

Approved 10/11/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, September 27, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 5:13 pm

Present: Selectmen Cindy Mitchell, Kent Healy, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Joan Ames, Richard Saltzberg, Heather Hamacek

School Lease: Jen said that the Board had signed a lease with the School District in 2014 that had three one-year extensions, this year being the final year. She asked that they vote to sign for one more year, and then give thought to any changes they would like to see (if any) early in the new year so that the new lease can be completed well in advance of July 30, 2018.

K. Healy motioned to extend the school lease for one year until July 30, 2018. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Parking Spaces at Town Hall: Jen said that the town hall was in desperate need of more parking. She asked if the Board would consider getting rid of the grass planting bed along the path to the playground and putting in 3 or 4 spaces there. Cindy asked why there were so few spaces to begin with. Kent said at the time there was a desire to save a tree that is no longer on the lot. The Board was in favor of the idea.

Eversource Spraying: Jen said that she had been asked about the Board's stance on herbicide spraying along the power lines and if they would join in a lawsuit to stop it from happening. She noted that the Town was not on the list to be sprayed so they were unlikely to have standing were they to sue on their own. She noted that the MV Commission (MVC) was following the issue and looking into whether they could sue on behalf of all Island towns. Right now it seemed the best course of action would be to invite Eversource to meet with the Board prior to any thoughts of spraying in West Tisbury. Kent said that Roundup was less damaging to the environment than mowing with a combustion engine. Cindy said the Town should stay in touch with the MVC and send a letter asking Eversource to meet with them to discuss options. Jen will draft a letter for signature next week.

Fence Viewer Report: Joan Ames gave a report of the activities of the Fence Viewers recently and submitted reports from prior work. Joan explained the most current "case" involved a fence that had been erected right at property's edge and cars parking on an existing easement. In this instance a resolution was not found, but she hoped that the work they did would eliminate the use of lawyers to solve what is a neighbor/neighbor dispute. Indy asked how the fence viewers were typically called into action. Joan said that either the police have an issue and suggest them or they are called by the Town Administrator. She noted that there are only two fence viewers now, it would be useful to have a third.

Field Gallery RFP: The Board discussed the draft RFP. After some discussion they determined that the Town should be responsible for maintenance that affects the habitability of the building. Jen will make final changes for next week's meeting.