

*Approved 12/16/20*  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**December 9, 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:** Donna Paulnock, Funi Burdick, Wilson Rickerson, Nicola Blake, Berta Geller, Rob Hannamen, Ernie Thomas, James Klingensmith, John Christensen, Angie Gompert, Jane Rossi, Sue Hruby, Susan Silk, Matt Mincone, Matt Gebo, Geoff Freeman, John Rau, Maria Marasco, Jeremiah Miller, Richard Andre, Kate Warner, Adair Douglas, Ariel Horowitz, Erik Peckar, Mike Jacobs, Kathy Logue, Mollie Doyle, Margaret Song, Tony Omer, Samantha Look, Susannah Sturgis, Garrison Vieira, Mike Wilson, Marc Rosenbaum, Ron Dagostino, Alicia Nicholson, Maia Coleman, Rich Saltzberg

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:30pm

**Minutes:**

*Skipper made a motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2020. Kent Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor.*

**New Business:**

**MV Commission Appointment:** Ernie gave the Board an update on activities at the Commission. He said he was elected Treasurer again. The Board thanked him for his dedication. *S. Manter made a motion to appoint Ernie Thomas to the MV Commission K. Healy seconded the motion. Roll call vote; all in favor.*

**MV Preservation Trust:** Funi Burdick, Director of the Trust said she has been looking at the buildings in town owned by the Trust, most specifically the Grange and the Music Street Library. She noted that the Library is quite small and has limited uses available due to its size and parking constraints. The Grange, she felt, might be more useful to the community if it were winterized, but before she began fundraising and planning for that she wanted to know if there were uses that the Town felt would be a benefit were it able to be used in the winter. Also, were there uses that the Town simply would not want to see. Skipper noted the constraints of zoning, and Kent noted the shared well as a possible constraint. Cindy suggested that Funi hold a public forum to elicit comments from those who are interested.

**Clear Energy Grant Project Update:** Wilson Rickerson of Converge Strategies gave a presentation (*attached as part of the minutes*). He noted that West Tisbury is a leader in sustainability noting various votes taken at town meeting and work already completed in town. The program is looking to build solar energy storage capacity and reduce the Town's reliance on fossil fuels. Wilson pointed out that part of the work they do is to find funding sources for these projects to keep the costs down for the town. Cindy asked about the timeline. Wilson said they will be wrapping up the work in the spring. Kathy asked about Capital costs, Wilson said it would be determined by other funding sources. He said they were talking with the Cape and Vineyard Electric Cooperative to perhaps join one of their project rounds. Richard Andre asked about creating micro-grids, he also noted his connection to Vineyard Power and the possibilities of creating relationships there. Wilson said micro-grids are expensive, complicated and time consuming generally. Marc Rosenbaum noted that the focus should first be on reducing the load needed, then on provided clean energy for the load. Kate the Town has done use assessment and made changes as a result, that work is ongoing. The Board thanks Wilson for his presentation.

**Request for Temporary Sign in the Old County Road Layout:** Jerimiah Miller said that Misty Meadows Equine Center was hoping to place a sign in the layout directly opposite Elias Lane for 15 days as a fundraiser. He said their more traditional fundraising methods have been curtailed due to the pandemic. The sign will be in the shape of a barn with information about how to text to donate. He will put holiday lights around it and on the split rail fence (they have permission from the owner of the fence). Skipper expressed concern with the lights until he understood they would be small holiday lights. Kent asked about zoning. Jen said the sign would meet zoning if the Selectmen approved it. Kent then asked about the Board's policy for allowing private organizations or people to use town property. The Board agreed there was no policy, and said for now, absent a flood of requests they would address it on a case by case basis. *Skipper made a motion to approve the sign request provided the Highway Supervisor was consulted for placement. Kent Seconded. Roll call vote; all in favor.*

**Lambert's Cove Beach Parking Lot - Complete Streets:** Jane said the CS Committee was working to redesign the parking lot to ease traffic flow and redo the bus stop to make it more user friendly. The plan is to change the lot to angled parking and have one entrance and one exit. There is a bus stop there but it would be revamped and benches would be added. They also want to move the shed and provide benches behind the shed for people to sit and wait if the beach is at capacity. John Rau asked if the lot would be expanded to allow more cars. Jane said the reconfiguration may allow for one or two more cars but the lot cannot be made bigger. Skipper said the Parks & Rec Department controlled the beach and this plan should go to them. Jane said she had talked to their administrator and it will be on an agenda soon. Kent asked about the property the Land Bank bought. Jen said they plan to develop a management plan over the next year and they have promised to continue conversations with the town through the process.

**Electric Bus Site Review Committee:** Jen said that she had spoken with Angie Gompert about this committee. Because there has been very little interest they thought that perhaps the Energy Committee would work on this with Berta from the Complete Streets Committee, so folks from the Historic District Committee and perhaps Suzie Wasserman as a resident of Music Street. The Board was fine with this.

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

Adjourned 5:45 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator*