

**Approved 10/3/18**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 19, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:20 pm**

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

**Also Present:** Doug Ruskin, Joe Tierney, Holly Pretsky, Rich Saltzberg

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 8/29/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Building Inspector Fee Increase:** Joe said the Inspectors (gas, plumbing & electric) had not had a pay increase for three years. He was proposing a change from \$60 to \$65. He said that would put West Tisbury roughly in the middle of what other towns pay. Skipper said he was not in favor of a cost increase for the permit itself, Joe noted that was not proposed. Jen noted that the fee per inspection would go up to account for the fee charged by our software. Doug said that he was representing the point of view of the Finance Committee in requesting that all fees be raised until the Building Department is self-funding. Kent said the work in that department is a service to taxpayers and he wasn't sure any fees should be charged. Skipper concurred with this. Cindy noted that was not in front of the Board at the moment.

*S. Manter motioned to increase inspection fees and pay by \$5.00 effective 10/1/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Lease Vehicle Buyout:** Jen told the Board that some decision would need to be made about the lease vehicles at the next town meeting. She said the leases would run out about a month prior to the 2020 town meeting. The cost per vehicle for buy-out was about \$9,400. If returned, the cost would be \$.15/mile over 12,000 miles. On top of that will be the cost of repair to the vehicle that was recently damaged. The Board asked Jen to have that vehicle fixed regardless of the cost because it did not represent the town well to have the damage remain. Kent asked what the cost was for the vehicles versus what we used to pay for mileage. Jen said she knew the reimbursement costs were less, but noted that the Board decided to move forward because of the liability to the staff when using their own vehicles for work. She said that if there is an accident the staff's insurance was in play, not the town's, Skipper said this was the reason he supported the cars. Jen will research the rough annual cost of the vehicles. She noted that the Inspectors thought it would be useful to turn back one of the cars and purchase a 4 wheel drive for winter access down the dirt roads.

**Emails as Public Records:** Jen said that in answer to the questions raised a previous meeting she had spoken to the attorney in the public records office who confirmed that any email sent regarding town business, even if sent from a private email address or personal computer was a public record. She said she was working with Bruce Stone to gather information about buying more email addresses for all committee members. Cindy suggested Jen create policies and procedures for town emails for all board members and staff.

**7 Gates re: Access for Water Testing:** The Board read a letter from Ellen Guiney of 7 Gates Farm withdrawing permission to access Crocker's Pond for water testing now that the watershed study is complete. Jen was asked to send a letter of thanks.