

Approved 10/11/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, September 6, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 5:20 pm

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

Also Present: John Rau, William, Bradley & Evan Fielder, Nicole Cabot, Anna Truckey, Nathen Davies, Ellen Rothery, Geoff Berresford, Jill Napior, Wade Simmons, Linda & Gaston Vadasz, Richard Saltzberg, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 8/23/17. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Old Courthouse Road Building Demolition and Deed Research: Skipper said the Board had formed a small committee to look at possible re-uses for the building on Old Courthouse Road once the Highway Department moved out. He said they determined the site would be best used for affordable housing and recommended the building be torn down to accommodate that. Jen said she had been asked by the Affordable Housings Committee (AHC) for a deed to the property, and then she had received a letter from Ted Powell suggesting there may be deed restrictions on the property. She noted that she had worked with Diane Powers, who at the time was the Register of Deeds, to investigate restrictions and they had found none, but she wanted to send the information she had to Counsel to confirm this.

C. Mitchell motioned to authorize the use of Counsel to investigate the deed on the property. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Jen said that the AHC had asked if the process for demolition of the building could begin. Cindy noted that combining the bid for demolition and construction was still an option. Skipper said he thought that there should be a town meeting vote to demolish the building as there were no funds to do so now. Jen noted the Affordable Housing Trust could use site development funds for the work. Skipper said he still would want a town meeting vote for the demolition. Jill asked what would happen if the building was restricted to town use only. Skipper said the Board would of course honor that. Cindy noted that the Re-use Committee had held a public forum to solicit input about the property. Nicole asked if the soil had been tested. Skipper said no but it could be a condition of the development.

Beach Parking on Lambert's Cove Road: John Rau, who lives near the beach, spoke to the Board about the parking along Lambert's Cove Road for the beach. He said that people are parking illegally on the road, walking onto the beach without a permit and not receiving any tickets. He said that if someone has a car sticker they should be given a walk on pass to prove to the parking lot attendants that they have a permit. He said he was going to speak to the Parks Department at their meeting later that evening. Skipper said the Police Department does ticket on a regular basis, but he noted the walk on pass, perhaps in a different color was a good idea. He said it is up to the Parks Department ultimately.

Field Gallery Lease Process: Jen said that the Board must first declare the property "available for disposition". They then must determine fair market value for the property, if they will impose any restrictions on use, and the length of the lease. The Board mentioned also looking into septic limitations and how to handle parking and access and if there were conservation restrictions on the property.

C. Mitchell motioned to declare the Field Gallery available for disposition. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Library Foundation Donation: Jen said the Library had created a policy whereby art sold during an exhibition at the library would require the artist to give 20% of the cost of that art work to the Library Foundation. The Foundation then pays the town that money. The Town then pays a library employee, who works on their own time to hang the installations. Skipper asked why the money did not go directly to the Town. Cindy said the Foundations sole purpose is to support the Library, so it does end up at the Town.

K. Healy motioned to accept the donations from the sale of art program. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Assistant Animal Control Officer Job Description: Jen said that Maria McFarland, Administrator for the Personnel board had looked at the proposed job description and suggested a couple very minor edits. She asked the Board to re-vote the description with those changes.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the revised job description for the Assistant Animal Control Officer. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.