

Approved 5/11/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:35 p.m.

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

Also Present: Larry Schubert, Michael Colaneri, Rhonda Conley, Ted Jochsberger, Vickie Thurber, Jason Snow, Jennifer Passafiume

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 4/13/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Affordable Housing Project Request for Proposals (RFP): Richard raised a concern with the suggestion that the project could be built under MGL Chapter 40B. He said he did not believe a town project should circumvent zoning. Larry said that was in there to assure that the density approved by town meeting would be what was built. Skipper said that in the residents have been told they will have an opportunity to be heard at the ZBA during the permitting process, this would remove that opportunity. Cindy noted that Chapter 40B is a law that serves a purpose in affordable housing development and isn't always an end run around zoning. Jen added that 40B allows towns to effectively "spot zone" to allow increased density for an affordable housing project where they would not want increased density otherwise. Cindy said that even if the mention of 40B is removed it is still a legal option and she thought it should remain.

S. Manter motioned to remove reference to 40B. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & RK in favor, CM opposed.

Other changes that were discussed were all minor and the RFP was amended where agreed upon.

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

Vineyard Triathlon: The Triathlon will be held over the same route as prior years.

S. Manter motioned to approve the Vineyard Triathlon on September 11, 2016. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Facilities Maintenance Consultant RFP: Richard asked that references to "the Town" be changed to "Board of Selectmen". Skipper asked if the consultant should be expected to determine town budget policy. Cindy noted the consultant will have the assistance of town hall staff and the committee. The RFP will be voted next week once Skipper has had time to read it.

US Fish & Wildlife – Lambert's Cove Beach: Jen said she had spoken with the consultant and was advised that if the beach was included in what they call System Units it would have a higher level of protection against development than if it were in an "OPA" unit, but further than that she did not understand the issue. The Board said they did not feel comfortable taking any action until the issue was further explained. Jen will talk to Jo-Ann Taylor at the Commission and if she could not help she would ask the consultant to call in to answer questions.

Library Foundation Charity Wine & Event Permit: *S. Manter motioned to approve the permits for the event at the Grange on June 28th with the appropriate town sign-offs. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

MA DOT Tree Removal: The Board discussed the current tree removal maintenance plan underway on the Edgartown Road. They did not have any concerns about the work, Skipper noted he thought it would be a safety improvement and would allow other crowded trees to grow.