

**Approved 11/8/17**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 18, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:35 pm**

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Jennifer Rand

**Also Present:** Caroline Flanders, Robert Hauck, Gina Solon, Wendy Nierenberg, Wayne Smith, Adam Turner, Ted Jochsberger, Jessica Elder, Heather Hamacek

**Library Trustee Appointment:** The Library Trustees called their meeting to order. Caroline explained that the Trustees had met and would like to recommend Robert Hauck to fill the empty seat until the next annual election. She noted that Mr. Hauck had been active at the Library, and had attended a couple meetings after expressing his interest in the position.

*S. Manter motioned to appoint Robert Hauck to the Library Trustees until the next annual election. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*C. Flanders motioned to appoint Robert Hauck to the Library Trustees until the next annual election. W. Smith seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Eversource Public Hearing – Pole #2C/17:** Skipper read the hearing notice and opened the public hearing. Eversource was requesting permission to add an anchor and guy to the referenced pole. Skipper then closed the hearing. Ted Jochsberger said that if Eversource wanted permission from the town to do work it should be contingent on an agreement to not spray. Skipper said that was outside the scope of the hearing.

*K. Healy motioned to approve the request from Eversource. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Moderator – Access to Counsel:** Jen said that the Moderator had asked for permission to speak with Counsel because he was concerned that the language of the article to approve the annual budget may not be proper notice to the public as it does not identify the actual budget in question. Skipper said he did not share that concern, he said Counsel reviews the language annually and has never had a concern. Kent noted that the warrant was really the responsibility of the Selectmen. Jen will relay this to the Moderator with the caveat that if she did not explain the concern properly she will put him on the agenda to speak to the Board.

**Event Permit & 1 Day Beer & Wine – Middletown Nursery Family Fun Day:** *K. Healy motioned to approve the permit with a restriction of no parking on State or Old Courthouse Rds. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Water Bubbler/Bottle Refill Station:** Jen said that Vineyard Conservation Society (VCS) asked if the Town would consider swapping out the current bubbler for a bubbler that has a water bottle refill piece. The cost will be roughly \$3,000. Skipper and Kent both felt the plumbing cost estimate was high. Jen said she couldn't speak to that. Skipper asked why it was necessary. Jen said there were people in and out of town hall all day getting water; she thought it would be a good addition. Ted said he supported anything that would take plastic single use water bottles out of the waste stream. The Board reluctantly agreed to the swap provided it did not cost more than the estimate and asked that the plumbing cost be confirmed.

**Housing Production Plan (HPP):** Adam said he wanted to hear from the Board what their priorities were after the HPP was completed. He said he wanted to be sure the town was able to move forward so that the plan was not just sitting on a shelf. He said the Commission had applied for a grant to map available parcels for development. Skipper said he thought the projects in town such as Scott's Grove or Sepiessa were good models for what the town was looking to do, but he felt the income restrictions were unrealistic.. Adam noted that the town does not need to limit itself to "affordable" housing but could look at senior housing or workforce housing. He noted that a lack of rental housing is a problem. Skipper said that the town had talked about the town-owned parcel in the North Tisbury business district for senior housing. Adam also said the Commission is looking at wastewater treatment options, he said he felt it was unfair to require nitrogen reduction without offering solutions. He said that solution should be ready to go so when a project comes forward it can be approved without added delay. Skipper said he thought the towns should get credit for other town's affordable developments when they contribute funds to those projects. Adam said that would require a legislative change. Ted said the Land Bank conservation efforts should be revisited to allow for affordable housing.