

**Approved 8/24/16**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, August 3, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:23 p.m.**

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

**Also Present:** Larry Schubert, Michael Colaneri, Rhonda Conley, Bill Veno, Doug Ruskin, Philippe Jordi, Heather Hamacek

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 7/3/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Affordable Housing Project – 565 Edgartown Road (Fire Station #1 Lot):** Larry said the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) had met with Island Housing Trust (IHT) to discuss their proposal submitted in response to the Request for Proposals (RFP) put out by the AHC. The AHC voted to recommend to the Selectmen that they accept the proposal from IHT.

*S. Manter motioned to accept IHT's proposal for the affordable housing project development at 565 Edgartown Rd. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Clements Mortgage Subordination:** *C. Mitchell motioned to sign the mortgage subordination papers for Laurie Clements. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Land Bank Path over Brandy Brow:** Bill Veno presented the Board with a revised sign proposed for each end of the path. He said the sign has been made more graphic based on previous concerns about the wordiness of the originally proposed sign. Cindy suggested making the path depiction on the sign more clear by changing it from a dotted line to foot prints. Bill noted he was still working with the Conservation Commission and Parks & Rec department regarding directional signs on property they manage.

*S. Manter motioned to approve the sign as amended. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

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

**Art Show Event Permit:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the art show on 8/6 at the Grange with all the appropriate sign-offs. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**School Task Force Report Next Steps:** Skipper said that after the meeting he was left with the impression the Selectmen in WT were being asked to offer a recommendation to changes, if any, to the funding formula. Cindy suggested a small committee comprised of one Selectman, one Finance Committee member and one other person. Richard said he was willing to be on the committee. Cindy said she thought the members of the town boards should not have been on the original committee so the discussion has a fresh set of eyes. Skipper said he would like to be on the committee, he noted his membership on the school committee and his knowledge of the formula. Richard asked if his membership on the School Committee would be a conflict. Skipper noted they have nothing to do with the funding formula that is between the three town Boards of

Selectmen. He also said he would like Susan Silk to be appointed as the third member. Richard said he would reach out to Susan; Jen will speak to the Finance Committee.

*S. Manter motioned to appoint a committee to look at possible revisions to the UIRSD funding formula, the committee shall consist of Susan Silk, Skipper Manter and one member of the Finance Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Event Permit Process:** Richard said he would like to set parameters for event permits. Jen said she had planned to tackle that issue in the fall by reviewing what had a permit and what events took place without a permit. Skipper asked how the calendar worked out. Jen said she had the calendar; it showed all permits issued, but at this point there didn't seem to be a point where the Board would say no to an event. She noted also that the Board had been asked their feelings on the Farmer's Market moving to the Ag Hall, and they did not wish to request that change, she noted that in reality all traffic concerns seem to stem from Saturday mornings during the Farmer's Market so it might be worth revisiting.

**Animal Control Officer Notice of Resignation:** The Board read a letter from Joan Jenkinson noted her planned retirement from the job in October due to the physical requirements she was no longer capable of doing. Skipper said he would hate to lose her so he wanted to see if she would stay on if the town hired an assistance to do the heavy work. Richard noted her excellent interpersonal skills when there were issues between neighbors. Cindy noted she might simply wish to retire totally. Jen will meet with Joan to discuss options.

**Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) – Opening for Disabled Commuters' Representative:** The Board read a letter from the VTA asking for an appointee to serve as the Disabled Commuters' Rep. Skipper asked how long the term was. Cindy noted the outdated title of the position. Jen will speak to VTA for clarification.