

Approved 5/23/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, May 2, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:31 pm

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

Also Present: Russell Hartenstine, Kay Rentschler, Holly Pretsky

Public Hearing – Alpha Taxi Regulation Violation: Cindy opened the hearing and read the public notice. She asked Jen to explain the situation. Jen said that it had been mentioned to her in passing the Alpha Taxi had not been operating since the winter. Jen said she called the number for Alpha Taxi when first told this in late winter and again the morning of this hearing. When called, the recording says “The person you are trying to reach is not accepting calls at this time”. Jen added that she had called and spoken to the Officer in Charge at the jail at 4:20 today to give Mr. Baldwin a final chance to participate in the hearing by phone. The Officer relayed a message from Mr. Baldwin saying he would not participate and that his letter, delivered by hand to Counsel earlier, was his response. Skipper said there were two violations; sections 8.7 & 8.8 had not been followed.

8.7 Any company advertising hours of availability shall be available when called during those hours.

8.8 During the period of October through May, companies will be allowed to temporarily suspend service provided that an agreement is in place to divert calls for service to another company providing service. Such agreement and schedule of service suspension shall be furnished to the Board prior to the suspension of service.

Skipper said he felt the Board should revoke the license, he said the company had ample time to correct the problem; the company is no longer providing the service they are licensed to provide. Jen said the Board had a variety of options, they could revoke the license, they could issue a warning or they could issue a warning with the requirement the company is fully back in service in two weeks. Kent said he would be comfortable with giving them two weeks to be in service. Skipper said there was no point in that, the owner of the company won’t even speak to the Board. *S. Manter motioned to revoke Alpha Taxi’s “Taxicab Owners License”. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

S. Manter motioned to close the public hearing. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 4/11/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Emergency Management Director: Russell Hartenstine introduced himself to the Board, he reviewed the new proposed structure of the Department that had been approved at a previous meeting. He noted he has been trained in all aspects of Emergency Management as well as grant writing. He said he hoped the Board would appoint Chris West, another volunteer firefighter to the position of Deputy Director.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Russell Hartenstine to the position of Emergency Management Director for a term of one year. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Food Trailer Request: Kay Rentschler said she wanted to have a trailer to sell crepes out of at the Grange on weekend evenings in the summer. Cindy asked if she was operating in any other town. Kay said no, but her commercial kitchen was licensed in Tisbury. When asked what she was specifically looking for from the Board she said any town property she could operate from. The Board noted that the Grange was not owned by the Town so she would need permission from the Preservation Trust. Kay will work with the Grange and come back to the Board if needed.

Council on Aging (COA) Change in Term Length: *S. Manter motioned to change the length of appointment for the COA Director and Assistant to a 3 year term. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Change in Term Length: *S. Manter motioned to change the length of appointment for the ACO and Assistant to a 3 year term. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Appointments: *S. Manter motioned to appoint the attached list of board and committee members. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Treasurer/Collector Advertisement: Skipper asked why the phrase “strong internal candidate” was in the advertisement. Jen said it hadn’t been discussed at the meeting and she was under deadline to get it in the paper so she called Cindy to ask for guidance. Skipper said he didn’t think Cindy should have the authority to make that decision without discussing it with the Board. Cindy said that her rationale was that it was approved for the Animal Control Officer ad, and there certainly was a strong internal candidate for this job. Skipper said he didn’t vote for it to be in the ACO ad and does not support the language.

MV Regional High School (MVRHS) Building Committee: Jen said that there was no one from the Finance Committee interested in serving on this committee. Skipper said he would do it for a year, but he would not want to be involved once the design process began. *K. Healy motioned to appoint S. Manter to the MVRHS Building Committee. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Appointment: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Jeffrey Dubard to the AHC. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*