

Approved 10/10/18
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, September 26, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:44 pm

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

Also Present: Margaret Song, Jeremiah Brown, Prudy Burt, Holly Pretsky, Rich Saltzberg

The Board had a moment of silence to mark the death of Officer Gouldrup.

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 9/5/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Cape Light Compact (CLC)-3 Year Energy Efficiency Plan: Margaret Song of the CLC presented to the Board the proposed 3 Year plan (attached to these minutes). She said they were looking for comments prior to the final submittal of the plan. Margaret highlighted a proposed program offering strategic electrification. 700 non-gas heated participants would be offered a chance to convert to cold climate heat pumps; additional incentives would be available to income eligible participants. She also noted that there were funds available for electric vehicle chargers that would pay for all the costs associated with installation, and there may be grant funds to purchase the chargers. Jen said she would speak to Beth Kramer to gauge interest for one at the library. Kent asked who paid for these programs. Margaret said the electric users do through charges on their bill.

Kudzu Vine in West Tisbury: Jeremiah Brown, Tree Warden, said that kudzu had been found on a property on Pin Oak Circle and the town property that abuts it. He suggested that the bulk of it, roughly 75% was not on town property so he was asking if he could suggest cost sharing with the homeowners using some percentage. Skipper said it would be more appropriate to have the costs be assigned directly to the land owner, and the company chosen bill each (the Town and the homeowner) directly. Richard Saltzberg said the town should get someone with a backhoe to dig up the roots. The Board agreed to send a letter to the homeowner asking that they agree to work with the Town to eradicate the Kudzu. Skipper asked how we would pay for the work Jen said we should wait and see the cost before determining the need for a reserve fund transfer.

Mill Brook Watershed Study Next Steps: Cindy said that the final presentation forum of the study discussed the next steps, at that time Bea Phear had suggested that Community Preservation Committee (CPC) funding might be used to carry out the recommendations from the report. Carl Nielsen, project consultant, had indicated that similar projects had received CPC funding in other towns. Cindy said she had completed an application for eligibility, and if the Board approved that submittal it would then need to work towards choosing and defining a project in the next few weeks to meet final submittal deadlines. She said she had chosen the request for \$30,000 somewhat arbitrarily. Prudy said the Conservation Commission had discussed the next steps and were willing to oversee the projects as they move forward. Cindy suggested that Bill Wilcox, Tim Boland and Kristen Fauteaux be asked to attend the priority setting meeting and perhaps assist with the projects.

S. Manter motioned to submit the CPC application for eligibility for the Mill Brook Watershed project. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.