

Approved 11/4/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
October 21, 2020 4:40 pm
Virtual meeting

Present: Selectmen Cynthia Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Jen Rand

Also Present: Alex Elvin, MVC, Meghan Gombos, Beckie Scotten-Finn, Grant Joiner, Adam Turner, Ben Robinson, Hunter Moorman, Ron Dagostino, Faren Worthington, John Rau, Kate Warner, Nicola Blake, Rebekah Thomas, Russ Hartenstein, Sue Hruby, Susanna Sturgis, Samantha Look, Theresa Manning, Rich Saltzberg, Louisa Hufsteder

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:42pm

Minutes: Skipper made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 30th and October 7th. Kent seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor.

New Business:

- **Climate Adaptation Report:**

Adam Turner from the MV Commission explained that for the last year the Commission has focused on climate change and the various iterations around that whether it's energy, mitigation or adaptation. They decided to come up with adaptation plans and strategies to work with all the towns and the tribe. The first phase was to develop a resource booklet and that is what they are there to present. He then introduced Meghan who did a PowerPoint presentation on Martha's Vineyard Climate Adaptation. After the presentation Hunter thanked the MVC for getting the ball rolling and the Selectman for hosting. He thinks it is a very important issue. Kate said the State Forest should be the big issue. She would like the info about fire safety and other resiliency planning ideas on the Home page of the town website. Jen explained that it's difficult to add more to the Homepage, but they would look into it.

- **Appointment of Beckie Scotten-Finn to Climate Advisory Committee:**

Beckie was introduced and they said she also works with the Island wide Climate Committee and works for the Tribe in the Natural Resources Department. Beckie said she has been working Island wide for a while and enjoys it. She figured it was time she did something for her town too.

*Skipper made a motion to appoint Beckie Scotten-Finn to the Climate Advisory Committee.
Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

- **Appointment of Anna Alley to the Council on Aging:**

Jen explained that there had been a vacancy for a while and with the Howes House feasibility study coming up it would be good to have a full board. Anna had volunteered to step up.

Skipper made a motion to appoint Anna Alley to the Council on Aging for a 3 year term. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

- **Youth Task Force Memorandum of Understanding:**

Theresa spoke about the Task Force. She explained that they had withdrawn their funding articles from the warrant for ATM in the spring and were applying for grants from the State. One of the State requirements was that they re-affirm their MOU with the local municipalities. She asked the Selectmen to sign on and said that it would not add any additional responsibility to them. They have also signed MOU's with the WTPD and the WT School and they were both very involved.

Skipper made a motion to sign the MOU with the Youth Task Force. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

- **Vote to Sign the November Election Warrant:**

Skipper made a motion to sign the November Election Warrant. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

- **Accept \$5000 Election Grant:**

Jen explained that Tara had applied for and received this grant from the Center for Tech and Civic Life to "plan and execute a safe and secure election".

Skipper made a motion to accept the grant. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

- **Feasibility Study Committee for Howes House:**

Cindy said that they should advertise and Kent suggested the BOS should invite people that they would like to see on the committee. Skip suggested they do both. It was agreed that it should be 5 members. Jen asked the board to send her their lists of who they'd like to ask and she will reach out.

Jen said that while they were discussing committee openings that the Personnel Board desperately needs members and that there is a list on the website of other boards and/or committees needing members. Cindy said that outreach would be good, tho challenging. Jen will also advertise again.

- **Eversource License Agreement:**

Jen explained that this was for a new pole that has been waiting for a while.

Skipper made a motion to sign the Eversource License Agreement. Kent seconded. Roll

Call: all in favor

Old Business:

Jen said she had gotten an email from a resident of Bog House Way off Lambert's Cove Road requesting more No Parking signage on LCR from Bog House Way to the beach parking lot. Skipper explained that there are some spaces further up from the beach and he is concerned about limiting parking too much for residents that are paying for beach access. John Rau from Parks & Rec. explained that they think that some of the people parking that far away may not be residents and are able to get on the beach because the lot attendants can't see that their cars don't have stickers. The other issue brought up in the letter is that people are accessing the beach from other points, specifically from Bog House Way as Google Maps are directing people that way. He asked if the BOS could perhaps send a letter to Google Maps to ask them to change their info. Jen said she has submitted a request online a couple of times. Skipper said he would be ok with Jen signing a letter on behalf of the BOS. John thinks that parking restrictions would help more to stop people accessing the beach from Bog House Way. Skipper suggested No Trespassing signs and calling the police to enforce them. Kent suggested signage on Bog House Way.

It was decided to take the issue under advisement and think more about it. Skipper offered in his role as Police Officer to speak with the letter writer about ways to stop the use of Bog House Way.

Correspondence:

- There was a letter of resignation from Caroline Flanders from the Library Board of Trustees. Jen said that they already have a letter of interest. Skipper said she had been good help on the board and they accepted the letter with thanks.

Scheduling:

Jen pointed out that Wednesday November 11th was Veterans Day and that November 25th was the day before Thanksgiving. She suggested they do not meet those weeks unless it is needed. She already has items for the week of the 4th and the 18th. The board agreed.

With no further business Skipper made the motion to adjourn. Kent second. Roll Call: all in favor.

Adjourned 5:47 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant