

**Approved 2/12/20**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 29, 2020 4:30 p.m. –5:15 pm**

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

**Also Present:** John Alley, Lauren Thomas, Lucas Thors, Will Sennott

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 1/15/20. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Town Meeting Warrant:** Jen asked the Board if they wished to add language on the Vineyard Transit Authority (VTA) that states “provided all six towns vote in the affirmative”. Skipper asked what would happen if some towns vote no. Lauren said she wasn’t sure but the schedule would be adjusted to assure West Tisbury was being served. Cindy said she wanted to get a more clear answer to that question, so the article will go on the warrant and language will be clarified in the next two weeks. Kent said he would be in favor of the article and would hope it showed a benefit to West Tisbury. Lauren noted it would change the weighted votes on the Board. The VTA will provide further answers to the service questions as soon as possible.

Jen asked if the warrant article for the town picnic should be changed and increased to cover the holiday party as well. Skipper said he didn’t feel comfortable asking taxpayers to pay for a private party. Cindy asked what the difference was between that party and the town picnic. Skipper said the picnic is a recreational event the holiday party has been paid for by the Selectmen for a long time. Cindy said she didn’t see a distinction.

Skipper asked if the Marijuana Tax could be a ballot question instead of a warrant article. He said he thought people might be more comfortable voting in the ballot box. Jen noted the short term rental tax was a warrant article in 2019. She will investigate the options for next week.

Skipper said he thought the TriTown building in Chilmark should be an article put before the voters at town meeting. Cindy said that TriTown and Chilmark have a plan based on a meeting with all the towns indicating that they were going to participate. She asked if this had been discussed at the building committee. Skipper said no. Jen was asked to put a place holder on the warrant for further discussion.

Jen was asked to increase the Howes House Feasibility Study from \$10k to \$20k to assure there were enough funds to get the work done.

*Respectfully submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator*