

Approved 11/15/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 1, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:35 pm

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

Also Present: Dan Rossi, Richie Olsen, Samantha Look, Linda Alley, Funi Burdick, Collins Heavener, Lily Walter, Victoria Phillips, Andrea Rogers, Jennifer Bates, Suzanne Finn, Allen Healy, Sara Brown

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 10/4/17 & 10/11/17. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the minutes of 10/4/17 was SM & KH in favor, CM abstained, and the vote was unanimous in favor for 10/11/17.*

Farmer's Market Location Discussion: Skipper said the Board had heard concerns about the Saturday Farmer's Market in July and August. Victoria noted that the traffic is not only from the market but from church events as well, she said perhaps the traffic triangle needs a police office to assist with the traffic. Collins added that the traffic build up was cumulative from the market, the church events, 7A, the gas station etc, so perhaps moving the market was not the answer because that would not really solve the problem. Dan said that adding a police officer at the triangle would probably only serve to slow traffic further. He added that he agreed that 7A & Alleys were also major traffic slow-down contributors. He noted there had never been a public safety issue from the traffic, and noted that many in town wished to slow traffic through the center of town, which this certainly does. He also said that he was not sure putting all the traffic at the 4 way intersection at the new Ag. Hall would be safer. He said that the traffic was only an issue for 8 Saturdays from 9-noon and most people planned around that. Jennifer Bates noted that the parking for 7A certainly caused traffic back-ups as she had had to circle through the lot more than once in the summer looking for a spot. Funi said the Preservation Trust is happy to work with the Town if there is a better solution. Skipper said he didn't think it was a bad thing to keep the market in the center of town, he said it was more than just a market but a town social event. Kent said provided there is no safety issue he felt people can get used to the traffic pattern. Cindy said she thought the new Ag. Hall was a perfect fit for the market, and perhaps would allow for expansion and a cooperative effort with Island Grown Foods and perhaps educational events also. Lily said the idea of moving has been discussed off and on but no one has ever really taken on the discussion and talked to all interested parties. She said they now have asked Matthew Dix from Island Grown to work with all interested parties to determine if a move is the right thing for the market.

Lambert's Cove Beach – Parking along the Road: Richie Olsen, Highway Superintendent said that there have been repeated requests from Sheriff's Meadow to stop the run-off of silt into the brook near the beach. He said they had tried a variety of different approaches, but he felt the only way to really stop it was to block off two parking spots so that the shoulder can build up and collect the run off. Skipper said he hated to lose a spot and asked if there was anything else that could be tried, or if it could be paved. Richie said nothing else had worked and if they paved that spot they would have to pave all the way up the hill. He said hay bales would require constant maintenance. Cindy said she thought the spots should be eliminated.

C. Mitchell motioned to eliminate the parking spots as requested by the Highway Superintendent. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor SM opposed.

Culvert on Private Property Across from Seth's Pond: Richie said that there is a culvert that allows overflow from Seth's Pond to cross under the road and onto the Medowski property. There is then a second culvert that allows water to move under their driveway. He said that during construction on their lot that culvert had been damaged and he didn't know if the Board felt he should repair it even though it is not technically our responsibility. Kent said he didn't think we are responsible for fixing it. The Board agreed by consensus.

Shellfish Warden – Seasonal Job Creation: Kent said the Shellfish Committee wished to create a seasonal warden position, he noted the current warden was rarely available in the summer, when there is a lot of work that could be done. He presented a copy of Chilmark's job description for a similar job. Cindy suggested that Jen ask the Shellfish Committee to review the description and make edits if needed and then it can go to the Personnel Board for review.

Oyster Season: *C. Mitchell motioned to open the oyster season on November 8th with a limit of 600 pieces three days/week. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Water Bottle/Bubbler: Skipper said he was in favor of the idea, but he was concerned about the cost of the install. Samantha Look from Vineyard Conservation Society said the price had gone down from the first that had been installed once the learning curve had been met. The Board agreed by consensus to install provided the cost was not higher than \$3,000.

Howes House Roof: *C. Mitchell motioned to award the Howes House Roof repair to Plan B Construction. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Board of Health – Access to Counsel: *C. Mitchell motioned to authorize access to counsel to the Board of Health regarding a letter sent by the owner of a local honey company. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed.*

Town Holiday Party: In the absence of a willing organizer the Board decided to take a breather from the holiday party this year and reminded everyone there will be a town picnic again this year.

Cape Light Compact Joint Powers Agreement: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the changes to the joint powers agreement. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Chief Rossi Retirement: Skipper read Dan's letter regarding his pending retirement. He thanked him for his work in town.

C. Mitchell motioned to accept Dan's letter of retirement with regret. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM abstained.