

Approved 10/12/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, September 21, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:07 p.m.

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

Also Present: Bruce Stone, John Hoy, Michael Colaneri, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 9/7/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & CM in favor, SM abstained.*

Stipend for the Herring Warden: Jen said that last spring she had spoken with the Herring Warden about the possibility of a stipend as the position had begun to take a lot of time. She said it was too late to put on the warrant for the April town meeting, so she wanted the Board to consider it now for the fall budget season. John said the resource needs help, it requires him to interact with the State, interacts with the residents and he has spent a lot of time hand digging channels for the herring runs. He figures he spends at least 150 hours a year working as Herring Warden. Cindy said she thought stipend was a fair request. Bruce asked if the department also needed an expense line as John had noted he purchased a chain saw for his work this year and Jen noted she had to scramble to find a way to purchase waders so she agreed they department needed a small expense line. Bruce will work with John.

S. Manter motioned to approve a \$3,000 stipend for the position of Herring Warden. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Retiring & Separating Employees Reserve Fund: Bruce explained that there were 2 employees retiring that would need to be paid separation benefits. He said there was \$48,844 in the fund and he needed access to up to \$36,548, although he noted that some of that amount might not be needed if there were funds available in the department's budget.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the expenditure of up to \$36,548 from the Retiring & Separating Employees Reserve Fund to supplement departmental appropriations to pay separation benefits to John Powers and Joan Jenkinson. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Animal Control Officer Interviews: The Board discussed the applications and requested Jen set up interviews with Tony Cordray, Simon Bollin, Janice Haynes, Jennifer Morgan and Prudence Fisher for 10/5/16 beginning at 4:00 pm.

Bike Lanes on Town Roads: Jen asked the Board how they would like to proceed regarding the bike paths request to the State, the response from the State had noted they would not even consider the project unless the town could show overwhelming community support for the idea. Cindy said she didn't think it was fair to put the burden on Kate Warner, who had first raised the issue, to try and determine support. Jen suggested asking for a sense of the meeting at the Special Town Meeting. Richard will ask the Moderator if he would allow the inquiry.