

Approved 3/30/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 2, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.

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

Also Present:

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 2/03/16 with amendments. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Resolution Adopting the Dukes County Multi-Jurisdictional Mitigation Plan Update: *R. Knabel motioned to adopt the resolution. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Vote to Award Building Contract: *R. Knabel motioned to award a building contract to Cape Building Systems for the Highway Building Project provided funding is approved at town meeting and on the ballot. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Vote to Rescind Previous Vote to Open the Annual Town Meeting Warrant: Cindy asked why this vote was needed. Skipper said he thought the vote should be rescinded since the Community Preservation Committee (CPC) did not put an article on the warrant, he noted that the process to allow the article required a vote to reopen the warrant, so he thought a vote should be taken to undo that action. Cindy said, and Richard agreed, that the vote was to allow a placeholder; and that a new vote was not needed simply because the placeholder wasn't used.

Playground Petition Article Amendment: Jen said the CPC had voted to fund the playground, but for \$145k. They will offer an amendment at town meeting. Skipper asked if the amendment would require funding from the other towns, he didn't think it fair for only West Tisbury to pay. Jen said she didn't think so but could check. Cindy said the article could be further amended on the floor if need be.

Selectmen Warrant Articles: The Board discussed each of their articles and who would present them at town meeting. Regarding the petition article, Skipper suggested that there be a date set prior to town meeting for an election should they need one for an override amendment. Jen will work with the Town Clerk to set a date. Jen then raised the question of the warrant article proposing an earlier closing date for the annual town meeting warrant. She noted that there were potential complications with an earlier date, which included the chance that a special town meeting would need to be held prior to the annual to accommodate those things that had not made the deadline. Cindy said she did not see the benefit of changing the date. Skipper said he would rather move the date of town meeting to a later date versus trying to get all articles finalized in the weeks between Thanksgiving and New Year's. Cindy said the Board should let the Finance Committee know they do not support the article.