

Approved 9/6/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 23, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:36 pm

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

Also Present: Joe Sullivan, John Lebica, Richie Olsen, Geoff Rose, Doug Ruskin, Vicki Thurber, Heather Hamacek, Rich Salzburg

Propane Public Hearing – MV Airport Request for a 4,000 Gallon Tank: Skipper opened the public hearing and read the public notice. He said the State requires a public hearing for propane storage in excess of 2,000 gallons. The board had no questions

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the request. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 6/28/17. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Highway Laborer Appointment: Richie said he had interviewed five applicants for the position and then held second interviews with two of them. He said it was a difficult decision but he was recommending the Board appoint Kevin Hatt to fill the position of Highway Laborer. Kevin will be required to undergo a CORI check and a physical as a condition of employment.

C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Kevin Hatt to the position of Highway Laborer at Grade 2 Step 1 beginning on August 28, 2017. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Building Dept. Access to Counsel: Jen said the Building Inspector had asked for permission to speak to Counsel about the Gymnastics Center, which was not in compliance with the MVC and Special Permit decision stating they must be a non-profit. Kent said he would recuse himself because he had done work for the Center. Skipper said it was not necessary to consult with Counsel; the bylaw was clear on what Joe needed to do for someone not in compliance. Cindy said she felt it was not unreasonable to allow Joe to speak with Counsel about this matter.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the request. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM in favor, SM opposed and KH abstained so the motion failed.

Letter of Non-Opposition: Skipper recused himself as his sister is an abutter to the property approved for cultivation. Jen explained that the cultivation facility had been separated from the retail operation, the cultivation facility on Dr. Fisher Road had approvals from the MVC and the ZBA and the retail operation, proposed for State Road, was going to begin with the ZBA soon. Geoff said noted that the Board had already given a letter of non-opposition for the original site on State Road. Cindy said that because the Board had already issued the letter for the original site on State Road she felt it was appropriate to issue the letter now.

K. Healy motioned to send a letter of non-opposition for Mr. Rose's Registered Marijuana Dispensary. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor, SM abstained.

Academy Bell: Jen said that the Town had accepted the bell from Tara Whiting that had originally been part of the Dukes County Academy, she said that over the years she had asked various people to build some sort of yoke to hang the bell but had no success. She said she had been talking with Tara and Joe Tierney about options and they wanted to know if the Board would consider putting the Bell on some sort of pedestal in front of Town Hall, perhaps with a cupola over it. Skipper said he would prefer to have it sit on the ground in the playground where kids could play with it. Kent wanted to see the bell and then discuss it at a later meeting.

Tisbury Great Pond Nitrogen Report: Kent gave the Board a copy of the letter he sent in reply to the report and asked that the Board send a letter indicating that the current oversight, by the Conservation Commission, MVC, Riparian owners and others was more than adequate. Jen will send a letter on the Board's behalf.

Painting Donation: Jen said that Chris Morse of the Granary Gallery had offered a painting done by Scott Terry of Tom Osmer's to the Town. Skipper said that he was concerned about the propriety of accepting such a gift while the property Mr. Morse is leasing is going to go out to bid. The Board said they would accept it on loan or return it (whichever Mr. Morse chooses) until the lease process was concluded.

Landscaping at Town Hall: Jen asked the Board for guidance about how to proceed with the landscaping. She noted that in June the Board had not wished to request a reserve fund transfer to pay for landscaping upkeep. She said that before she spent funds to maintain the beds she wanted to know if the Board wished to transform them into something different. Skipper said he was not in favor of spending money to maintain the beds. Cindy noted that the funding had been approved in the budget and the landscaping plan was approved by the voters when they approved the building funds. With that in mind Kent and Skipper agreed to continue to maintain the beds for now but discuss it again in the next budget cycle.

Library Foundation Landscaping Donation: *C. Mitchell motioned to accept the donation of \$28,000 for landscaping with gratitude. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

ACO Job Description: The Board reviewed the changes proposed by Skipper for the Animal Control Officer position. The changes were all viewed as acceptable.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the job description as amended. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Jen then said she would like to advertise the position and the position of assistant. She asked if she could put the language "strong in-house candidate" in the ad. Skipper said he was not in favor of that language because it tended to make people hesitant to apply. Cindy and Kent said they thought it was appropriate considering that we did have such a candidate.

Steamship Tax School Funding Proposal: Cindy asked if any other Boards had supported the proposal besides Chilmark. Skipper said he didn't know, but he did not support this. Kent said that if the residents are proud of their school they should be willing to pay for them. He said he was not opposed to further research into alternate funding methods. Cindy said she was appreciative of Chuck's efforts and she understood why the school would be in favor of it but she felt more people should be involved in the discussion and it needed more structure and formality in the approach. She said she didn't want to squash this type of thought process but she wasn't ready to support it. The Board took no action.