

Approved 3/21/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 7, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 pm

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

Also Present: Greg Orcutt, Theresa Manning, Matt D’Andrea, Tony Cordray, Peggy Stone, Robert Lionette, Kate DeVane, Richard Smith, Holly Pretsky

Taxi Rate/Regulation Hearing: Skipper read the public hearing notice and continued the hearing to 3/21/18

Animal Control Officer – Assistant: Tony said he was planning to hire a second assistant. He said the current assistant is having trouble filling weekend shifts. The Board told him to bring a recommendation to them for appointment once the hiring process was through.

Minutes *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 2/21/18. : K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Opioid Tort Lawsuit: Jen said that the Town had been invited to join a Tort lawsuit against the drug manufacturers. She said the Town would not have to pay anything because the lawyers would take payment from a successful lawsuit settlement. Cindy asked how many towns in the State had joined onto the suit; Jen said according to The Beacon more than 30 towns to date. Skipper asked how much the attorneys take from the settlement, Jen said she didn’t know. Cindy said she would be interested in hearing more from the lawyer bring the suit forward.

School Parking Lot: Kate said that the parking lot was an accident waiting to happen. She said the school has outgrown the parking lot; the handicapped spaces had to be moved because they weren’t paved so busses now had to pass in between the handicapped spots and the walk. She said also there is no walkway from the first lot to the second. She said she was at the meeting to ask the Town to participate in the cost of the work, as the town uses the lot for Parks & Rec. department business as well as the Library book sale and town meetings. Kent asked if a new plan had been developed yet. Kate said that Donna had been working with staff at the MVC, but that person had retired so it didn’t go anywhere. She said that she had spoken with Scofield, Barbini & Hoehn and they said they could develop a plan. Kent said that it was important to hire someone who specializes in school parking lots. Skipper said that the Town already will pay for 80% of whatever is done. Peggy said the Parks & Rec Committee had discussed this and wasn’t sure how usage would be determined. Cindy said she was sure there was a way to approximate use for the town versus the school. Kate said these issues will need to be factored into the lease when its renewed, right now the parking lot is not mentioned in the lease. Kate then asked who would determine what the final design would look like, the school or the town. Cindy said it should be a school project, but the town should have the final say on the design. Jen noted this may need additional permitting.