

**Approved 12/18/19**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 4, 2019 4:30 p.m. –5:17 pm**

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

**Also Present:** Margret Gallagher, Geoff Rose, Angie Grant, Susannah Sturgis

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 11/13/19 with amendments. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Medical Marijuana Host Agreement:** Skipper said the first year the community impact fee was \$5,000, which was intended to cover legal costs associated with the first host agreement. He asked if the Board felt there should be a similar fee this year (2019). Kent and Cindy said they felt it was reasonable. Skipper said he didn't think it was fair to treat one business differently. Cindy said it was allowed and reasonable and should be considered the cost of doing business. Skipper said Mr. Rose could make a donation if he saw fit.

*C. Mitchell motioned to charge Patient Centric a \$5,000 Community Impact Fee. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM in favor, KH & SM opposed. The motion failed.*

**Town Party:** Margaret asked the Board about the budget for party items, she noted that she would need to buy beer & wine, oysters and paper goods at least. The Board told her to keep her receipts and they would reimburse her. She noted there would not be a band this year; the Board was okay with that.

**Vineyard Transit Authority – Winter Service Cuts:** Skipper said he was concerned with the drop in service up island, not only the impact on the residents but its impact on the goal of getting more people out of their cars. Angie said that Route 3, which runs from Tisbury to WT has not changed much. There are no routes that go down North or Lambert's Cove Road however, as the ridership doesn't support it. She said there was more service overall than they had originally predicted, but it means that the "headways" are not smooth (in other words the schedule is not easily anticipated), which the State doesn't like, but it serves our ridership better. She noted that ridership has dropped roughly 15%. Some of that is due to the strike, some to bad weather on important weekends but some is due to national trends with the impact of Rideshare services. She said that there is still some Sunday service Down-Island, but the numbers can't support it Up-Island. Skipper said restoration of some of the lost service would be nice, he suggested she pull together a cost proposal to see if it would fly at the town level.

**Coalition to Restore Vineyard Transportation:** Susanna Sturgis said this group held a "Town Hall" in November and came up with some recommendations as follows: Restoration of all bus service, increased transparency and communication regarding schedule changes, more than 48 hours' notice of VTA meetings, MVTV recordings of those meetings, involve drivers in all service change conversations and add a driver to the Advisory Board. Skipper suggested that she ask to be added to an Advisory Board agenda to bring these ideas forward. He noted that some of them may have legislative or budgetary challenges.

*Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator*