

Approved 6/15/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, June 1, 2016 4:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

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

Also Present: Eileen Maley, Cynthia Riggs, Lucy Mitchell, Mark Reisman, Ebba Hierta, Nancy Cramer, Alex Elvin, Mark Lovewell (MV Gazette), Dan Rossi, Dean Rosenthal, Glenn Hearn, Sue Hruby, Rob Haucke, Lanny McDowell, Anna Alley, Debbie Magnuson, Edie Prescott (MV Times), Harriett Bernstein, Susanna J. Sturgis, Phyllis Meras Cocroft, Bea Phear, Sophie Abrams, Bob Gothard, Leon Brathwaite, Nancy Evoy, Gabrielle Whitcomb, Lynn Christophers (MVTv), Rosalee & David McCullough, Constance Messmer, Esther Brandon, Jane Rossi, Sarah Saltonstall, Ina Andre, Doug Ruskin, Marian Irving, Chris Murphy, Rez Williams, John Hartzband, Margo & Tony McClellan, Sean Conley, Charlie Kernick, Henry Gellar, Joel & Susan Goldstein, Susan Wasserman

Executive Session: *C. Mitchell motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation and to return to regular session. S. Manter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted; RK & CM voted in favor, SM was opposed.*

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minute of 5/11/16 with amendments. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Mill Pond Plaque: Sean Conley presented to the Board proposed language for the plaque the Historic District Commission would like to place at the Mill Pond. The Board expressed concerns that it was too wordy. Sean said he would bring a mock-up from the foundry next week. He said it was intended to be 14" x 24" and mounted on a bolder to the left of the "swan gates" at the Pond. The Board will discuss further next week.

LoveMV Anti-Litter Campaign: Constance Messmer said she was part of a group who were working to end littering on the Island. She presented the Board with 2 signs that she asked be placed in the town hall public bathrooms. They ask people not to litter in a number of different languages. The Board said they would put them up and recommended she ask the Library to hang them in their public bathrooms also. She also showed a couple alternative signs she would like to hang at the airport. The Board noted that was outside their jurisdiction but they preferred the language "Keep it Clean".

Recycling Policy: Don Hatch said the Refuse District was working with Sophie Abrams on a grant program for composting food waste at the District. If the Town's agree to sign on to a recycling policy to reduce waste it will allow them to access grant funds. Jen said she supported the policy as the Chief Procurement Officer for the town, she didn't feel it would be unduly burdensome to enact.

S. Manter motioned to approve the recycling policy for the Town of West Tisbury. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

MV Film Festival (MVFF) Proposal for Walsh Property: Richard noted that the Board had been asked to discuss the MVFF proposal; he noted there was no plan in front of any Board at the Town of West Tisbury. He noted if a plan were presented the Selectmen would participate but they are not a permit granting Board. Mark Reisman spoke at length against the project noting concerns about the impact on the neighborhood and the fact it does not meet current zoning. Rez

Williams said Cynthia Walsh would not have supported this project, and he felt the MVFF should not be considered educational to circumvent zoning. Ina Andre said she didn't think her, and other for profit farms should have to compete with a non-profit farm in the same neighborhood. A few others spoke against the project as well. Nancy Dole noted that while the property is in the historic district they only have jurisdiction over the first 800' from the road. Chris Murphy said he was a friend of Mr. Bena, he said that if a project goes forward there will need to be public hearings for permits and he urged the audience to allow the process to work. Richard Knabel, speaking for himself, not as a Selectman, said he was friends with Ms. Walsh, and she would not approve of the planned as has been presented in the paper. He said he was not in favor of it, and asked the MVFF to reconsider their plans.

Landfill Lot Leases: *S. Manter motioned to sign leases with Geoff Gibson and Richard T. Olsen for lots at the landfill. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Highway Barn Contract: *S. Manter motioned to sign a contract with Cape Building Systems to construct the Highway Barn,. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Personnel Board Access to Counsel: *S. Manter motioned to authorize access to Counsel for the Personnel Board retroactively. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*