

Approved 12/14/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 30, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 6:04 p.m.

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

Also Present: Berta Geller, Kate Warner, Sue Hruby, Sander Shapiro, Robert Hannigan, Michael Colaneri, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 11/9/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. No vote was taken until further research is done regarding a motion made.*

Energy Committee Request to Join Island-Wide Committee: Sander said that he and Sue had met with others from Island Energy Committees and they would like to form the “Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee” which would work together to develop an island-wide sustainable energy master plan with the assistance of the MV Commission (MVC) and using the 2010 Island Plan as a basis. Skipper asked if they would need funding. Sander said not at this time, especially if the MVC is going to assist.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the Town’s participation in a Vineyard Sustainable Energy Committee (VSEC) that will act as an all-island umbrella group accountable to the participating Island towns in fostering sustainable energy activities and to appoint up to two members of said Committee. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Sander Shapiro and Sue Hruby to the VSEC. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Complete Streets Policy: Richard asked if the Planning Board had seen the Policy. Berta said yes, they had reviewed it, made changes and asked that it be given to the Selectmen for approval. Richard asked who the “decision makers” were that are noted in the document. Berta said that was for the Selectmen to decide but she envisioned it would be the Planning Board. She noted the policy was written to incorporate the required information from MA DOT. Richard said he was concerned that there was a conflict between this policy and the work of the Rural Roads Committee, which is a committee that is at the MV Commission (MVC), and while it has been inactive he understands the MVC Director Adam Turner is interested in reviving it. Berta noted there is a section that allows for exceptions to Federal and State Road construction standards. Kate said that this policy will give us access to consultants that can help design bike paths for the town. Richard asked what the policy was committing the Town to do. Berta said it would allow the town to explore options but if you don’t want to have to do anything you don’t have to. Kate suggested that the Board talk to Adam prior to taking action. The Board tabled the discussion for two weeks.

Land Disposition Agreement – Scott’s Grove: Richard said he had not had a chance to read the agreement. Michael said it was written by Counsel and reviewed by the Counsel for Island Housing Trust and reviewed by the Affordable Housing Committee. The Board tabled for one week.

Speed Limits on Town Roads: Jen said she had done some research and it seems that Music Street could be considered “thickly settled” if she had done the calculation correctly so the statutory speed limit is 30 m.p.h. and can be posted as such. Richard said Panhandle would also meet the criteria using the calculations done by Jen. She added that if the Board asked the Town

Meeting to vote to pass Mass General Law Chapter 90 section 17 then they could vote to lower the speed limit on those roads to 25 m.p.h. Jen was asked to do further research on how to calculate “thickly settled”

Town-owned vehicles: Jen said she had done a rough analysis of the mileage reimbursements for most of the departments in town. She said she had no way to know if the miles were on or off-island. She also said she had looked into the Electric Vehicle lease program through the State, and there is less than \$250k remaining, and its first come/first served. She said she didn’t know if there would be money left by the time the town decided to take any action and fund the budgets accordingly. Michael Colaneri said he had raised the issue and was concerned about liability for drivers, and what the town would do if an employee’s car broke down giving them no way to do their job. Jen was asked to look into the liability issue and get further information from departments about their on and off-island driving habits.