

Approved April 6, 2016
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 23, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:23 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Cindy Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Michael Colaneri, Richie Olsen, Heather Hamacek

Parking on Lambert's Cove Road for Ice House & Seth's Ponds: Richie said he was concerned about damage to the shoulder of the road from cars that pull off to park for Ice house or Seth's Pond. He noted that by the beach there is a lot of erosion from the same practice. He noted that he was not really in favor of more signs either. The Board said to monitor the area and they would make changes if needed.

Proposed Highway Truck: Skipper said he thought the truck planned to replace the existing town dump truck was too big, would use too much fuel and would not be safe to see around if parked on the side of the road. He said he didn't think the current truck was used to its full load potential very often. Richie firmly disagreed noting that the truck is often over its technical load, the new truck would not physically be much bigger than the current truck, and depending on which make and model is purchased may not use any more fuel. Cindy said she thought Richie does a phenomenal job and she respected his recommendations.

Appointment to Island Housing Trust: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Doug Ruskin to the Island Housing Trust. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Hospital Event Permit: *S. Manter motioned to approve the event permit for Tim Walsh's retirement party on April 9, 2016 provided all other departments have signed off. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Friends of Family Planning Event and Charity Wine Permit: *S. Manter motioned to approve the event permit for the Art Show Gala provided all other departments have signed off and the Charity Wine Pouring license. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Annual Town Meeting Warrant: *S. Manter motioned to sign the warrant. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Accountant Vacation Carry-Over: *S. Manter motioned to approve the Town Accountant's vacation carry-over of 140 hours. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

School District Vote to Authorize Debt: Skipper said the School Committee had voted on Monday to borrow \$1,000,000 for repairs to West Tisbury and Chilmark Schools. He said that if the town meeting did not take a vote within 60 days there was automatic approval for the borrowing. He wanted to hold a Special Town Meeting before the Annual meeting to allow voters to have their say whether to authorize the borrowing or not. Cindy noted that Richard Knabel had emailed his thoughts about the matter because he was unable to attend the meeting. He was not in favor of doing this, he noted that the repairs were needed and borrowing was the correct way to pay for those repairs. Cindy said she agreed with that assessment and would not be in favor of holding a Special Town Meeting for that purpose.

Special Election: *S. Manter motioned to hold a special election on May 12, 2016 if the town meeting on April 12, 2016 passes an amendment to the School Playground petition article requiring a proposition 2 ½ override.. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Veteran's Memorial Plaque: The Board reviewed the proposed wording for the new veteran's memorial plaque. After a lengthy discussion about word placement it was decided to send the wording to Alan Gowell, who will be making the plaque and JoAnne Murphy, the Veteran's Agent to make a final decision. Then a mock-up of the plaque will be completed by Alan and brought back for final approval.

16 Old Courthouse Road Lot Survey: Jen explained that she had requested the survey be done, and asked the Board of Assessors to split the cost as it has a direct impact on their maps and data as well as being important to the Selectmen to have correct information recorded for that lot. The Assessors replied that they had committed their funds for now, and if there was money left at the end of the fiscal year they will contribute. She said that Michael Colaneri had suggested that the Affordable Housing trust had funds for predevelopment that could be used, as this was a parcel the Committee was interested in for affordable housing at some point. The Board said they were not comfortable with that, as it may never end up being affordable housing.