

Approved 3/14/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 28, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:08 pm

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Kent Healy, Jen Rand

Also Present: Chris Eagan, Landry Harlan, Holly Pretsky

Minutes *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 2/14/18 with amendments. : K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Override Editorial: Jen asked the Board to take the informative piece written by Bruce Stone and edit it down to something they can use to get the word out to voters. Cindy said she would be happy to edit it for the Board's review, she noted that one thing that was missing was a description of why this year, when spending in Town was not higher than normal, was an override needed, when in years past we have been able to avoid one. Skipper said it wasn't accurate to say we have not had any overrides since 2004, only that we haven't had a general override in that time. Kent said we should also explain what will happen if the override fails. Cindy said it would be good if the Finance Committee was brought into the discussion, and perhaps even cos-sponsored the informational piece. Jen will ask to be placed on the next FinComm agenda to discuss the override, and the Board will aim to publish this in the newspapers in the last week of March.

James Pond Donation: Whit Griswold presented a letter showing the generous donation of \$1,000 from James Pond abutters wishing to help with the herring run project. Jen was asked to send a letter of thanks.

C. Mitchell motioned to accept with thanks \$1,000 for the James Pond Herring project. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Library Building Committee Appointment: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Max Skoldebrand to the Committee until the April 2019 appointment period. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Treasurer/Collector Ballot Vote: Jen explained that Town Counsel had informed her that the vote to combine this into an appointed position could not take place until 60 days after town meeting. Counsel suggested that the Town ask for special legislation to allow the vote in April, but have a special election as a backup plan if the Legislature did not take action quickly enough. The Board was fine with this approach. (**note: After conversations with the State Representative it was decided to just plan to hold a special election in June)

Marijuana Host Agreement: Skipper asked why this type of business should be treated differently than any other business. He said we are being asked to mitigate impacts from the business, and it hasn't opened yet, so how are the impacts determined. Cindy asked Jen to get the date from the MV Commission about the traffic and other issues they looked at before approving the project. Chris Eagan said that he thought the Board should lead this new venture instead of following it. He noted it is a cash business, with a lot of unknowns. He said it isn't like any other business, and the Town is hosting for the entire island, he suggested the Board take a conservative approach now, and if they find they can loosen requirements later that is an option. Jen noted that this project is different from other business in town when you consider that the State does not

allow “extractions” when a permit is granted for zoning, yet they expressly allow the towns to ask for financial impact offsets, so the State must feel this is a different type of business. Chris noted that the town already has to spend money on legal advice just to figure out how to deal with the agreement, which shows an immediate financial impact to the town. Jen was asked to speak with Counsel for advice and the Building, Health, Police and Fire Departments to see if they were aware of increased workloads from the business.

Eversource Testimony Re: Herbicide Spraying: *C. Mitchell motioned to send the testimony as edited by Kent. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*