

Approved 12/7/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 16, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:24 p.m.

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

Also Present: Richie Olsen, Dan Rossi, Michael Colaneri, Prudence Fisher, Tony Cordray, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek, Edie Prescott

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 11/02/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Highway Barn Construction Update: Dan said the project was on budget and well ahead of schedule. He said they hoped to be complete in January. The Board thanked the Committee for their work.

Police Chief Contract: Richard noted there were two changes in the new contract. The first provides for a 2.5% increase over each year of the contract and the second removes an educational benefit should such a benefit pass at town meeting.

C. Mitchell motioned to sign a three year contract with Dan Rossi, Police Chief. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM abstained.

Unibank Financial Services Contract: Kathy said that the current contract with Unibank expires on 6/30/17, but they were discussing the new contract now due to a slight increase in fees. She said they have not had an increase in six years and she is very happy with the service they provide so she sees no reason to change to another provider. She noted that this service is exempt from public bidding.

S. Manter motioned to enter into a contract with Unibank for financial services. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Library Generator Bid Award – Hi-Voltage: Jen explained that she had gone out to bid three times before a successful bid was received for back-up power for the Library in the event of a power failure. She explained there was a generator in place but it only would run the fire suppression system and nothing else. She said the funding source was the LEEDS Grant the Library had received on completion. Richard had more questions so Beth Kramer was called and came to the meeting to explain further that this was a planned expense, the original design had the generator wired for full capacity, but the funds were not available during construction for a complete hook-up so they were engineered out until the grant was received. She noted this would provide power to the entire Library except the elevator.

S. Manter motioned to award a contract to Hi-Voltage of Scituate for the Library generator work. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Animal Control Officer (ACO) Discussion about Second Job: Prudence said she wanted to be able to pick up shifts at the Communications Center to supplement her income while things were slow. She said she had spoken with Tony Cordray (her Assistant) and he said he would be able to cover the shifts she would be working. Skipper said he was uncomfortable with this, and wished it had been discussed prior to hiring. Cindy asked if her priority would be the ACO position. Prudence said yes, and she would be sensitive to the fact that Tony cannot work 20 hours a week. Richard asked if Kathy monitored hours of individuals who worked less than full-time. She said yes, there are a number of people who have hours that shift up and down that she tracks. Skipper

asked if the job description requires the ACO be available 24/7. Jen said no. He said he would be more comfortable if the number of shifts were limited. Kathy said she wasn't clear you could legally do that. Richard said he thought the Board should support it and revisit in 3 months. Cindy said she thought that was excessive oversight from the Board.

S. Manter motioned to allow the request and revisit in 3 months. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & RK in favor, CM opposed.

Alpha Taxi Complaint: Jen said she had spoken with Counsel as directed and was told there is no formal public hearing process, so the Board can just invite the parties in to discuss the incident. He added that if the Board wished to have the complainant participate by phone that was fine also. Cindy said she thought the Board should hold a hearing. Richard said he wanted to wait until the Federal Court matter was resolved between Alpha Taxi and the Town. Jen said the filing date for Alpha was the 23rd and then the Courts could take as much time as they wanted to react so it would be hard to predict when that would be. The Board decided to move forward with a hearing, Jen will arrange a date.

Shellfish Family Season: *S. Manter motioned to open the Family Shellfish Season on 11/17/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Sandhurst Trust Permission to Park by Lambert's Cove Beach: The Board read a letter from the Trust granting permission to use the parking spaces next to the beach again. Skipper asked if the Town should ask them to donate the land. Richard said that would be a question for Parks & Rec.