

Approved 6/28/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, May 17, 2017 4:30 p.m. — 5:31 p.m.

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

Also Present: Julie Saunders, Dan Rossi, Matt Mincone, Garrison Vieira, Heather Hamacek, Edie Prescott

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 5/03/17 with an addition. K Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Police Department — Electronic Control Devices (ECD): Dan said the Police Department was looking for an endorsement of the policy for the use of ECD's (commonly known as tasers) so that he could issue the devices to his officers. He said the devices were already addressed in the department's "Use of Force" policy and the Office of Public Safety has approved the policy for the use of ECD's. He noted that all officers must train for at least 6 hours annually in the use of the devices, and that the use of these devices are shown to reduce injuries. Kent asked if the officers can control the voltage. Garrison said they are computer driven to limit the voltage to the least needed to subdue the individual.

K. Healy motioned to endorse the policy. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor SM abstained.

Children's Market: Julie said she was interested in creating a market for children to sell things they make, she said she would like to have it on the lawn of town hall on one of the days (or two) of the Farmer's Market this summer. She said she had spoken with the Preservation Trust and the event could not be held at the Grange because they only allow one event at a time there. She said she hoped to teach the children how to sell the things they make, how to work for themselves. They will keep any money they make although she was contemplating a small charge for a table to show that what they are doing has some value and have them take it seriously. She said she was thinking about children ages 8-14, she didn't know yet how many she would have. Cindy said she thought the idea was wonderful but she was concerned about space limitations. She noted that parking was at a premium on the day of Farmer's Market. Jen suggested perhaps choosing a day that coincides with the Artisan's Festival would be preferable. Cindy also said she wanted to discuss liability and the precedent of allowing the town hall to be used for commercial purposes. She said she is not entirely opposed but there are questions to be answered.

Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant: Jen said that she and John Christensen (Emergency Management Director) had met with Jo-Ann Taylor at the MV Commission to discuss this grant opportunity, the intent of which is to provide planning assistance to handle events caused by climate change. The concerns facing West Tisbury are the ever increasing possibility of fire in the State Forest due to years of drought and road washout due to rising sea waters. She said that she and John had limited time to understand the implications to the Town, but the application deadline was short so she said they both felt the Town should apply and then not sign the contract if it turned out to be too burdensome. Cindy asked questions about how the amount of the grant given would be determined. Jen said she didn't know, but would find out. Skipper said he would rather just use the \$10k to actually do something versus just use it for planning.

C. Mitchell motioned to submit the grant application. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee Request to Reduce Size: Cindy said that the Committee had lost a couple members and was having trouble with quorums. She asked that the Board consider reducing the size of the Committee to seven.

K. Healy motioned to reduce the Watershed Study Committee to seven members. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Planning Board Access to Counsel: Jen said the Board wished to consult with Counsel regarding a subdivision that had been submitted as a Form A, but they felt was actually a Form C that was being incrementally submitted. The answer to that question would determine if there were other requirements triggered by being a Form C. Kent said the rules are quite clear about the difference. Skipper agreed, a discussion was held regarding the definitions of both. Jen said the Board asked for Counsel's advice so she assumed there were complexities that were not answered in those definitions.

C. Mitchell motioned to authorize access to Counsel. K Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Seasonal Floating Pier Permits: *K Healy motioned to approve Seasonal Pier Permits for Skipper Manter at Pond View Farm Road #'s 70, 104, 174. C Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor, SM abstained.*

