

Approved 1/18/17
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, December 14, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

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

Also Present: Ernie Thomas, Larry Shubert, Rhonda Conley, Cindy Wansiewicz, Isabelle Lew, Michael Colaneri, Philippe Jordi, Ben Retmier, Heather Hamacek, Richard Salzberg

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 11/30/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

MV Commission Appointment: Ernie Thomas gave the Board a copy of the revised DRI Checklist, he said it had not yet been approved by the State but that has not been an issue in the past. Richard asked for his impressions of the new Director of the Commission. Ernie said he was very active and engaged with the Commissioners, doing a great job. Ernie said he had been nominated to be Treasurer of the Commission. Skipper said he had heard good things about the work that Ernie was doing.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Ernie Thomas to the Martha's Vineyard Commission for one year. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Scott's Grove Land Disposition Agreement: Jen explained that Counsel had gone through the document and addressed the Board concerns. She said she then went through the document to identify areas where the use of the word "Town" as defined as Board of Selectmen might be changed to Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) as the responsibility would likely lie with that Committee to complete that item. She noted that she then met with the Chair of the AHC and staff and they agreed with the proposed changes. Consequently, if the Board was comfortable the document was in a final form to be voted. Philippe said it has been a pleasure working with the Town on this project.

S. Manter motioned to sign the Land Disposition Agreement as amended. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Complete Streets Policy: Jen said that the document had been revised to allow the town the latitude to consider community context and particularly the Rural Roads initiative when designing projects. Kate asked that the Board direct the Planning Board to submit the document immediately so that the committee can access consultant funds as soon as possible. Jen will contact the Planning Board with this request.

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

Selectmen Budgets: *C. Mitchell motioned to accept budgets #122, 424, 195, 193, 196, 945 & 151. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Tri-Town Ambulance Budget & Vehicle Purchase: Ben Retmier, Ambulance Chief told, the Board that the ambulances in both Chilmark and Aquinnah are 12-15 years old and need to be replaced. He said they have funds to purchase two, so they plan to do that. He added this would allow for vehicle standardization so that when someone works in any vehicle the equipment will be found in roughly the same place. He said the two new vehicles will be smaller than the current

ones, but fit well in the up-island garages. He said each new ambulance will cost roughly \$175,000. Cindy asked if the purchase would wipe out the Town's stabilization Fund. Ben said no, they have the money from insurance receipts. He added that 20% of the insurance payments go to Tri-Town's stabilization fund with the intent of having a capital reserve. Ben then told the Board that the budget for next year is up roughly 1%, which is mostly personnel costs.

S. Manter motioned to recommend the purchase of two new ambulances for Tri-Town Ambulance. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Family Oyster Season: *S. Manter motioned to close the family oyster season on 1/31/17 C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Sergeant Neville Resignation: *C. Mitchell motioned to accept Sergeant Neville's resignation with thanks. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM abstained.*