

Approved 1/18/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, December 21, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:17 p.m.

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

Also Present: Michael Colaneri, Joan Ames

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 12/07/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Cemetery & Town Building Budgets: Jen explained that she had added funds to the maintenance line, in the past few years the work on the fence has been a separate warrant article, but as it is an ongoing expense she felt it was time to add it to the annual budget. Skipper said he would be more comfortable if it were a warrant article so the voters did not feel it was being hidden in the budget, he noted they had turned down fence repair funding at one time. Cindy suggested that the funding remain in the budget but the line be held for an explanation from the Board.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the Cemetery Budget. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Town Vehicle Use by Employees: Jen explained that she had spoken further to employees about their vehicle use and after that discussion she determined that it would make sense to lease three vehicles, one for the Building Department, One for Health and one shared that the Assessors would have priority for. The charging stations for two of the vehicles would be located at the highway barn, and one at town hall. She noted that the lease would be for three years, and if the programs changed the town should be aware that the Board had made a commitment to these departments to provide a vehicle. Skipper said he didn't want to commit to anything beyond that. Cindy said the departments should be put on notice that the vehicles may only be temporary dependent on financing. Jen said it appeared at this time there was not a compelling need for an off-island vehicle.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to apply for grant funding for three lease vehicles (Nissan Leafs). C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Tree Chipping: Skipper said the Highway Superintendent had offered to chip Christmas trees on January 7th from 8-noon at the landfill to thank the residents for supporting the new town truck and highway building.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the Highway Superintendent to chip trees on January 7th for free. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.