

**Approved 4/5/17**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 1, 2017 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Richard Knabel, Cynthia Mitchell, Jennifer Rand

**Also Present:** Sue Hruby, Maggie Downey, Jack Shea

**Cape Light Compact (CLC) Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) Presentation:** Maggie Downey explained the proposed change from an Intergovernmental Agreement to a Joint Powers Agreement. (Presentation attached to minutes.) Cindy asked if the change to a JPA would alleviate the concerns that have been raised over the years regarding the governance of the CLC. Maggie said the JPA, which requires an outside fiscal agent (versus the current practice of a member, in this case Barnstable County, acting as fiscal agent) would certainly go a long way toward quieting concerns. Richard noted that Barnstable County also wished to end their fiscal responsibilities with CLC. Maggie said that was true, the current Intergovernmental Agreement model required that the employees were hired by Barnstable County not the CLC so the County bore the pension liability. Richard asked if the change would require approval from the Department of Public Utilities. Maggie said yes but the Aggregation plan would only need to be revised if CLC members opted not to join into the JPA. Richard asked if the JPA would allow the Compact to own energy generating facilities. Maggie said she did not think so but would confirm. Maggie said her hope is to have all the towns vote to go forward with the JPA before June 1, 2017.

**Annual Town Meeting Warrant:** Jen gave the Board the warrant asking that they vote to remove two articles. One article relative to updating a town bylaw was determined to need further work prior to putting to the voters and the other involved the creation of a Special Way in an area currently subject to litigation, so Town Counsel was asking for a postponement of that article.

*C. Mitchell motioned to remove articles 29 & 34 from the warrant. R. Knabel seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*C. Mitchell motioned to approve the warrant as amended. R. Knabel seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Lease Vehicle Payout Schedule Update:** Jen said she had gotten a lease payout schedule from the vendor, and spoken to the Town Accountant about it. The payout schedule will easily allow for the town to move forward now and have an article on the warrant of the 2018 Annual Town Meeting to appropriate the remaining funds. She then gave an update on the cost of the chargers and electrical work saying she felt fairly confident that there was enough money to move forward with the project. She asked the Board to take the vote to move forward with the understanding that she did not have the final numbers from the electrician and she would not proceed if that estimate came in higher than expected.

*C. Mitchell motioned to move forward with the lease vehicle project. R. Knabel seconded the motion. A vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*