

Approved 1/17/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, December 27, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:44 pm

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

Also Present: Tony Cordray, Brett Fisher, Patty Grant, Bruce Marshard, Kathy Logue, Bruce Stone, Michael Colaneri

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 12/06/17 with amendments. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Marshard Dog Violation: Tony Cordray, Animal Control Officer (ACO), told the Board that the Marshard's two dogs had been seen at Fred Fisher's chicken coop again. When he went to the house to speak to the Marshards he found Mrs. Marshard outside with the dogs, outside the pen with the gate open. Skipper noted that the Marshards had a hearing in October and were ordered to keep the dogs restrained. At the time they constructed a fence as required by the order. Bruce Marshard said that it was true that the dogs had been loose again; he said his son had taken them for a walk and let them off the leash. Tony said that Fred thought euthanasia was too extreme a punishment but he needs relief from the stress of the dogs coming around his coop. He said he would recommend that the Board give the Marshards one last chance with the understanding that if the dogs are found loose again they will be euthanized. Kent asked if they could be fined. Tony said yes, but requires a court filing. Skipper noted that fines are rarely a deterrent. Cindy thought the ACO's recommendation was reasonable.

C. Mitchell motioned to accept the recommendation of the ACO – the Marshard dogs will be euthanized if found loose again. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Tax Collector Retirement: Skipper said that Brent Taylor, Tax Collector would not be seeking reelection after being on the job for 40 years. Kent asked what the process was to replace her. Skipper said that there would be an article on the warrant and a question on the ballot to create the position, the Personnel Board would have to grade a job description for budget purposes. Meanwhile, Because Brent was not going to run, Kathy would have to run to fill the position of Tax Collector until the joint position was filled or if the joint position failed at town meeting. The Board then commented on the draft job description and asked to see it when final. Michael said that the Data Collector was going to retire soon and the Assistant position should be reviewed by the Assessors as that person might work for their department as well. Cindy said the Principal Assessor is on the Financial Management Team and that was the most appropriate place for the development of that job description.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the job description for the Treasurer/Collector. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

MV Commission Appointment: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Ernie Thomas to the MV Commission for a year. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Police Chief Appointment Process: ***Cindy chaired this portion of the meeting*** Jen said she had confirmed with Counsel that the position does not fall under the Personnel Bylaw and

consequently does not need to be advertised. Cindy said she was comfortable with a public meeting with Matt Mincone so that the Board and the public could meet him and ask questions. Jen said she thought it would be very helpful to have the process complete prior to the end of January so the budget can accurately reflect the upcoming year. Jen was asked to develop some questions for the Board to consider prior to the meeting.

Shellfish Assistant Constable: Jen said the Shellfish Committee had not met to develop a job description because they did not have a quorum. She had received an email with thoughts, and a page of notes from an informal conversation with members. The Board asked that she work with Kent to develop the job description.