

**Approved October 23, 2019**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 2, 2019 4:30 p.m. –5:59 pm**

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

**Also Present:** Matt Mincone, Kate Warner, Hunter Moorman, Geoff Rose, Rich Saltzberg, Luisa Hufstader

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 9/11/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Police Department Mutual Aid Agreement:** Matt said the Local Law Enforcement Council (LLEC) had updated their Mutual Aid Agreement to add protocols for the drug task force and the tactical response team. He said the LLEC was comprised of all island Chiefs, the Sheriff and the State Police Sergeant.

*\*\* Skipper recused himself from this discussion\*\**

*K. Healy motioned to authorize the Chief and the Town Administrator to sign the agreement. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Update:** Kate said she had participated in the MVP grant webinar. The grant has not yet been released but she had some ideas about what the Board should consider applying for. (*Presentation notes are attached to these minutes*) Regarding the proposal to put solar on each building with battery back-up in the event of a prolonged power outage Jen said there may be complications from the Town's contractual arrangements with the owner of the solar array at the landfill. Regarding the choice of battery back-up as a priority Cindy asked why that was the focus. Kate said that the Department of Conservation and Recreation was working with Edgartown on a different State grant to address fire concerns in the forest and the MVP grants cannot be coupled with other state grants. Regarding using the school as an unofficial shelter Skipper thought perhaps the grant could be used to upgrade the windows to make the building a more appropriate choice. Cindy said the first step would be to form a group of people to help with this project. The Board will discuss further next week.

**Animal Control Officer (ACO) Vacation Carry-over:** *K. Healy motioned to authorize the ACO to carry over 52.1 hours of vacation time. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Recreational Marijuana Host Agreement:** Skipper raised the issue that the agreement required Mr. Rose pay \$20,000 and 3% of gross sales when the town does not yet know its costs for such a business and added that perhaps the \$20,000 would be more than 3% of gross sales. Jen noted that the applicant had offered this to the town and further it was unlikely that \$20,000 would be more than 3%. Mr. Rose agreed. Skipper said he didn't think it was appropriate to have one business pay more than others. Cindy noted the language he was discussing was language that had already been discussed at length and approved for the medical marijuana host agreement the Board had signed. Skipper asked if the 3% could be negotiated down if the town showed less expenses than 3% warranted. Jen noted that, just like with the past host agreement there were expenses the town could justify funding such as the new position at the WT School to hire a teacher to teach the youngest grades about drug abuse. This certainly could be an area that could

be funded with this money. Kent and Skipper disagreed. Skipper said that the school was responsible for its own expenses and that teachers would deal with other things besides marijuana. Jen will ask if the agreement can be renegotiated before it expires in 5 years. A couple other small changes were proposed. Jen will send to Counsel and the Board will review again next week.

**Zoning Board Resignation:** *C. Mitchell motioned to accept Tony Higgins resignation with gratitude for his service. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*