

Approved 11/1/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 4, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 5:08 pm

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Tony Cordray, Meaghan Gouldrup, Nate Larsen Cheryl Larsen, John Rau, Richard Saltzberg, Heather Hamacek, Elizabeth Robinson (by phone for dog hearing)

Dangerous Dog Hearing Animal Control – v- Larsen: Elizabeth Robinson participated in the hearing by phone, Skipper introduced everyone in the room and then asked Tony to explain what had happened. A copy of his report is included with the minutes. Elizabeth added that she no longer feels safe walking down her street with her children and her husband carries a stick when he jogs with the stroller. Cheryl said she had purchased an invisible fence and wanted to use that. Tony said the State does not recognize invisible fences as an appropriate means of restraint because they fail so often. Skipper said that to date the invisible fence has clearly not been working because Cheryl's dogs were antagonizing the people walking down the street. Cheryl said that her dogs had been tied when outside since the incident. Skipper then closed the hearing. Skipper asked Tony what he recommended as a solution, Tony said he would recommend a 5' fence around an enclosure at least 500 SF. Cheryl said she could not afford to do that and said again she would like to use the invisible fence. Kent said it sounded as if that was not an option. Skipper asked if the dogs could continue to be tied when outside. Tony said yes provided the State's "tether" law was followed. The Board said they would allow two weeks for the owners of the dogs to contact the ACO to show the laws were being followed.

K. Healy motioned that the Larsens shall restrain their dogs when outside the home either on a leash or tied outside in compliance with the State's tether laws. In the event the dogs violate this ruling the Board requires an enclosure no less than 500 SF and a fence at least 5' high. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Special Town Meeting (STM): Jen said she had asked staff if there was a need for a STM, a few articles were mentioned, but they were mostly housekeeping and unlikely to generate a quorum. The Board determined they did not see a need to schedule a meeting.

Event Permit – Winter Farmer's Market: *K. Healy motioned to approve the Winter Market at the Ag. Hall from Oct. 14-Dec. 16 Saturday's from 10-1:00 pending all appropriate sign-offs. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Field Gallery Request for Proposals (RFP): *K. Healy motioned to sign the RFP as amended. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Eversource Herbicide Spraying Letter: *K. Healy motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to sign and send the letter asking to meet to discuss options other than spraying. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*