

Approved 2/28/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 14, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:28 pm

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

Also Present: Bruce Stone, Joe Tierney, Holly Pretsky, R. Saltzberg

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 1/24/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Building Inspector, Conference Request: Joe said that he wished to attend a conference in Maine and Jen had suggested he get permission from the Board as it was out of state. He said this is a conference that moves around the region, and was rarely in Massachusetts. Skipper asked if there was still a requirement for an “out of state” line item in the budget. Bruce said no.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the request. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Academy Bell Sign: Jen gave the Board proposed language for the bell, (“Dukes County Academy School Bell – This bell called children to class on this site from 1847-1924”) drafted by Charlie Kernick. They thought the language was fine, asked her to confirm the dates mentioned. She then asked what material they wanted; the Board agreed that a brass plaque would be appropriate. Jen will get quotes.

Marijuana Host Agreement: Jen said that with the passage of the recreational marijuana laws towns were now required to have host agreements with Registered Marijuana Dispensaries. She explained that she had not found an example of one that did not have a financial component; Cindy asked if that was a requirement, Jen will investigate further.

Town Administrator Vacation Carry-Over: *C. Mitchell motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to carry over 93 hours of vacation time. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Budget Override Discussion: Skipper said he thought the override should be tied to some warrant articles, he said he was concerned that if it was tied to the budget and failed we would have to find a way to cut \$400k out of our budget. Cindy said that this would be a good year to tie it to the budget because of the general cooperative nature of the budget process this year. She said that if it failed she expected that the Board would go back to every line in the budget including assessments. Bruce noted that 63% of the budget is assessments. Kathy said that if we tie the override to warrant articles we run the risk of them being funded for another year if they fail. Skipper proposed that the town meeting be recessed to the following Tuesday in case there were adjustments to be made if the override failed. Jen and Kathy both noted that they would be away the following week, and furthermore that would only leave two business days to figure out how to move forward. The Board discussed then a Special Town Meeting to be held before July 1st if needed. Jen was asked to work with Counsel to develop override language to assure that all lines in the budget would be impacted, not only the Town’s budget lines.

C. Mitchell motioned to have a single budget override. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Town Hall Parking Lights: Jen asked the Board if they wanted lights in front of the building by the bus bench or just by the parking spots, also she asked if they wanted to use a light similar to what was used by the bus stop at the intersection of Old County and State or if they wanted one more like the Library lights. The Board said they wanted to have lights similar to the Library lights, and said they did not want one by the bus bench to limit light intrusion in the neighborhood. Jen will work on a cost estimate.