

Approved 11/28/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 07, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:44 pm

Present: Selectmen Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy, Skipper Manter, Jen Rand

Also Present: Matt Mincone, Tony Cordray, Michael Goldsmith, Cathlyn Baker, Holly Pretsky

Executive Session: Skipper asked what the detrimental effect would be if the discussion took place in open session. Michael said the session was to allow the Board to receive confidential advice from their Attorney regarding a legal appeal. He said he was looking to hear how the Board wished him to proceed in the Cooperrider case.

K. Healy motioned to go into Executive Session and return to regular session for the purpose of discussing litigation strategy because an open meeting will have a detrimental effect on the town's litigation position. S. Manter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was CM & KH in favor SM opposed.

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/24/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Congregational Church - Well Hook –up to Town Well: Jen explained that in 2012 the church had asked the Board if they would consider allowing them to tie into the town well. At that time the Board said they would entertain the idea, but there was clearly a lot of work left to do to determine if it was even possible. Skipper asked if the Town owned the well. Kent noted that the church has an existing water supply, which is working he said the more limiting factor was water disposal. He said the Town well is on the Grange property, and the Trust would need to be consulted. He noted the expense of getting the water from the well all the way to the church. Additionally the State would need to issue permits. He said it would be less expensive to improve the existing well. The Board by consensus said they were okay with the continued exploration of the possible tie-in.

Highway Department – Request for Additional Staff: Richie said he would like to add a third person to his staff. He noted that the demands from outside the highway department have grown and have caused some of the ongoing highway maintenance like roadside trimming to fall behind. Cindy said it sounded like the crew was doing work that was outside the department's responsibility. Jen said they acted much like a Department of Public Works as there was no one in town to fill that gap. Richie noted that with another person they could also take over mowing the town properties, excluding the cemetery. Skipper said that should be contracted out. Kent asked about having a part time person for the summer. Jen said she would argue in favor of the Highway Department evolving to become Public Works. Cindy said she wasn't sure another full time person was the right approach. Jen will work with Richie to look at various options.

Red Pony Farm Acknowledgement of Waiver Not Required: Jen explained that the farm had a preservation restriction on it that if the use were to change at the point of sale would give the Town the right of first refusal on the property. The property has been sold, but the use will not change so the Board was being asked to sign a letter acknowledging the fact the right of first refusal had not been triggered.

S. Manter motioned to sign the acknowledgement. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

WT Police Update: Chief Mincone told the Board that the new thickly settled speed signs had been put up where needed. He also told them the interview process was complete for the open position and he planned to request an appointment next week.

Community Preservation Committee (CPC) Application: *S. Manter motioned to authorize Cindy to edit the CPC application as needed during the public hearing. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*