

Approved 6/27/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, June 06, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:42 pm

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

Also Present: John Rau, Tara Whiting, Erik Pecker, Mark Rassmussen, Susan Silk, Kathy Logue, Holly Pretsky

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 5/23/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Buzzards Bay Coalition (BBC): Mark Rassmussen, Director of the BBC, introduced himself and gave them an overview of what his organization does. He said they have offices in New Bedford, Woods Hole and Marion and was founded in 1987. They are a non-profit with 9,500 members who work to protect clean water, they monitor the water quality in Vineyard Sound and Buzzards Bay, they advocate for their work in coastal towns. They also are a land trust with about 8,000 acres preserved. He said they test the water in James Pond in West Tisbury as part of their monitoring program. Kent asked if they would test the ponds on the South Shore. Mark said not at this time, he said logistically it would be hard to get the samples to the off-island lab in time, and those ponds are outside their areas of study. Kent asked if they could do it if the Aquinnah testing lab had the right equipment, Mark said possibly. Kent asked the cost of the nitrogen test, Mark said over \$100. Mark said he works with the MV Commission; he would speak to them about expanded testing.

Vineyard Power Cooperative: Erik said he was the General Manager, he said that he was asking the Board for a letter of support for their Community Benefit Agreement they are submitting as part of their winning bid for the off-shore wind project. He noted that most of the Island towns have already signed on as have the State Senator and Representative. Skipper asked what the community benefit was. Erik said they would have job training at the high school and the Adult Education Center. He said they also would manage a solar resiliency fund to develop solar projects on and off-island. He said they were trying to have the island become carbon neutral by 2050. Skipper said he didn't think the town was getting enough benefit, he noted they were a billion dollar company and should be doing more for the island such as addressing the need for a new high school and donating \$1,000,000 toward affordable housing.

S. Manter motioned to sign the letter of support for the Community Benefit Agreement. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor, SM opposed.

Bond Anticipation Notes (BAN): Katy said the bid for the BAN's came in at 1.95%, which was lower than most other bids that day. She said she will have another batch that will need to roll over in December.

S. Manter motioned to sign the BAN. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Appointments: *S. Manter motioned to appoint John Powers as Municipal Hearing Officer. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

S. Manter motioned to appoint John Rau to the CPC. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Treasurer/Collector Position: Cindy noted there was one application, Kathy Logue. Skipper said Kathy had been a huge asset to the town, she said there was no one more qualified, he was pleased the Town was breaking new ground and if the voters affirmed the change to the position it will be Kathy's job. Jen said that she was recommending that she be placed at Step 7 Grade 9 on the pay scale based on her years of experience this would be the closest step to what Kathy is paid now without taking a pay cut. Skipper asked why she would start at Step 7 in a new job. Kathy noted there was precedent in Skipper's promotion to Lieutenant recently where he was placed at Step 7. Skipper said this was different because it was technically a new job. He then said that the wording of the advertisement only showed Step 1 not the range, so he thought people wouldn't apply for the low rate. Jen said this was the wording that had always been in use, and it didn't say that it was the only rate; it just says that is the starting point. Cindy said that moving forward the wording change could be considered but for now, this is the practice.

K. Healy motioned to appoint Kathy Logue to the position of Treasurer/Collector at Grade 9 Step 7 provided the voters affirmed the creation of the position and the Personnel Board approved the Step. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favors opposed because of the wording of the advertisement.

Event Permits: *S. Manter motioned to approve Magic @ Misty on 6/22/18 with a 1 day beer & wine permit. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

S. Manter motioned to approve World Market Mondays at the Grange. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

"Take a Break" Campaign: Susan Silk said she was looking for support from the Board for her campaign to put benches every mile along walking trails to allow people an opportunity to rest. She said Sheriff's Meadow was accepting donations, and the high school was making the benches. She noted she had provided seed money for the project. She wanted to put benches along the walking paths in town. Skipper noted the State would need to grant permission as those paths are in the State layout. If not, then the landowners would need to grant permission if on their property. The Board suggested she start with the Land Bank, Susan said she was working with their Universal Access Committee. Jen suggested she speak with the Complete Streets Committee in town, they have a goal of safe multi-modal transportation in town.