

Approved 12/7/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 9, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:11 p.m.

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

Also Present: Kate Warner, Bruce & Laura Marshard, Rosemarie Hagazian, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek, Edie Prescott

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/26/16 with an amendment. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Vehicle for Use by Various Departments: Skipper said he was concerned that the request went to the Capital Improvements Committee (CIPC) without input from the BOS. Cindy said the CIPC did not have a proposal in front of them and they were not researching it. Jen said she had already begun the research into what other towns were doing and what the need was in town, if any. It will go back on the agenda once she has more information.

Dog Hearing – Fisher –v- Marshard: Richard re-opened the hearing. Joan said she had met with the Marshards and has reviewed the plan to fence in the front yard. She said she felt it would be a good solution to the potential for dogs escaping out the front door. The Marshards would like a month to complete the fence, although they think it will likely be done sooner. Skipper suggested that Joanie inspect the fence when complete due to the family connection with the new Animal Control Officer (ACO). The main entry of the house will have fencing and a gate to contain the dogs should they get out the front door. The rear yard of the house will have a 6' enclosure that is to be maintained. Skipper noted his ongoing concerns about the stress on farmers in town from dogs saying he felt there should be very strict rules in places about dogs that kill livestock. He said he is not in favor of this type of resolution.

S. Manter motioned to accept the recommendation from the ACO regarding the fence. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.

Bike Lanes on State Road: Richard noted that the Board took a sense of the meeting at the Special Town Meeting and there was overwhelming support for the concept. Jen offered the caution that she was not sure people understood the road would be widened when they voted yes, based on some comments she heard later. She said she planned to ask for guidance at the next Joint Transportation Committee (JTC) meeting as the State was looking for the Town to work with the MVC to prove the support existed. Kate said the Planning Board was interested; she planned to discuss it with the group meeting about Complete Streets on Monday. She said that perhaps there would be grant money to hire a consultant to begin to develop a plan of what might work. She also said she was hoping that the road would not have to be widened to State standards. She also wanted to look at bike lanes on Old County Road. Jen said she would speak with the Planning Board about Complete Streets funding and what it can be used for and look into the possibility of the State allowing changes to the standard road widths for bike lanes.

Chilmark Response to School Study Committee Report: Skipper will attend the meeting(s) on behalf of the Town and Richard will ask Bruce if he has the time to serve and if yes he will be appointed also.

C. Mitchell appointed Skipper Manter and Bruce Stone (provided he agrees to become a member) to the Chilmark Committee. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Alpha Taxi: Jen said she had not heard from Mr. Baldwin. She spoke with Kyle Newall, who had filed the complaint. He lives in Florida and is leaving there soon to move to Colorado, so he would only be available by phone. Skipper said he wasn't comfortable with him being on the phone instead of in the room. Richard asked Jen to check with Counsel to see if the public hearing needed to be run as a formal advertised hearing and if Kyle could participate by phone.