

Approved 9/14/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 24, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:13 p.m.

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

Also Present: Jane Rossi, Manny Estrella, Rhonda Conley, Joe Tierney, Michael Colaneri, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 8/3/16. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Complete Streets: Jane said the Planning Board wanted to participate in the Complete Streets program to be able to access funds for projects that will make the streets in town safer. Richard asked who adopts the “Complete Streets Policy”. Jen said they would double check, but it would appear that if it were a bylaw it would require a town meeting vote if it were an administrative policy the Selectmen would vote to adopt. Richard asked if this would pay to remove the pole at the end of Old Country Road. Jen said it should be noted as a concern in the Policy. Jane noted the Planning Board also was aware of the letter from Kate Warner regarding bike safety on State Road. Skipper said he was concerned about partnering with the State and thus having State standards dictated when they would not fit with the character of the town; he also said he would rather spend the money planned for the Policy consultants on an actual project. The Board asked for further information and will take up the matter next week.

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) – Hydrant at New Housing Project: The Affordable Housing Committee has been in discussions with Manny Estrella, Fire Chief about the requirement for a hydrant at the new project. Manny suggested as a cost savings to have the AHC replace the tank at Station 1 with a new larger tank which would have the added benefit of serving the larger neighborhood. A new tank would cost roughly \$70k when a separate hydrant and all the associated work would probably cost roughly double that. Richard asked how old the current tank was and how large a tank would be needed with and without the new housing. Manny said it was about 25 years old and is 5,000 gallons, the new tank should be at least 10k gallons and double that if used for the housing also. Richard asked how much a 10k tank would cost. Manny didn’t know. Richard said the CPC laws require that any funds spent be directly related to the project. Cindy noted that this proposal would actually cost less than the alternative. Skipper said he thought the Affordable Housing Trust should decide how to spend their money. Cindy suggested that Jen work with Bruce and Town Counsel if needed to figure out the best proposal.

Building Department Inspection Fees: Joe said the fee scheduled previous approved by the Board had an error in it that caused fees to be improperly high. He asked the Board to approve the corrected fee schedule and noted that anyone affected had been charged the “correct” amount, not the amount that was on the fee schedule.

S. Manter motioned to approve the fee schedule corrected to its original intended amounts. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor SM opposed.

Local Inspector: Skipper asked if the Local Inspector can work before they are certified. Joe said yes, that was exactly what he did with Ernie when he began. Richard asked where the new person would sit. Jen said the back corner would be set up with a desk and the file cabinet that is there will be moved to the small first floor conference room.

Friends of the Library Donation: *S. Manter motioned to accept with gratitude the donation \$16,100 from the Friends of the Library. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Cemetery Superintendent Assistant Resignation: *S. Manter motioned to accept with gratitude Glenn Hearn's resignation as Assistant Cemetery Superintendent. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*