

Approved 4/5/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 15, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:42 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Cynthia Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Matt Mincone, Garrison Vieira, Dan Rossi, Nick Wojtkielo, Ben Retmeir, Sue Hruby, Gail Tipton, Heather Hamacek, Edie Prescott

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 2/15/17 & 2/22/17 with an amendment to the minutes of 2/22/17. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote Unanimous in favor for the 22nd RK abstained from the minutes of 2/15/17.*

Tri-Town Ambulance Change to Receipts Funds: Ben Retmeir, Ambulance Chief, said that the Tri-Town Committee had voted to recommend to the three Boards of Selectmen to change the way receipts are used. Currently the receipts are split with 80% going towards the general budget and 20% going into a reserve fund for capital expenses. They would like to change that to a 75/25% split. He said this would not affect the budget for FY '18 because receipts are up so the assessments will remain the same. Skipper noted prior to the vote that he was a member of Tri-Town but would not be financially impacted by the vote.

S. Manter motioned to approve the formula change effective July 1 2017. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Police Department Sergeant Appointment: Chief Rossi told the Board that he wished to enthusiastically recommend Garrison Vieira to fill the position left vacant when Jim Neville resigned. He noted that Garrison had worked in town for 13 years.

C. Mitchell motion to enthusiastically appoint Garrison Vieira to the position of Sergeant. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM abstained.

Cape Light Joint Powers Agreement: Skipper asked Sue a few questions about the Joint Powers agreement, Sue said she would look into the answers and get back to him.

C. Mitchell motioned that the Board of Selectmen vote, pursuant to General Laws chapter 40, section 4A ½, as follows: (1) to join the Cape Light Compact Joint Powers Entity (JPE); (2) to authorize Richard Knabel to execute the Joint Powers Agreement of the Cape Light Compact JPE subject to final review by Town Counsel; (3) to appoint Sue Hruby as the Town's Director and Jennifer Rand as the Town's Alternate Director to the Cape Light Compact Joint Powers Entity or¹ to authorize the Town Administrator to issue a written letter to the Cape Light Compact Joint Powers Entity appointing the Town's Director and Alternate Director; and (4) to take any other action necessary or relative thereto. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Town Accountant Vacation Carry-Over: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Town Accountant to carry over 140 hours of vacation time. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Lease Vehicle Graphics: The Board discussed the options for graphics on the three lease vehicles for the town. By consensus the cars will have the town seal, "Town of West Tisbury" and "zero emissions".

Town Meeting Warrant: The Board discussed the articles that are their responsibility to discuss at town meeting. Skipper asked about the Finance Committee article changing the warrant article submittal deadline and whether the Board should meet with the Committee prior to town meeting to discuss their concerns. Cindy said she thought the Board had already made their concerns quite clear so she wasn't sure

there was a point to the meeting and further she said it was okay if the Selectmen spoke in opposition to the article on the floor.

S. Manter motioned to sign the warrant. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Access to Counsel: Jen asked the Board for permission to meet with Counsel to discuss hourly pay concerns with an employee. Skipper said he did not think Counsel's presence was necessary. Cindy said that she would support the request if Jen felt it was needed.

C. Mitchell motioned to authorize access to Counsel for the purposes described. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.

Mill Brook Bridge: Richard said he was continuing to push for the bridge work to be funded. He noted that Adam Turner, the new Director of the Commission, has been able to find the plans from 2011. Jen noted that she had gone to Taunton with Adam to meet with folks from Mass Highway and the best case scenario for improvements to this bridge is 2022. She said the old plans are no longer useful as they were designed using outdated road standards. She added that 5 years is not really a long time in transportation planning and noted she will be asking the Board for letters of support to move the project along.

Post Office Issues: Richard said he had met with Representative Keating to discuss the issues of concern in West Tisbury around mail delivery. He felt it was a fruitful meeting.

MVTV Update: Gail Tipton, representative to MVTV gave the Board an update on all the activity at MVTV. She said the budget had been approved, and the town was provided a copy. She said there is a new kitchen studio, which is planned to be used for programming, and they continue to try and increase the number of users of the facility. She said there is equipment available to sign out to film events, and the biggest issue is finding enough people to film. Jen asked about having equipment in town that can be used to film non-contractual meetings. Gail said to reach out to the station; she said Chilmark uses an iPad they were given by MVTV for that purpose. Lynn said the challenge with that is sound quality and the inability to move around the room. Jen thought it might be a useful tool to have available.