

Approved 3/30/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Cindy Mitchell, Richard Knabel, Jennifer Rand

Also Present: Bruce Stone, Richard Olsen, Joan Ames, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 1/27/16. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Highway Building Committee Update: Richie Olsen gave an update on the project. He said there had only been one bidder, Cape Building Systems, and the Committee was recommending the Board enter into a contract with them. Richard said they had been great to work with during the construction of the MVTV building. He said that the contractor understands the work is contingent on a town meeting vote; the expectation is for project completion by June 2017. He noted the Committee plans to apply for an energy grant and also hoped to take advantage of the town's solar project. Jen said she was not sure there was excess capacity with that project, but there may be other opportunities to purchase power from another town's project at a reduced rate. Richie told the board that the Committee had applied to the Zoning Board for setback relief, the location of the septic does not allow the building to be moved fully outside the 50' setback, there are encroaching by 5' and 3'. There will be a public forum on March 24 at the Public Safety Building at 5:30.

MS "Ride the Vineyard": *R. Knabel motioned to approve the event for April 30, 2016. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Election Warrant: *R. Knabel motioned to sign the warrant for the primary. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Meeting Warrant: Jen went through the warrant with the Board noting articles that had raised questions. Article #6 will need to have an amendment that says "and other related services" in case the facilities consultant needs to pay for any other services. Richard noted that Article #16 will need further information for the voters. Jen said she has that and will make sure the Board has it. Article #19 will need to have the amount amended down on the floor as the final amount was submitted after the end date for articles. The Board then discussed the need for a petition article amendment to make the funding subject to an override if the CPC committee does not offer an amendment to fund the playground from CPC money or if that amendment fails.

Bruce noted that with new growth it is possible the town will remain under the 2 ½ limit, but it will be very close. He said he worked into his assumption that the town will use almost all of the free cash in order for this to be true. Cindy said she expected to see a need for an override, Bruce said the change to borrowing for the roof and highway truck helped with that.

Bruce then gave the Board a revised school budget presentation as originally asked for by Skipper. The Board approved the concept, Cindy asked him to further revise it to tie all the numbers back to a total bottom line and send it out for them to see again.