

Approved 8/7/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, July 24, 2019 4:30 p.m. –5:20 pm

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

Also Present: June Manning, Richard Townes, Susannah Sturgis, Eva Raposa-Bricoli, Signe Benjamin, Renee Morell

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 7/3/19 with an addition. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Bollin Refinance: *K. Healy motioned to sign the amended affordable housing covenants for the Bollin refinance. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Event Permit – Vineyard Conservation Society (VCS): Signe said they were asking for an event permit and a 1 day beer & wine permit for 8/6/19 at 629 Old County Rd. She said she expected 60-70 people. Skipper said he was concerned that this was a commercial event in a residential neighborhood.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the permits. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed.

In further conversation it became clear that the event did not require the 1 day beer & wine permit because it was a free event.

C. Mitchell motioned to rescind the 1 day beer & wine permit. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Ms Foundation Event Permit and 1 Day Beer & Wine: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the permits for 8/13/19 from 5:30-7:00 at the Grange. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed because he was concerned that this was a commercial event in a residential neighborhood.*

Regional Emergency Communication Center (RECC) Agreement: Jen explained that this agreement was the result of work between all the Town Administrators. She said the work had been a great example of cooperation. She noted that the Sheriff had sent it to his lawyer after the town had sent it to Counsel and suggested some slight working changes, which didn't seem necessary, and then two larger changes that she did not add into the agreement. One of those changes, regarding the maintenance of the radios etc, the Sheriff had already been told would be taken up by the Advisory Committee when it was created and the other allowed the Sheriff to sue the town for non-payment. She noted that Tisbury had said they were going to have their counsel review it but she had not heard anything since. Edgartown voted the agreement two days prior to this meeting.

C. Mitchell motioned to sign the RECC Agreement. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Vineyard Haven Request re: Vineyard Transit (VTA) Appointments: The Board read a letter from Vineyard Haven asking that if a town has an appointment for one of the two seats that rotate on the VTA board and they do not wish to, or cannot fill one of those seat that they pass their appointment to the next town in the rotation. Cindy noted that “disabled commuter” was not appropriate language and it should be “commuter with disability”. Eva noted the language she took issue with was straight from the State enabling legislation. Skipper said perhaps locally it could be amended. Jen explained the last time she had seats to fill she was unable to even though she advertised repeatedly so this change would be fine with her.

C. Mitchell motioned to agree to the proposed change to VTA appointments. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Eva Raposa-Bricoli Re: VTA Appointee Behavior at Last Meeting: Eva said she was disappointed in the lack of respect shown by John Alley to June Manning at the last VTA meeting. She said it was not appropriate behavior for someone appointed by the Selectmen. Susannah agreed with that.