

Approved 7/6/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, June 22, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:17 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Peter Temple, Adam Turner, Bruce Stone, Michael Colaneri, Heather Hamacek, Edie Prescott

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 6/8/16 with one amendment. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Healthy Aging Task Force Letter: Peter, representing Healthy Aging MV, said the letter was to ask the World Health Organization, through AARP to designate the Island as an “aging friendly” community. As part of the designation the town must develop a plan, which Healthy Aging MV has done on behalf of the towns. He said they were applying as the entire island, not as individual towns. Skipper said he was not comfortable with the first sentence that indicated the towns were working with Healthy Aging MV without mentioning all the other groups on the island who work with seniors. He added he was concerned about the need for coordination between all the groups on the island. Peter explaining that the group was working with all those other groups.

S. Manter motioned to sign the letter as written. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

PATH Letter: Adam, MV Commission Director, said the letter was to request a grant from the Department of Housing and Community Development to create a Housing Production Plan. Skipper asked what the plan would tell us that we don’t already know. Adam said it was good to have a discussion about the needs of the Town when there was no project on the table. Skipper said the goal was to have 10% of the town’s housing stock as affordable, he asked if there were a way for the town to get credit when they provide funding for an affordable project in another town. He also asked how much money the grant was for. Adam said \$15k per town. Skipper said he would rather take that money and put it toward building an affordable house.

S. Manter motioned to sign the letter as written. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

County Assessment Calculation Error: Bruce Stone, Town Accountant, said he realized the population numbers used for the assessments were wrong when he was looking at them for another reason. He said the result of this was that Edgartown was under assessed by \$13k, with the other towns paying that proportionally. He said WT was over-assessed by about \$2,800. Richard said we cannot control how the other towns address the issue, but he did not want to pay more than our actual correct assessment.

S. Manter motioned to pay West Tisbury’s share as corrected for county programs and the DCRHA. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Affordable House Lot Proposal: Michael said he was representing the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC). He said they wanted to know if the Board would support an investigation of the feasibility of carving off a piece of the town-owned lot that the school sits on for affordable housing. Skipper said he had no problem doing the research to see if there were any restrictions

to developing a section of that lot. Jen said the AHC should investigate any potential issues with the well set back, or the Island Roads District. Michael said the AHC will speak with Counsel to see if there are any restrictions.

Islanders Talk Event Permit: *S. Manter motioned to approve the event at the Grange on 8/7/16. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*