

**Approved 12/4/19**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 13, 2019 4:30 p.m. –5:28 pm**

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

**Also Present:** Dawn Barnes, Lawrence Clancy, Hunter Moorman, Brian Dowd, Louis Hofsteder

**Tax Rate Public Hearing:** Skipper opened the public hearing. Dawn reviewed her handout showing the various options available to the Board (*attached as part of these minutes*). With no questions Skipper closed the public hearing. Skipper said he continued to believe that there should be no difference in the taxes paid by our seasonal residents, he noted they use fewer services and are good neighbors. The Board agreed.

*C. Mitchell motioned to close the public hearing. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*C. Mitchell motioned to apply the maximum residential factor of 1.0 for the commercial shift. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*C. Mitchell motioned to not apply a residential exemption. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*C. Mitchell motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to sign documents for the tax rate online on behalf of the Board. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 10/30/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Fire Chief Job Description:** Jen explained that the Chief had asked about removing the requirement for a hydraulics license, she said in her research it was not a State requirement and where the town doesn't have a ladder truck was probably not needed.

*C. Mitchell motioned to approve the amendment to the Fire Chief's job description to remove the hydraulics requirement. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Municipal Vulnerability (MVP) Committee Appointment:** *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Robert Hauck MVP Committee. . K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Appointment:** *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Susan Silk to the AHC Committee. . K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Process for Reviewing Events at the Agricultural Hall:** Skipper said before the small group began to review the events at the Ag. Hall he wanted to note his concerns with the intensity of use, he felt there were more events than should be allowed, he felt that cars should not use the grass field for parking except for the fair and he thought that there should not be events in

subsequent weekends as the Trustees had said they would do years ago. He said he thought all events should end amplification at nine. He thought the group should not start with the prior year's events, but rather start with a blank sheet of paper and work from that to determine what was appropriate. Hunter said Brian at the Ag. Society had set up a committee of abutters to work with the neighbors; he noted that the Conservation Commission had asked him to be the liaison between the MVAS, the neighbors and them. So far he thought it was working well. He also thought the regulations should not be punitive. He said he thought the APR holders were doing a good job reviewing what was happening at the MVAS.

**Public Hearing - Propane Storage of 3,000 Gallons:** Skipper recused himself and sat in the audience in order to participate on his own behalf as an abutter. Cindy opened the public hearing. Jen explained that State law required the Board of Selectmen take action on new storage of propane over 2,000 gallons. She said this request was for 2 1,500 gallon tanks. Kent asked why the applicant needed 3,000 gallons. Lawrence said to run the generators in a power failure; this should power the home for a week. Kent asked how deep they would be buried, Lawrence said 4-5 feet. Skipper spoke in favor of the request.

*K. Healy motioned to close the public hearing. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*K. Healy motioned to approve the request for 3,000 gallons of propane storage in 2 1,500 gallon tanks. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*