

Approved 5/10/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 26, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:17 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy, Jennifer Rand
Also Present: Michael Colaneri, Joan Ames, Felicity Russell

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 4/12/17 K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor SM, abstained.*

MS Bike Ride: Jen explained that this was an annual event. She asked that the Board consider approving it perpetually so that when the organizers come in they only need a signature from the Town Administrator.

C. Mitchell motioned to perpetually approve the MS Bike Ride through the Town of West Tisbury unless and until there are changes made to the event requiring further review by the Board. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

High Deductible Health Insurance Plans: Jen explained that the Board would need to vote to add the high-deductible plans to the Town's offerings. Kathy would come in at a later date to answer questions if the Board had any. She noted that adding the plan did not obligate any town employees to use the new plan.

K. Healy motioned to add the high-deductible health insurance plans to the town's plan offerings. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Insurance Review Committee: Skipper said he thought there should be someone on the committee that owns or runs a business that offers insurance. Cindy said she could certainly fill that role. Skipper noted the committee would be a "standing committee".

K. Healy motioned to appoint Kathy Logue, Cindy Mitchell, Jennifer Rand, Bruce Stone, Beth Kramer, Beth Toomey and Maria McFarland to the Insurance Review Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Tri-Town Ambulance Appointment: *K. Healy motioned to appoint Cindy Mitchell to the Tri-Town Ambulance Committee for a one-year term. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Special Municipal Employee Status: Jen explained that Kent had realized during his ethics training that he would need to be granted "Special Municipal Employee" status to continue to work for his clients who need permits from town boards. She noted that in further reading of the law, Selectmen in towns with a population of 10,000 or less are automatically granted that status so the Board will not need to take a vote.

Taxi Meters: Skipper said he wanted to discuss again a requirement for taxis licensed in West Tisbury to have meters to set the fare instead of rate sheets which are open to interpretation. He said they are no longer that expensive, and he would be willing to waive the taxi permits fees to alleviate that concern for the owners. Cindy said that there were 5 other towns that do not require meters and the Board has discussed before the need for regional taxi regulations. She asked how rates would be set and if it would save the customers any money. Skipper said the Board would set the rates and it wasn't about saving customers money it was about having a clear fare that was not open to the driver's interpretation. Kent had some questions about the role of the Board with taxis, Jen will gather some information and the Board will discuss again next week. Skipper then said he would also like to require camera in the vehicles. He said they are inexpensive and would allow a record of an incident if needed by either the taxi company or a customer. He said the Board could require the company maintain the video for some length of time, and if not requested could then dispose of it. This will also be discussed again next week.

Howes House Rules & Regulations: *K. Healy motioned to approve the revised regulations for use of the Howes House. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Building Department Access to Counsel: Jen explained that the question the Board allowed Joe to ask of Counsel regarding merged lots has turned out to be more complicated than originally thought and Counsel asked if the Town wished him to spend some time looking at the matter. He noted these questions are complex in every town and many have a policy to ask the applicant for proof of the lot's status. Skipper said he liked putting the burden on the applicant and if they have a letter from an Attorney with supporting information that should be enough for the town.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the policy that in the case of a merged lot question the applicant shall provide a letter, with supporting documentation, from an attorney that proves the lot's status as merged or not. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.