

Approved 9/5/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 22, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 pm

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

Also Present: Justin Ahren, Sean Murphy, Tony Cordray, Joan Taylor, Brandy Taylor, Larry Schubert, Berta Geller

Cove Road Inn LLC: Cindy read the public hearing notice and opened the hearing. Sean Murphy, attorney for the Inn said that the State required the Local Licensing Authority to vote a “Pledge of License and Inventory” in order to allow the owners to use it as collateral for a loan.

S. Manter motioned to approve the pledge of license and inventory for Cove Road Inn LLC. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

S. Manter motioned to close the public hearing. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Dog Complaint – Ahren: Tony Cordray, Animal Control Officer (ACO) said that Mr. Ahren had two Australian Shepherds that were going to Ms. Taylor’s house and harassing her and her dog. He noted he had written multiple citations for Mr. Ahren’s dogs. He said he also had reports they had been in the Cranberry Acres wildlife preserve in Tisbury chasing birds. When asked if he contested the report Mr. Ahren said no, he said they were difficult dogs to restrain, he noted that he had tried electric fencing and wire fencing but neither had worked. Tony said he recommended a 5’ high fence enclosing an area at least 500 square feet with double gates. Further he said the dogs should always be leashed when outside the enclosure. Mr. Ahren asked how long he had to complete the fence; he said he could have something temporary up by Monday, the more permanent fence would take him longer. Ms. Taylor said that was what they had hoped would be the outcome. Skipper warned Mr. Ahren that if he does not keep his dog restrained the Board may be forced to take harsher measures.

S. Manter motioned to adopt the recommendation of the ACO, Mr. Ahren has until noon on Monday August 27, 2018 to erect a temporary fence and noon on 9/24/18 for the permanent fence, to be inspected by the ACO. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Scott’s Grove Water Tank: Larry Schubert, Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee, said he was angry that the Fire Chief was holding up the move in date for the project until the new tank was installed at Station 1. He said he proposed a compromise where large holding tanks could be purchased and put on site until the tank was installed and the Chief didn’t like that. He added that there was a lack of common sense being shown, and it was inconveniencing 18 families; the 9 moving in to the project and the 9 moving into the housing vacated by those people. Kent said he thought it was a great project and noted that there are always glitches in development projects, and he said the Chief has made a decision. Larry asked if the Board could overrule that decision. The Board said they would not do that.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Deed Restrictions: Jen said that the CPC had two deed restrictions, one for the Agricultural Hall and one for the Museum to ensure that the

funds were spent as applied for and approved. Skipper said he thought the town should trust those that were given money and felt they were overly restrictive.

S. Manter motioned to authorize Kent to sign the deed restrictions on behalf of the Board. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed.

Complete Streets (CS) Lambert's Cove Beach Project: Berta Geller, from the Complete Streets Committee said they had applied for funding for three projects. They have been given funding to move forward with an expansion of the parking lot at the beach, with traffic calming in the form of raised crosswalks. She said the program does not fund engineering work. Jen said she had asked Berta to come to the meeting because the CS Committee wanted to use the MV Commission's engineer for the work and the Board had already made the No. Tisbury bridge a priority, and there would not be enough engineering time to do both. She added, however, that the parking lot was unlikely to be able to be expanded much due to the Conservation Restriction. She said there was an area spoken of as Parcel A that could be used, but they town didn't have a clear copy of the plan so she was trying to find one. Skipper and Cindy said there was a chance that the lot had already been expanded to Parcel A. Skipper said that the town should look at a shuttle lot for parking, perhaps at the Silva lot. Jen asked if he meant by that to ban parking on Lambert's Cove Rd, he said no. Cindy said possibly the Charter School could host a shuttle lot if voters were not in favor of that use for the Silva lot. Berta then said there were other projects to come over the next five years, each would need engineering work, which will not be funded by Complete Streets grants. Skipper said the Committee would need to develop an estimate of the funds needed for the engineering and bring it to town meeting for a vote. The Board will discuss the parking lot and traffic calming again next week.