

Approved 3/2/16
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 3, 2016 4:30 p.m. – 5:34 p.m.

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

Also Present: Richard Olsen, Pam Thors, Steve Bernier, Edie Prescott, Heather Hamacek

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 1/20/16. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Solar Canopies at Cronig's Market: Steve Bernier, owner of Cronigs attended the meeting to hear the concerns of the Selectmen about the project. Skipper said that he would have attended the Zoning Board hearing, but the Board did not received proper notice. He said in his opinion the project was going to look like hell, and was not in keeping with the rural nature of the town. Richard said he was in favor of solar energy, he asked if the canopies would look like the ones at the Cronigs in Tisbury. Steve said yes, but he will also have roof arrays in West Tisbury. He noted that the canopies have become quite popular in Tisbury, especially on very hot or rainy days. He added that the canopies he uses have been modified to remove some of the underside of the piece to make it look less like a gas station. Richard asked if Steve would be willing to reduce the size of the canopies, he noted that he commended Steve on his stewardship and forward thinking approach. Steve said he didn't know how that would work, the canopy covers the whole parking island, so it would be difficult to have it cover less. He also said they had looked at using the side parking area, but it was not feasible due to the way the sun travels. Richard said he felt the aesthetic impact was great up-island. Stave said from an environmental standpoint you could argue he wasn't doing enough. Cindy said she fell on the opposite end of the spectrum from her colleagues and thought the value of the energy and the example that it set along with Steve's clear attention to aesthetics at his properties made this an excellent project. She noted the opinions that had been expressed were personal opinions and not a vote of the Board. Steve added that he was giving the two red maples to George Brush to plant on the lot next door so they won't be cut down; he said he would look at what could be done with planting to improve the appearance.

Road Salt: Richard K asked what the mix was that was used on the roads and why we didn't use magnesium or calcium. Richie O said 25% rock salt. He said the other products cost about 2x as much, and the salt was purchased by a consortium of towns. Richard asked if the town could switch to one of the other products. Richie said yes, but not only would the product cost more, he would need new equipment and a storage tank. The Board asked him to look into the cost for the materials and equipment understanding that realistically this would not all come together until at least the 2017-2018 plowing season.

Lease Lots at the Landfill: Jen said she had gone out to bid 6 months prior to the end of the lease as required, she only had one bid for each lot, and it was the current lease holder for each. She said the Board will not actually sign the new leases until closer to their expiration in June.

S. Manter motioned to award the lease of Lot 1 to Richard T. Olsen & Sons and Lot 2 to Geoff Gibson of Gibson Landscaping. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Warrant – Vote to Reopen for Community Preservation Committee (CPC: Cindy said that the Capital Improvements Committee has discussed the school playground project at their last

meeting at the request of the Principal. She said the focus of discussion was the fact that there are available CPC funds and the School should pursue those, even if they have to ask the CPC to re-open their project review process. She noted that there was a pressing time issue because the school wanted to begin work this summer. Richard noted this would only allow two weeks to finalize everything. Cindy said the CPC would have to consider that the School would not have time to get support island-wide, so they would have to vote absent that. Skipper asked if the Board could vote to reopen the warrant when there is a town bylaw that states when it closes. Jenn said she had spoken to Counsel and his opinion, based on conversations with the Attorney General's office was that the Board did have the right to do so. He said even though it was legal he did not think they should open and close it without giving others the opportunity to add articles. He suggested holding a Special Town Meeting before the Annual instead. He said then if the School decides they need to borrow that could be on the warrant as well. Jen said that could potentially leave the warrant open for an unknown length of time. Skipper said they Board could vote to close it the day after the next School Committee meeting.

R. Knabel motioned to re-open the warrant to accept a placeholder from the CPC for an article about the school playground. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & CM in favor, SM opposed.