

Approved 9/13/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 30, 2017 5:00 p.m. – 5:55 pm

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

Also Present: Dan Rossi, Matt Mincone, Philippe Jordi, Joe Tierney, Bruce Stone, Michael Colaneri, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 7/26/17 & 8/9/17. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Scott's Grove Ground Lease: Philippe said the funding was fully in place for the project and they were planning to begin in October. He thanked the town for their contribution to the project.

C. Mitchell motioned to sign the Ground Lease with Island Housing Trust. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

WT Police Department Staffing Changes: Skipper recused himself and asked Cindy to Chair the meeting. Dan said that in May the Airport had asked for permission to change the staffing levels from two officers to one from October – April. He said under this plan the junior officer at the airport, Leo DeOlivera, would go back on road duty for the town in those months and Nick Wojkielo would staff a new night duty shift from 11-7. Nick would also be used to cover vacation shifts for other officers that currently are covered by overtime. Cindy asked what happened between 11-7 that would benefit from an officer being on duty versus being on call. Dan said that when there is a call in those hours right now they have to call another town for back-up while the officer on call gets up and on the road. This would eliminate that need. The total addition cost for this change in staffing will be about \$14k when you take into account the drop in overtime pay. Cindy asked if the funds would have to be raised at town meeting. Bruce said no, because of the way the budget has been created, there is amply money in the account; he was recommending that the budget actually be lowered to reflect the loss of the full time officer at the airport for seven months.

K. Healy motioned to approve the changes in staffing. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM abstained.

Building Inspector Review: Skipper said that when Mr. Knabel had completed Joe's review he had not recommended a step increase at that time but suggested it be revisited in six months. He asked if the Board wished to do so now. Cindy said yes, she thought they should. Skipper said he would try and get the review done in time for the next Personnel Board meeting on September 12th.

Academy Bell: Kent said he had looked at the bell and drafted up a proposal for a simple method to suspend the bell between two locust posts. The Board thought the design was fine and asked Jen to speak to the Historic District about putting it out front of Town Hall.

Assistant ACO Job Description: Jen asked if the Board was okay with the proposed job description for the Assistant ACO. She said it was a new position so the Personnel Board would have to grade it and then it would have to go to Town Meeting. The Board said they were comfortable with the description.

MVC Staff Housing Proposal: Skipper said he had some concerns about the MVC's plan to create staff housing. He said there are many other agencies that have a critical need to house staff so he thought the MVC, as a regional planning agency should expand their thoughts to those as well (police, teachers etc..) He also was concerned they were going to use the equity in their current building to fund it and have no plan for how the process would work. Cindy said she didn't think it was the MVC's responsibility to solve all the housing problems and they indicate they will keep the towns informed as they solidify the plans. Kent said he thought that what the MVC does might help inform other agencies about what some options might be.