the current vehicle is no longer serviceable. Its in very good shape right now, but it is a 2006 model with 160k miles, so the potential for problems is there. She said she was working with Joan Jenkinson to determine what it would be replaced with, because they no longer make the Element, and right now they were leaning towards a Jeep Renegade. She said that if the vehicle wasn't purchased next year, more money would need to be added to the article for the following year to keep up with the current cost for the preferred vehicle. Bruce noted it must have equal or better fuel efficiency than the Honda Element based on Green Communities requirements.

Skipper said the article should ask for an amount that would keep pace with inflation instead of coming back for additional funds annually.

**Review of Town Meeting Warrant:** Jen said that normally the Moderator and Town Counsel come in to run through the warrant prior to the town meeting. This year, the Moderator was unable to attend a Wednesday meeting so she was unsure how the Board wished to proceed. Cindy suggested that Jen meet with the Moderator and Town Counsel and come back to the Board if there are any issues.

**Request for Loan of Murphy Paintings:** Featherstone Arts sent a request to borrow the two Stan Murphy paintings owned by the Town for a retrospective next summer. Jen noted they had insurance, but wanted the Town to take responsibility for transporting them. Skipper said he thought we should ask the family's permission to loan them, and he said he thought Featherstone should take responsibility for moving them. Cindy suggested speaking to Rez Williams, WT Resident and artist, about how to transport them. Jen will double check that we own both paintings, and will speak to the family.