

Approved 1/23/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, January 2, 2019 4:30 p.m. – 5:39 pm

Present: Selectmen Cindy Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Jen Rand
Also Present: Bob Ogden, Pete Graczykowski, Doug Ruskin, Tony Cordray

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 12/12/18. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Skipper noted for his resolution he was going to be less nit-picky in 2019.

Sheriff's Office Proposal for Maintenance Funding for New Communication System: The Board reviewed the proposal from the Sheriff (*attached*) requesting the towns each contribute funding to pay for maintenance on a new communication system. Skipper asked if the other, non-municipal, agencies were participating in the cost. Sheriff Ogden said no, they are state funded and will not pay into the maintenance. Peter said that the slide showing 67 "agencies" is somewhat misleading because it includes each town department that uses the system as a different agency. Skipper asked where the money will go and how it would be spent. Peter said the money will all be put into an enterprise fund and spent only on system maintenance. The Sheriff's office had, as requested last year, worked to get grants both to cover their unfunded personnel costs and the purchase of the communication system so this would be used only for its intended purpose. There will be a financial advisory committee set up with representatives from the towns to oversee the account. He noted that some towns have indicated they wanted weighted votes determined by financial contribution. Skipper said he would not be in support of that, he would only support an equal vote from each town. The Sheriff noted that the State, when issuing the grant, said they would not pay for any maintenance of the system. He said the in-house technician would be trained to maintain the Motorola system. The towns would be asked to pay roughly the same amount for the first 5 years, and then the expectation was that the cost might go down some. The Enterprise Fund would roll over from year to year, so if money was unspent the following year the request may be lowered. Cindy noted the funding projection was five years, she asked what the life of the system was. Peter said 20 years. The Sheriff had provided a few different funding formulas to be split between the towns. Jen said she had asked the sheriff to provide another alternative that was a 6-way split of 50% of the request and 50% based on call volume. She said her thought was that the system needs to be maintained no matter if a town gets 1 call or 100, but where there is strain on the system based on calls that needed to be factored as well. Skipper said conceptually he agreed with this approach. Skipper asked how to move the funding forward. Jen suggested that the All-Island Selectmen could perhaps meet with this as their only discussion item. Cindy said that seemed unwieldy and asked Jen to pull together a conversation between the town administrators to come to a consensus.

S. Manter motioned to put an article on the town meeting warrant with an amount reflective of the proposed modified "50/50" formula provided Aquinnah pays its 1/6th share of the fixed cost. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Shellfish Position: Jen asked the Board what they had in mind for hours for the new position. She had an email from John Hoy estimating that he had spent about 3-4 hours a week but he felt the job would require more than that as he was only doing the bare minimum as a volunteer with

the help of his son. The Board thought that 10 hours per week would be adequate with the understanding that there might be an ebb and flow to the hours.

S. Manter motioned to budget for 10 hours/week for the new Shellfish Position. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Cooperrider Dog Order: Tony said that Mr. Cooperrider, after losing his appeal in court, requested that the Board revisit and sign the mediated agreement that would allow him to try an electric fence first. Skipper said he was not in favor of that. He wanted to stand by the original order. Tony agreed with Skipper saying he did not have a lot of confidence in the electric fences.

S. Manter motioned to uphold the Selectmen's original dog order. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Fire Chief Job Description: Kent said he was concerned that the physical requirements are too high. Jen said they are drawn from State Law. Skipper wanted the requirements to add non-smoker. He then asked if the job should be under contract. Jen will look into what other towns do.

S. Manter motioned to approve the job description as amended.. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.