

Approved 10/28/15
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 14, 2015 4:30 p.m. – 5:22 p.m.

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

Also Present: Sam hart, Judy Miller, Michael Colaneri, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 9/16/15 & 9/23/15 with edits. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Adult Community Education (ACE MV): Sam, ACE MV Executive Director, gave the Board a copy of the results of a two-phased study conducted with assistance from UMass Medical School. He said there were interviews conducted with local stakeholders, and a survey that was handed out at town meetings and the YMCA and also available on-line. In total 559 surveys were completed. Sam said they have begun to offer more professional development classes, many for licensing prep, that have sold out. In the surveys, the respondents that were 50 years old or younger seemed to want more of this type of class, in the older age group the request was for more enrichment classes. Cindy asked if the results had been weighted to take into account the percentage of responses from each age group. Sam said yes. Skipper said he thought they were doing a good job filling the need for professional development.

Highway Barn – Owner’s Project Manager Contract: Jen said the contract was for a total of \$44K, but phase I, preconstruction, was \$28K. Skipper asked about out-of-pocket reimbursable expenses. Jen said there were none. Richard asked if Counsel had reviewed. Jen said no, because it was the same contract that had been reviewed for the Police Station project so she didn’t want to spend legal funds to redo what had been done.

S. Manter motioned to sign the contract. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Winter Farmer’s Market: *R. Knabel motioned to approve a permit for the Winter Farmer’s Market. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Moving Farmer’s Market to Agricultural Hall: Jen said she had been asked about the Board’s opinion on moving the market to the Ag. Hall from the Grange. The Board said while they liked having the activity in the center of town it did create a lot of traffic, and the Ag. Hall was a perfect place for such an activity. Cindy said that the location might allow activities for the children to be developed focused on agriculture.

Special Town Meeting Articles: Affordable Housing: Jen said the Affordable Housing Committee had met and revised the wording of their article to limit the project to no more than 4 buildings, 8 units and 16 bedrooms. Michael said the change was the result of a long discussion about how best to move forward. Skipper noted that this was similar to what had originally been intended by the Committee. Cindy said she thought the revision was a good idea.

Classification & Compensation Article Funding Source: Skipper said he thought the article should request the funds from “Raise & Appropriate” instead of free cash. He said had it been on the Annual Town Meeting warrant it would have been funded in this fashion, and it will put it in the tax base for the future. The Board agreed. Jen was asked to notify the Personnel Board and

the Finance Committee, and to ask the Finance Committee to add it to their agenda for their meeting on Friday.

R. Knabel motioned to change the wording to Raise and Appropriate from Free Cash as a funding source. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Welles Property: Skipper said he would like this to be listed for discussion at a future meeting. He said he was not in favor of the location for any housing project. Richard said he would be interested only if both parcels were owned by the Town, not if only the front parcel were purchased. He said he would need to be convinced it was a good idea to purchase and renovate one of the oldest houses in town. The Board asked Jen to Schedule a joint meeting with the Affordable Housing Committee.

Town Clock Chimes: Cindy said she was asked recently when the clock stopped chiming the hours. The Board discussed the history and asked Jen to look into it.