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TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 21, 2018 5:30 p.m. – 6:25 pm

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

Also Present: Bea Phear, Philippe Jordi, Kate Warner, Berta Geller, Holly Pretsky

Minutes: *K. Healy motioned to approve the minutes of 2/1/18 & 2/7/18. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Road Shoulder Improvements Request: Kate Warner said that she had been reading “How Cycling Can Change the World” and she wanted to use the methods described to solve the cycling problem in West Tisbury and the Island. She said that dedicated bikes lanes are shown to increase the numbers of people cycling. She said they need to be designed with a clear separation so that they are safe enough for an 8 year old to ride on them. She said increasing cycling is a goal of the Green Communities; it increases health, and helps decrease traffic. She said that she knew the Complete Street group was working on an overall plan for the town, but she asked the Board to develop a master plan for bikes paths through the town. She said that there were areas in State Road that had no paved shoulder at all, the same with Old County Rd. She said that Holmes Hole and Dr. Fisher Roads needed to be hardened to allow easy bike travel. She asked the Board to request 2’ paved shoulders on State Rd before the summer season. Berta said that the Complete Streets (CS) committee is looking at shared use paths; she noted that grant funds cannot be spent on State roads. Kate said the CS program won’t allow the town to realize this goal of bike lanes on every road. Cindy noted that right now this is not a town goal, it needs to be advertised and consensus needs to be determined. She said presenting this concept to the Planning Board was a good place to start. Kate asked the Board to send a letter to the State and ask for the shoulders to be paved. The Board agreed to do so.

Scott’s Grove Lease Amendment: Philippe said that the grants that Island Housing Trust (IHT) has applied for from MA Housing and the Department of Housing & Community Development require that a single purpose entity be set up to isolate this project from any others under IHT. He said that IHT has created “Scott’s Grove LLC” for this purpose, and the lease documents will need to be amended accordingly. Bea asked about the funds from the Community Preservation Committee designated for IHT. Philippe said that IHT would still get the funds and then grant them to the Scott’s Grove LLC. Cindy asked Philippe if this requirement was knowable prior to the development of the original agreements. Philippe said this has been a requirement for other island housing developments but he hasn’t used these grant programs before so he didn’t know. The Board said they did not see a problem with the changes once Counsel signs off on them.

WT School Parking Lot: Skipper said that the School Committee wanted to meet with the Board and someone from Parks & Rec. to discuss a redesign of the school parking lot and potentially sharing responsibility of the maintenance with the town. The meeting was set for March 7th. Jen will notify Peggy Stone from Parks & Rec and Mike Mauro, MV Commission staff who may be involved in the project.

Old Courthouse Rd Building: Jen said the meeting with the Commission had gone well; the project will need to go back to the Land Use Planning Commission before going for a final vote. Kent drafted a letter for the Commission about the condition of the building; the Board said they fully supported the letter. *C. Mitchell motioned to endorse the letter and send to the MV Commission. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*