

**Approved 10/31/18**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 17, 2018 4:30 p.m. – 5:38 pm**

**Present:** Selectmen Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy, Jen Rand

**Also Present:** Diane Powers, Kathy Logue, Joan Chavez, Hasty Runner, Hunter Moorman, Susan Kline, Kaitlyn Jones, Phyllis Meras, Suzanne Sturgis, Whit Griswold, Richard Saltzberg

**CPC Historic Preservation Restriction:** *K. Healy motioned to sign the CPC preservation restriction with the MV Agricultural Society. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Tax Work-Off Policy:** Kathy said the current policy was adopted in 2003. It was written with income limits and other numbers that are no longer valid. She outlined a series of suggested changes that would tie the policy to current indices versus hard figures, and would potentially open the program to non-income dependent individuals. She noted that Joyce Albertine, Director of the Council on Aging was not in favor of a policy that was not tied to an income qualification. The current policy is restricted to 6 people; she noted there have never been more than 2 people taking advantage in any one year. She added that the Principal Assessor, Dawn Barnes, was not in favor of expanding beyond 6 people as it would affect the overlay. Also suggested by Dawn was a limit of \$1,500 or not to exceed the total amount due, and the law may not allow the amount to go below 10% of what is due. Whatever the changes are, it will have to go back to town meeting for a vote to eliminate the outdated figures used. Kent asked what the positions were paid. Kathy said by law it was minimum wage. Kent asked who determined if an individual was qualified to do the job, Kathy said the Department Head. She added that the town did not need to create work for people; the program is only available when there is work to be done. Cindy asked what the income qualification process was. Kathy said it was 80% of HUD median income for Dukes County. This will go back on the agenda October 31.

**Election Warrant:** *K. Healy motioned to sign the November 6, 2018 election warrant. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Music Street Tree:** Phyllis said that Music Street was a scenic road, if anything were to happen to the tree it would require a public hearing, she said the Board should consider directing trucks around Panhandle instead, and putting a reflector on the limb that hangs into the road. Nancy said that the Historic District had oversight on trees over 30' that were slated for removal but she felt that cutting the limb would require a hearing with them also. She said she wanted a second opinion on whether the tree was actually dying or not. She added that the town should plant trees when they cut them down so there are new younger trees coming along. Hunter suggested perhaps signs to warn the truck drivers of the low limbs. He added the narrow road and tree encroachment acts a natural traffic calmer also. Cindy said the addition of signs would be a later conversation, she said she supported the idea of a tree planting campaign. Kent said he did not feel the tree was an immediate danger, he advocated continued monitoring. Diane asked if the Board considered re-routing trucks they consider adding busses to that list.

**Family Shellfish Season:** *K. Healy motioned to open the family oyster season on November 1, 2018 and close it on April 30, 2019. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*