

Approved 8/31/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 10, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:32 p.m.

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

Also Present: Richard Andre, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 7/13/16 with amendments. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Off Shore Wind Project Update – Vineyard Power: Richard Andre said that Vineyard Power was formed originally to influence the direction of off shore wind projects. He noted they had developed a few solar projects to date also. He said regarding the solar projects they had advocated moving them much farther than 3 miles off the coast line (which is the limit of federal waters). The current wind project was originally proposed to be 9 nautical miles off shore; it has since been shifted to be 12 miles. The proposed lease area was also reduced in size to protect Nantucket Shoals. In 2012 the RI/MA wind energy area was leased out after an auction for \$4 million dollars to Deep Water Wind. In 2015 the 4 MA areas were put to auction and DONG leased one of them and Offshore MW leased the other in partnership with Vineyard Power. He said the goal is to keep the benefit local and create local jobs. He said that surveys are beginning on the sites and they are conducting outreach with the area Tribes and fishermen. He said construction would begin 2019-2020 at the earliest. Cindy asked what sort of jobs would be created. Richard said construction and maintenance of the turbines. He said they hoped to start a training program at the high school; the jobs will be highly skilled and pay well.

Taxi Complaint: Richard said the Board had received a copy of an incident report filed at the Police Department with a complaint against the owner of Alpha Taxi, Benoit Baldwin. The town taxi regulations say that the Board can require a hearing if there are regulation violations. He suggested the Board sent a letter to Mr. Baldwin asking for his side of the story in the incident.

C. Mitchell motioned to send a letter as described to Mr. Baldwin. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Local Inspector Hiring Process: Jen explained that the State had only reviewed one of the three candidates for Local Inspector to determine if they would be eligible to sit for exams. The next meeting will not be until September 7th. She asked if they wished to wait until after that meeting to conduct interviews. Richard said it should wait; there was no point in interviewing someone only to find they were ineligible. Skipper said he wouldn't mind starting the process; he was concerned about how much time has been lost already. The Board asked Jen to confirm the State would meet on the 7th and set up interviews for the 12th.

Animal Control Retirement – Hiring Process: Jen said she had spoken with Joanie who indicated she did indeed wish to fully retire, but would make herself available to consult as needed. Cindy asked for a copy of the job description and how other towns staff the position. Skipper suggested the process begin due to the tight time frame. Cindy said that the Board needed to understand the parameters of the job prior to advertising. The Board will hold a short meeting at 3:30 next week to discuss.

Suicide Prevention Week: *S. Manter motioned to proclaim 9/5/16-9/11/16 Suicide Prevention Week. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*