

Approved 2/5/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, January 22, 2020 4:30 p.m. –5:50 pm

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand
Also Present: Sue Hruby, Richard Andre, Pat & Joanie Jenkinson, Patrick Jenkinson, Helena Kirschenbaum, Kristina West, Brad Mendenhall, Lisa Strachan, Nicola Blake, Hunter Moorman, R. Saltzberg, Will Sennott

Public Hearing Storage of Fuel – Up-Island Auto: Skipper read the public hearing notice. Patrick said he was removing 2 6,000 gallon tanks and installing one 20,000 gallon tank. He said there would be a new pump added for diesel over by the flag pole. Skipper read a letter of support from Nancy Dole, who is a direct abutter to the property. With no further input Skipper closed the public hearing.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the request. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 12/18/19 & 1/8/20. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor on 12/18/19 and SM abstained from 1/8/20.*

Renewable Resolution for Town Warrant: Sue said the Energy Committee has spoken with other towns, all except Oak Bluffs have agreed to place an article on their warrant to outline long term goals to reduce dependency on oil. The Island Climate Action Network is working with the MV Commission to track energy consumption on the island. She said the town's energy consumption has dropped 23% since the committee began their projects to conserve energy.

C. Mitchell motioned to enthusiastically endorse this resolution. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station at Library: Sue noted that the Board had discussed and rejected the idea of charging stations at the library if the public would be charged to use them. She said the Energy Committee was hoping the Board would reconsider this in keeping with the goal to increase the use of electric vehicles. She said a Level II charger will do about ½ a full recharge. She said Edgartown and Tisbury were planning to charge \$.20/KWH. She said the chargers will cost upwards of \$8,500 each and they want two. Jen noted that there is constant use of the town hall charger all summer, and she was certain they would get plenty of use at the library even with a cost. Skipper asked who did the bookkeeping for the chargers. Richard said the company, Charge Point, provided that service.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve EV chargers at the Library. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

MV Agricultural Society (MVAS) Events for 2020: Jen told the Board that the Agricultural Preservation Restriction (APR) holders, the Building Inspector, Town Counsel and she had met to review the list. The APR holders had agreed that the list was reasonable, and had asked the MVAS to consider changes to parking to limit impact on the neighbors on Panhandle Rd. Kent asked how much it cost to hold a wedding at the Hall. Kristina said \$20,000. She noted that the Society was looking for ways to have that cost be less for those that can't afford it. Skipper said he didn't think the level of activity was appropriate, he said the Artisan's Festival was commercial, which is not allowed by zoning. He added that there was a continuous expansion of the use of the property. Cindy said all of this was happening in 1998 when the Woods were there to negotiate the agreed upon uses for the site. Jen noted that the reason this review process was setup was to assure that the holders of the APR felt the activities were in keeping with the agreement and they do feel that is true. Skipper said that the horse shows use a public address system which is loud. Kristina noted that the MVAS has held meetings with the abutters to address any concerns they have. Hunter said as an abutter he felt the process was working well. Cindy noted the Board has not received significant criticism about the MVAS events. Lisa said she has been exhibiting at the Artisan's Festival for years and noted that it provided many people a way to make a living. She noted that the parking fees have resulted in \$100,000 in scholarship money for island youth. Kent noted that the Board needed to depend on the APR holders for interpretation of the document.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the list of events of 2020 for the MVAS. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): *C. Mitchell motioned to join Edgartown in the CDBG program. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Shared Use Path Letter of Support: Jen said the Complete Streets Committee was asking for a letter of support for their grant application, the funds would be used to pay for the engineering and design of the path. Kent said a 10' wide path was not a good idea, it was too much pavement. Skipper said there would be too many tree cut down. Cindy said we need to support the grant application, last week when the project was presented the Committee was left with the impression they could move forward with it.

C. Mitchell motioned to send a letter of support. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & SM in favor, KH opposed.

Census Boundary Letter: *C. Mitchell motioned to sign the letter stating that the town has not changed its boundaries. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*