

*Approved 12/9/20*  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**December 2, 2020 4:30 pm**  
**\*Virtual meeting\***

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

**Also present for part or all of the meeting:** Tony Cordray ACO, Margie Meltzer, Tim Ruzzo, Jim Bishop, Philippe Jordi, James Klingensmith, John Christensen, Greg Orcutt, Louisa Hufstader, Rich Saltzberg, Janice Haynes

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

**Public Hearing – Sullivan Dangerous Dog Hearing:**

Cindy swore in the participants, Tony, Margie, Jim and Tim. Skipper recused himself as his sister is involved with one of the party involved.

Tony read the report written by his assistant Kathleen Hoffman to summarize the event. Margie said that she lives next door to Ms. Sullivan and Mr. Bishop and that the dog has bothered her for years. She comes into her yard, and comes off of the Sullivan's property when she is out on the road walking her dog. She said she had felt frightened and has heard them calling the dog many times as the dog is never restrained. She finally had to start making official complaints with the ACO. Mr. Ruzzo, father of the child who got bitten, says that his kids ride their bikes on the road and do not feel safe going by that yard. He feels that this has been coming for years. Jim Bishop, husband of Martha Sullivan who is listed as the dog's owner, apologized for the bite and said he has already purchased fencing which he will be picking up this week and building an enclosure. Tony read the list of requirements and added that he also wants the owners to try to obtain \$100,000 in insurance and have the dog identified as a dangerous dog in the Vet's records. He said the dog also must wear a collar or vest that identifies her as dangerous. Jim defended the dog, but said that he would comply with of Tony's requirements, including getting a muzzle for when she is on leash off property. He said he did not want to have the dog wear a vest.

*Kent made a motion to close the Public Hearing. Cindy seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

Tony then asked that the Selectmen vote to deem the dog Stella as a Dangerous Dog. He also recommended they set a time limit of 1 week to comply with all of the requirements. And Mr. Bishop must call Tony to inspect the enclosure when it is completed.

*Kent made a motion to deem the dog Stella as a Dangerous Dog and the conditions agreed upon be completed within one week, being December 9, 2020. Cindy seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

Skipper then returned to the meeting.

**Minutes:**

*Skipper made a motion to approve the minutes of November 18<sup>th</sup> with no changes. Kent Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor.*

**New Business:**

- **Housing Choice Grant:**

Philippe Gordi IHT, This is for housing projects on public owned land and the Old Courthouse Rd property falls into that category. They'd like to apply for 2 rental properties. The grant is for a maximum of \$100,000. IHT has fill out application, the deadline is next week and will require a signature from the Town Administrator. The money would come from the State to the Town and then be payed to IHT for project costs. Philippe is asking for the Board to approve the application and authorize Jen to sign for them.

*Skipper made a motion to approve the application and authorize Jen to sign for them. Kent Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor.*

- **Plante Refinance:**

Jen explained that the Town holds a \$1 subordination to the bank on all of the Town sponsored affordable houses. This offers some assurance that a house will not be refinanced in a way that causes the house to lose its affordability.

*Skipper made a motion to approve the refinancing. Kent Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor.*

- **Beer and Wine Renewals for State Road and Plane View Restaurants:**

Jen said that this is an annual vote and it can be signed and submitted electronically now.

*Skipper made a motion to approve the beer and wine licenses for both restaurants. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

- **Vote to Support the BOH revised Construction Guidelines:**

Jen said that the BOH had voted last week and this was just an endorsement. The guidelines were already in place. Kent asked who the author was and the effective date. Jen said effective immediately (after all the towns had had their votes) and that there were many authors as it was a collaboration amongst all of the towns excepting Aquinnah. Skipper said

he had attended the BOH meeting and he felt that they had done a very good job of deliberating and creating the guidelines.

*Skipper made a motion to endorse the BOH revised Construction Guidelines. Kent seconded.  
Roll Call: all in favor*

- **Shellfish Season:**

Kent was at the Shellfish Advisory Committee meeting and synopsisized the minutes. He said they voted to open the recreational and commercial season effective immediately after the BOS votes, so tomorrow. Skipper asked about limits and closing date. Kent and Greg said that the recreational season would be ½ bushel once a week and commercial was 800 pieces over 2 days per week, roughly 2 bushels. They don't really expect there to be much interest in a commercial season. As for closing, they had not voted a specific date but Greg pointed out that 'oysters socialize and make little oysters during the months that don't end in R', so probably ending by the end of April.

*Skipper made a motion to approve the opening of the shellfish season. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

Skipper said he would like more information about the choice of 800 pieces and their enforcement plans. Greg will forward his question to the chair of the committee.

**Old Business/ Topics not anticipated:**

Skipper asked if the board felt that they needed to address the cluster of Covid cases that happened at the Lambert's Cove Inn. As the Town holds their license he wondered if they need to follow up with the owners and find out if they did all they could. Cindy asked Jen to speak with Omar (BOH) about possible violations and report back next week.

Skipper also brought up the Holiday party that has been cancelled. He wondered if it would be possible to do a short, simple, Zoom Holiday gathering and give town's people a chance to catch up and wish each other well. After discussion of a good time it was decided that Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm would work. Jen will look into it and report back.

**Correspondence:**

- Letter from Rebekah Thomson re: MVRHS use of E & D Funds: she is asking if the funds voted at ATM were spent as they were meant to be? She would like the BOS to take a stand and look further into it. Skipper said he is WT rep to the school committee and on paper it looks as if there may be some questions. He will bring it to the school committee to address and have it put on their agenda. Cindy agreed that that would be a good follow up.

- Municipal Road Safety Grant: A letter from Matt Mincone reporting that he had applied for a grant for \$9 -11 thousand for winter safe driving training.
- Jen said that she had gotten a call this afternoon from James Lengel at the MV Landbank telling them that they had purchased the Peltz property which is to the left of Lambert's Cove Beach. It will eventually be public property, but probably not this summer.

**Public Comment:** Rich Saltzberg asked about the water testing in the Tisbury Great pond in regards to shell fishing. Greg said that they had gotten a report from the state that the water was good, and that was why they were able to open the season.

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

Adjourned 5:23 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant*