

**Approved 8/9/17**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 05, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy, Jennifer Rand

**Also Present:** Darrell Bazzzy, Joe Tierney, Heather Hamacek

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 6/21/17 with an amendment. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Inspection Fees:** Joe said he had spoken with the Town Accountant who had noted that inspection fees for gas, electric and plumbing do not quite cover the costs to the town. He added that the Finance Committee had been concerned about this as well so he was proposing a \$5.00 increase. Kent asked why the town charged fees at all. Skipper said he had always felt that the taxes paid by the property owner should cover things such as inspections. He noted that once a house was renovated it would likely bring in more taxes also. Cindy asked why the Town paid Medicare to the inspectors. Joe said only the gas inspector was eligible because if when he was hired but he didn't know the details of why. The Board asked Jen to ask Bruce or Kathy to come in on the 19<sup>th</sup> to explain.

**Scott's Grove Public Water Supply Memorandum of Agreement:** Darrell said that the Department of Environmental Protection requires that the Scott's Grove well be designated a public water supply because the housing is rental property. This requires a 147' radius around the well be restricted to passive recreation. Because this radius falls outside the area that Island Housing Trust (IHT) is leasing they need to enter into agreements with the Town and the Department of Conservation and Recreation (because part of the area is in the State Forest). Cindy asked if this would change any of the originally planned layout for the site or use of the ball field. Darrell said no. Jen will send to Counsel for review.

**Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) Update:** Jen said that the Eversource Rate Case that had been discussed by Maggie Downey of the Cape Light Compact, which would negatively impact rate payers on the Island was going to have a secondary effect on the Towns by lowering the value of net metering credits (NMC). She said that the impact to the Town would be roughly \$19k annually for the life of the solar project. Because of the impacts to member communities the CVEC Board voted to spend legal funds to request to intervene in the hearing held by the Department of Public Utilities (DPU). Jen said that unique to this rate change request, the DPU is being asked to allow existing contracts for NMC to be altered, in the past when rate changes were allowed current contracts were grandfathered and the changes only applied to new contracts. She added that CVEC operates on a shoestring budget so there may come a time when the Towns are asked to contribute something to the defense of the current NMC contracts. The Board agreed by consensus they would be willing to entertain such a request.

**Staff Parking on Music Street:** Skipper asked the Board to consider asking the staff to park on Music Street to free up parking for visitors to Town Hall. The Board thought that was reasonable. Jen will send an email.

**4th Parade:** The Board noted the parade was a success and thanked Richie Olsen for driving them. They also determined that 40 pounds of smarties is exactly the right amount of candy.