

Approved 11/9/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 26, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:24 p.m.

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

Also Present: Samantha Church, Rosemary Hagaizian, Laura & Bruce Marshard, Fred & Prudence Fisher, Alan Healey, Joan Jenkinson, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/12/16 with a correction. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Fisher – v - Marshard Dog Hearing: Skipper noted that he is a lifelong friend of Fred Fisher and he knows Laura Marshard as Assistant District Attorney, but he said he would be able to remain unbiased. The Marshards' dog was accused of killing chickens owned by Fred Fisher. Rosemary Hagazian said she was an attorney representing the Marshards. She said they have built a fence, and provided pictures of the fence to the Board. Fred said the pen is useless if it isn't around the whole house, he said it won't be the dog's fault but someone will open the door and let him out. Joan Jenkinson, Animal Control Officer (ACO) said the Marshards have said they will only let the dog out the door that leads to the fenced in part of the yard. Alan said he thought the fence should go around the whole house, he said the dog is young, there are 8-10 more years of vigilance to assure it does not get out the wrong door, there are children in the house and mistakes happen. Rosemary said the Marshards are not even positive it was their dog that killed the chickens but in an abundance of caution they built the fence. Fred said he sees the dogs out with Laura all the time and he's certain it was theirs. He said the next time it happens he will take care of it himself and there will be no need for a hearing. The Board recessed the hearing for two weeks to allow the Marshards to meet with the ACO to determine the best fencing for the remainder of the yard.

Assistant ACO – Chris Murphy: Jen explained that Chilmark had made a similar appointment for Joan and Alan so they are covered under the Town's insurance if they are covering for Chris. She noted they also received \$250/quarter as a stipend. The Board said they would look at a stipend during budget season. *S. Manter motioned to appoint Chris Murphy Assistant ACO until the next appointment period. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Anniversary Party: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Deb Magnuson chair of the Town's Anniversary Celebration Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Assistant ACO – Tony Cordray: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Tony Cordray Assistant ACO until the next appointment period. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Special Town Meeting Warrant: The Board discussed the warrant articles and who would speak to each. In regards to the two spending articles, the Board discussed the rationale behind the Town Accountant's memo suggested that the articles remain "Raise & Appropriate" even though Free Cash had been certified. Cindy said she would support his recommendation. Skipper said he would rather not raise taxes further.

S. Manter motioned to recommend the two spending articles be amended to come from free cash. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & RK in favor CM opposed.