

Approved 11/13/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 30, 2019 4:30 p.m. –5:12 pm

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

Also Present: Jessica Elder, Linda Coutinho, Cody Coutinho, Angela Luckey, Jane Rossi, Bea Phear, Leah Smith, Amy Upton, Matt Merry, Richard Saltzberg, Louis Hofsteder

Eversource Public Hearing – 329 Lambert’s Cove Rd.: Skipper opened the public hearing and read the notice. Jessica said the request was for conduit and cable under Lambert’s Cove Rd. Skipper closed the public hearing as there was no public comment. He said that the Town requires that the Highway Superintendent be given no less than 48 hours’ notice of the work to be done, and has the right to shut down the work if there are problems. He also noted that was a dangerous corner to work on so the Police should be notified.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the request with the conditions noted. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 10/9/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Planning Board Associate Appointment: The Planning Board called their meeting to order and moved and seconded to appoint Amy Upton as an Associate.

C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Amy Upton to the Planning Board as an Associate for one year. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Mill Brook Advisory Committee Appointments: Cindy noted that she would like Kent to be a consultant to the committee, but he did not need to be on it unless he really wanted to be, he was fine with that. Angela introduced herself to the Board, said she was excited to work on the committee.

C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Selena Roman, Angela Luckey, Brian Beall, Prudy Burt, Cindy Mitchell, Time Boland, Kristen Geagan, and Bill Wilcox to the Mill Brook Advisory Committee. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Indian Hill Road Acceptance: Jen said the town had completed a lay out of the road but had never taken a vote at town meeting to accept it as a town road. Cindy asked if it mattered after all these years. Jen said it would be good to get it cleaned up but if it didn’t happen that was probably okay. The Board authorized Jen to work with Counsel to figure out the complexity of finalizing the acceptance.

Event Permits – Wedding: Jen said she had two instances this year where the question of weddings and permits arose. One was from someone that wants to host weddings, the other from someone whose neighbor had two large weddings in fairly short order, which was disruptive. The Board felt that if the wedding was non-commercial (in other words, the venue was not rented to people) it did not need a permit. Skipper said he felt commercial weddings shouldn’t be allowed at all in non-commercial zones. Jen noted that incidental use would allow for such a thing. Jen

will talk to the Zoning Enforcement officer about the definition of incidental. Counsel may be contacted if needed.

Access to Counsel - Bottle Ban Enforcement: Jen said that the bill has raised a question about the meaning of the word distribution. She said she had a question from Island Source about whether they could deliver and order of bottled water from their business in Edgartown to someone in West Tisbury. She said a quick phone call to Counsel made it clear that it was open to interpretation and he would need to spend a little time to sort that out. Skipper said he thought it was clear the answer was no. Cindy disagreed and said she thought they could do it. Skipper said he thought the enforcing authority could make the decision.

C. Mitchell motioned to allow access to counsel. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & KH opposed, CM in favor.