

Approved 6/8/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, May 25, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:16 p.m.

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

Also Present: Jessica Elder, Prudy Burt, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek

Eversource Public Hearing - 34 Lambert's Cove Road: *C. Mitchell motioned to open the public hearing. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Jen explained that the original application suggested that Eversource planned to cut the road to install the cable. The Highway Superintendent requested that they go under the road, and the plan was revised to use directional boring instead. Jessica said that if they encountered rocks they would either need to move the cable or cut the road. The Board said they would not support cutting the road. They also asked that the Highway Superintendent be notified when the work was to happen.

S. Manter motioned to close the public hearing. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

S. Manter motioned to approve the request from Eversource with the reminder they must notify the Highway Superintendent before beginning work. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 5/04/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Land Use Permit for Greenlands: Jen explained that she had created a land use permit form for town properties after the Conservation Commission had asked about commercial trail rides over the Greenlands. When the draft was completed she sent it to the Conservation Commission for comments. At that time they took a vote to not allow commercial uses of the Greenlands. The Management Plan for that property specifies that the property is fully under the purview of the Conservation Commission. When that property is removed from the permit granting list, and the properties under the control of the Parks & Rec Department are removed there really is no reason for the permit form as there are no other properties to consider. Skipper said he thought it was too bad to not allow the trail rides, he said he could understand if there had been damage to the property. Prudy noted the Management Plan was clear that it allowed for passive use only.

Appointments: *S. Manter motioned to make the following appointments. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Term	Appointment	Name
1 Year	Care of Town Clock	Scott Young
1 Year	Cemetery Superintendent	John S. Alley
2 Years	Cemetery Commissioners	J. Skipper Manter
1 Year	Community Preservation Committee	Lesley Eaton
1 Year	Constable	Norm Perry
1 Year	Constable	Will Whiting
1 Year	Energy Committee	Sander Shapiro

1 Year	Facilities Maintenance Committee	Manny Estrella III
1 Year	Fence Viewer	Richard Hammond
1 Year	Healthy Aging Task Force	Richard Knabel
1 Year	Hearing Officer for Non-Criminal Fire Code Violations	John Powers
	Marthas Vineyard Center For Living Board of Dir.	
1 Year	Member	Chris Decker
1 Year	Martha's Vineyard Shellfish Group-Board of Directors	David Merry
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Chuck Hodgkinson
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Cynthia Mitchell
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Nancy Huntington
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Prudy Burt
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Rez Williams
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Tim Boland
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Selena Roman
1 Year	Mill Brook Watershed Study Committee	Kristen Fauteux
1 Year	Mill Pond Committee	Anna Alley
1 Year	Mill Pond Committee	Barbara Day
1 Year	Mill Pond Committee	Rez Williams
1 Year	Mill Pond Committee	Kent Healy
1 Year	Parking Clerk	Donna Michalski
1 Year	Shellfish Advisory Committee	David Merry
1 Year	Shellfish Advisory Committee	Jason Gale
1 Year	Shellfish Advisory Committee	Peter Vann
1 Year	Treasurer	Kathy Logue
1 Year	Tri Town Ambulance Committee	Richard Knabel
1 Year	Truant Officer	Daniel Rossi
5 Years	Zoning Board of Appeals	Julius Lowe
5 Years	Zoning Board of Appeals	Tony Higgins
		Tucker Hubbell - Assoc member
2 Years	Zoning Board of Appeals, Associate	

Event Permits: *S. Manter motioned to approve the event permit for the African Crafts Sale & Puppet Show at the Grange in July & August. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

S. Manter motioned to approve the event permit & 1 Day Beer & Wine for Big Brothers Big Sisters at the Field Gallery on June 24th with appropriate sign-offs from all departments. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

S. Manter motioned to approve the event permit for the Artisan's Festival at the Grange & Ag Hall running May – December at various days and times with appropriate sign-offs from all departments. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

School Negotiating Committee – Custodian’s Contract: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Richard Knabel to the Committee. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

School Task Force Report: Skipper said that he had further minor edits to the report about the District. He said that one of the listed advantages of remaining in the District regarding shared building maintenance costs was misleading because the School Committee could make the decision to use the same formula for expenses even if there was no district. He noted that the disadvantage of being in the district was the lack of oversight for the Excess & Deficiency Funds. Richard noted that the meeting with the other towns was set for the following Tuesday and without a report that had been accepted by the Selectmen there was no point in meeting. Cindy asked why Skipper wanted to make changes this late in the process. He said because he was hoping the committee would meet again to discuss his comments. Cindy said he could raise those issues in the meeting with the other towns, but the report needed to be finalized.

C. Mitchell motioned to accept the report with gratitude. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & CM in favor SM opposed.

Executive Session: *S. Manter motioned to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation filed against the town by Benoit Baldwin and further not to return to regular session. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*