

Approved 10/26/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 12, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:36 p.m.

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

Also Present: Doug Ruskin, Michael Colaneri, Edie Prescott, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 9/14/16, 9/21/16 & 9/28/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor for 9/14 & 9/21, CM abstained from 9/28.*

Town Information Systems: Doug Ruskin said last year during the Finance Committee budget review he asked Tara if there was a way to email all the voters and was told that the town did not have that ability. He said he felt the website was outdated, he said Edgartown has a full-time IT person, as a result he felt their systems were more advanced than ours. He said he professionally advises clients on software selection. He thought the town needed to hire someone to do a top-down analysis of all the systems used, he noted that he heard there was a problem with the assessing software, which was likely a result of not looking at the system as a whole and how it interacts. Regarding emailing voters, he said that was easy, it would require a way for people to opt in or out of the system and a policy for what gets sent. Jen said that she had been talking with Bruce, Kathy & Tara for a few weeks now about the website and they had a meeting planned for the 17th to begin discussions about updating the site. She added that there might be grant funds available for that, she is going to look into that. As for the emails, she said that she thought that was fine provided that it did not have to be curated by staff. She also noted that the policy for how its used should be set by the Selectmen, she noted they had not been in agreement in the past about the use of Code Red, which sends emergency alerts to people who have signed onto the system. She also noted that the current website does allow for people to sign up to received meeting notices from any committee they are interested in. Cindy said she would want anyone signing up for emails to know it was entirely their choice whether or not to receive them.

Winter Farmer's Market: *S. Manter motioned to approve the event permit for the market, which runs Saturdays at the Ag. Hall until December 17th. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Election Warrant: *S. Manter motioned to sign the election warrant. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Moment of Silence for Julie Keefe..

Animal Control Officer: Richard said the Board had interviewed 5 of the 12 candidates for the position. He said they were 5 very strong interviews, and while it would be hard to replace Joanie, they had some excellent choices. Skipper said he thought Jennifer Morgan was the most qualified, but he felt living on Chappy was too much of an obstacle. The rest of the Board agreed with that assessment. Cindy said she all five candidates were excellent. She said they all know the town, the love the people of WT and understood Joan's legacy. She said she thought Prudence Fisher was impressive with her lifetime of animal experience and said she liked her straightforward demeanor. She thought her experience at the Communications Center was an added bonus as she already has interacted with people regarding animal calls. She said she felt all the candidates could do the job well, but she stood out. Skipper said he thought Tony Cordray would be the best choice, he said Tony showed leadership on the Fire Department, was quiet and

thoughtful and would be able to keep many issues from ever coming before the Board. Richard said he was impressed with Prudence, she seemed to understand how much of a people job it was and she also had good animal skills. Skipper said appointing prudence would be a big loss to the Communications Center.

C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Prudence Fisher to the position of Animal Control Officer. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.