

Approved 6/28/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, June 14, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

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

Also Present: Bea Phear, Berta Geller, Kate Warner, Heather Hamacek, Joan Ames, Richard Saltzberg

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 5/23/17 & 5/24/17. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor for the 24th and KH abstained on a favorable vote for the 23rd.*

The Board held a moment of silence in honor of the passing of Ronnee Schultz. Skipper noted he was a founding member of the Planning Board.

Old Courthouse Road Re-Use Committee: Bea said the Committee had spoken with a wide variety of people and reached the conclusion that the best use for the property was to demolish the building and use the lot for affordable housing. She noted the Committee felt the wood may have some value so that should be taken into account when bidding the work. She said the property was 22,000 square feet, which would allow two bedrooms on site. Kent noted that septic credits could be used to increase the number of bedrooms. Bea said the Committee had spoken with the Dukes County Housing Authority who said it was not as easy to manage a single property versus a cluster of units in the same area but they could do it. After that conversation the Committee thought it probably made the most sense to construct a single family home and sell it with a deed restriction but they would leave that decision to the Affordable Housing Committee. Skipper asked if there was asbestos or lead paint in the building, Kent said yes. Cindy suggested that the demolition and construction be bid together. The Board agreed by consensus that affordable housing was the right decision.

Complete Streets: Kate said she had written a letter to the Board discussing the progress of the Complete Streets Committee and had some suggestions of improvements that could be made around town that would make it safer for cyclists and pedestrians. She also drafted a letter she hope the Board would send to MA DOT as a follow up to the request last year to add bike lanes to State Roads. Kent noted that the Complete Streets program funding is not allowed to be used on State Roads, where many of the improvements are needed. Kate said providing a list of priorities to the State may inform how they proceed when they work on their own roads. Skipper said there should be tougher laws for distracted drivers and asked that be added to the letter to MA DOT. Kent said he did not agree with the suggestion to widen the North Tisbury Bridge. He was concerned that the result would be higher speeds in that area of town. Skipper was not in favor of more signs, as suggested in the letter. Jen was asked to send the draft letter with copies to the Police Chief and Highway Superintendent.

Municipal Hearing Officer: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint John Powers as Municipal Hearing Officer for a one year term. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Event Permit & 1 Day Beer & Wine – Moonlight at Misty: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the event on 6/23/17 at Misty Meadows. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Finance Committee Year-End Budget Wrap-Up: Cindy said she thought the letter and accompanying information was excellent work and exactly what the Finance Committee should be doing. The Board expressed their appreciation and support for their work.

Housing Production Plan (HPP): *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the HPP. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Anniversary Picnic: The Board thanked everyone, especially Deb Magnuson for making it such a special day.