

Approved 6/27/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, June 13, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 pm

Present: Selectmen Cindy Mitchell, Kent Healy, Skipper Manter, Jen Rand

Also Present: John & Christina Cain, Amy Coffee, Brian Athearn, Hilary Dreyer, Bill Haynes, Rebecca Miller, Geoff Rose, Doug Ruskin, Chris Eagan, Ron Rappaport, Isabelle Lew, Kathy Logue, Holly Pretsky, Richard Saltzberg

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 5/30/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Merry Affordable Housing Covenant: *S. Manter motioned to sign the Merry Housing Covenant. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

MV Agricultural Society (MVAS) Fundraiser – Drive-In Movie: Brian Athearn told the Board the MVAS wanted to host a drive-in movie in cooperation with the MV Film Festival. The funds raised will be used to fund the scholarship, the 4H program and farmer grants. He said that he has met with Brendan O’Neil regarding the Agricultural Preservation and this event would not be in violation. He said the music will be run through the radio so not amplified throughout the site. Hilary Dreyer, speaking for the Film Festival said the screen would be 40’, they estimate 210 cars can fit, and they plan to put the back of the screen towards State Rd so cars passing by would not be distracted. The cost is projected to be \$60/car. Skipper asked about zoning. Jen said she had met with the Building Inspector, in looking at the 1998 letter from Counsel reviewing allowed uses it appeared to be allowed as it was an MVAS event. Skipper said the MVAS wasn’t actually putting it on, they were only reaping the benefits. Jen noted it was sponsored by them however. Skipper asked what the Board’s role was in this request. Jen said the Board needed to approve an event permit. Skipper asked if it had sign-offs from the other departments. Jen said no, in this instance she brought it to the Board first because there was a lot of work needed to pull this together and she wanted to assure the Selectmen were comfortable with it prior to having them proceed with planning. She said that the vote could be to approve pending appropriate sign-offs as has been done in the past. The proposed date for the event is August 1 with a rain date the following day. Skipper said he was not in favor of voting the permit until the other departments has signed off.

K. Healy motioned to approve the event pending the appropriate sign-offs. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor, SM opposed.

Event Permit Sign: Jen said that the prior week the Board had approved an event at the MV Community Horse Center. She had not realized at the time that because of the wording of the sign bylaw they also needed to approve the sign they wished to hang on a neighbor’s property because it was larger than 4 square feet.

S. Manter motioned to approve the sign for Magic @ Misty. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

WT Fireman’s Association Donation: *S. Manter motioned to accept with gratitude \$11,471 from the Fireman’s Association to put towards the cost of the new fire truck. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Medical Marijuana (RMD) Host Agreement: Ron Rappaport gave an overview to the Board of the need for a host agreement. He noted that while the Department of Public Health did not mandate a host agreement for RMD's the Legislation did. He added that clearly the State intended that these businesses be treated differently when it allowed for a tax to be set by the town to cover the costs of hosting an RMD. The State does not allow this for any other type of business, which shows they feel they are a different type of business. He noted that the Town does not yet know what the impacts will be. If, over time, there are no impacts to the town the host agreement can be cancelled. He said the agreement drafted by his office used other agreements already in place in the State as a template but in general it has been simplified. The \$5,000 payment is the lowest that they found in any town, most were significantly higher. He said the figure is not totally arbitrary, the legal fees alone have begun to add up and taxpayers should not have to foot that bill. Skipper asked if the town could refund any money at the end of the year that was unspent. Ron said it was possible. He then went through some of Skipper's concerns and the concerns of the attorney for Patient Centric which owns the RMD. He noted areas where he thought an adjustment of the language would be fine, and other areas where he felt the language proposed by his office was appropriate. Skipper asked how the rule banning on-site consumption would be enforced. Ron said the same way all the other town bylaws are enforced. Skipper asked how the agreement could be amended. Isabelle Lew said an amendment clause could be added. Regarding the date of implementation for the agreement, Geoff Rose said the start date for the RMD was when an "FCR" was issued by the State, which won't be until 2019. Chris Eagan said the grow facility would be operational well before that and the agreement should be in place when that work begins. He said this is a legacy moment for the Town and the Board should be sure to take the opportunity to be prepared for the change that is coming.

Taxi Meter Regulations: Jen said that the Board had received an email from Lighthouse Taxi asking that the meter conversation be continued until after the summer season. She said that the owner had called and apologized but was unable to attend the meeting due to work constraints. Kent said he didn't think the Board should regulate taxis, he said they don't tell other companies how much to charge. Skipper said he would agree to waiting until after Labor Day with an understanding it would be complete by October.

Lambert's Cove Inn Entertainment License: John Cain said he had spent time working out the parameters of the request for the Entertainment license. He said they wanted to have no more than 18 weddings, which is more than the past couple of years, but they would be open for a longer season. They said they would have the music off by 9:45 on Friday and Saturday and 8:30 the rest of the week and they wanted to have two outdoor ticketed events per month with no – carry-over. They said they bought two shuttle vans to help with traffic and will work with wedding parties to find off-site parking. Skipper said he thought 8:30 was too late for music during the week. Christina Cain said they had an open house for the neighbors who seem to be excited for the revitalization of the Inn. Cindy said she thought the Board should allow the request and review at the end of the year how it went. Kent noted if it was a problem the neighbors would certainly let the Board and the Cains know.

K. Healy motioned to grant an entertainment license with the details as presented. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor, SM opposed.

Finance Committee Resignation: The Board accepted Katherine Triantifillou's resignation with thanks.