

Approved 1/22/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, January 8, 2020 4:30 p.m. –5:20 pm

Present: Selectmen Kent Healy, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand

Also Present: Bea Phear, Berta Geller, Bruce Stone, Prudy Burt, Will Senott, Rich Saltzburg

Minutes: *K. Healy motioned to approve the minutes of 12/11/19. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Change to Presentation of Health Services Budgets: Bruce said that there is an inconsistent approach to how budgets are presented to voters for social service programs. He noted that the Vineyard Health Care Access Program (VHCAP) and The MV Center for Living (C4L) are in the town budget, the other social service programs such as Healthy Aging and First Stop are warrant articles. He noted that other independent non-profits do not appear in the budget; instead they are funded through warrant articles. He said that the Financial Management Team had met and agreed that these two budgets also appear as warrant articles in keeping with the practice for the others. Cindy noted that VHCAP is actually a County Program, as is Dukes County Social Services (DCSS), which appears as a warrant article. She suggested perhaps all independent programs that are run by non-profits be placed as warrant articles, and the two County programs (VHCAP and DCSS) be put in the budget.

K. Healy motioned to put the DCSS budget request in the town budget, and put the C4L budget on the town meeting warrant. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Domain Name “.GOV”: Bruce explained that in order for the town to maintain a .GOV domain the federal government must approve. This year the town has been asked to send a letter verifying information signed by the Chair of the Selectmen.

K. Healy motioned to authorize the Chair to sign the letter to uphold the .GOV domain. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Shared Use Path: Bea said that the CPC had a request from the Complete Street Committee for engineering funds for a shared use path along Old County Rd. She said that case law has shown that the land must be designated recreational in order to be eligible for funding. Berta said that the path will run from Scotchman’s to State Road, crossing the road at one point. Bea said the CPC was supportive in concept of the idea, so she thought if this could be accomplished they would vote to fund the request. Jen said that she was asking permission to speak to Counsel to determine what steps the town needs to take to make this designation. Kent asked what the path would look like. Berta

said it would be 10' wide, and paved. Kent said he was not generally in favor of more pavement. The Board agreed to authorize Jen to send this to Counsel.

Animal Control Officer Appointments: *K. Healy motioned to appoint Anthony Cordray to the position of Animal Control Officer (ACO), and Kathleen Hoffman and Kimberly Andrade to the position of Assistant ACO all for a one year term. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

North Tisbury Tree: Jen reported that the tree near the North Tisbury Farm Market was slated for removal in the next two weeks.

Signs in Town Center: Prudy Burt said she had some suggestions for the sign clutter she perceived in town center. The first was to relocate the crosswalk sign that was placed after the crosswalk, not at the spot. The next was to remove the blue generic library sign and remove or relocate the public bathroom sign. Cindy said she agreed with moving the crosswalk sign. Jen said she didn't think we needed to involve MA DOT, she would just get it done. Cindy then said she thought the blue generic library sign was universal for those that don't read or speak English so she thought it should stay and the restroom sign will remain but be moved down to match the height of the same sign at town hall.