

Approved 11/17/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 2, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:06 p.m.

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

Also Present: Linda Hearn, Carolyn Flanders, Wayne Smith, Wendy Nierenberg, Gina Solon, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek, Edie Prescott

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/19/16 with a correction. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Joint meeting with Library Trustees: Carolyn called the Library's meeting to order. She said that the Trustees fully supported the appointment of Amy Hoff to fill Linda Chapman's seat on the Trustees until the next election.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Amy Hoff to the Library Trustees until the next election. C. Flanders seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted of both boards and was unanimous.

The Library Trustees adjourned their meeting.

Assistant Cemetery Superintendent: Richard noted that Glenn Hearn had resigned and after speaking with Richie Olsen he would like to appoint Jesse Oliver to the position. He noted that the Highway Department already is spending a fair amount of time working in the cemeteries. Skipper asked what the position entails. Richard said he would assist in keeping up the cemetery and he has been helping when there are holes to be dug and so forth. Skipper said the Funeral Home is supposed to arrange to have the holes dug. He said he was concerned that Jesse would be doing cemetery work on highway department time. He said he wouldn't support the appointment only because he was unclear on the duties.

C. Mitchell motion to appoint Jesse Oliver to the position of Assistant Cemetery Superintendent. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.

School Study Response Letter from Chilmark: Richard said the Chilmark Board of Selectmen (BOS) had reviewed the School Study report and requested that each town appoint one Selectman and the Town Accountant to a committee to potentially develop a new formula. He noted that WT BOS had formed a committee already to develop their own proposed formula. Cindy asked if Bruce was working with the committee. Skipper said no, it was only he, Doug Ruskin and Sue Silk. He didn't think they needed the Accountant. Cindy suggested the BOS appoint Skipper and Bruce to the Chilmark Committee and they could participate once the WT committee had finished its work. Richard said he didn't think the Town Accountant should have a vote on the committee, Skipper agreed. Cindy said she thought that the BOS should work with Chilmark's request as they have expressed a willingness to move forward. Richard will speak with Bruce to see if he wishes to be on the proposed committee and will discuss at the next meeting.

Alpha Taxi Complaint: Jen said she had not received anything back from Mr. Baldwin regarding the complaint made against him this summer. She asked the Board how they wished to proceed. Richard said he wanted to wait until the court case between the Town and Alpha Taxi was resolved in order to not muddy the waters. Skipper felt that should have no bearing on the

decision of whether to hold a hearing or when. Jen was asked to contact the complainant and ask if he would be able to attend a hearing.