

Approved 3/13/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 27, 2019 4:30 p.m. – 5:22 pm

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

Also Present: Rhonda Conley, Larry Shubert, Valerie Sonnenthal, Mike Bellisimo, Doug Ruskin, Holly Pretsky, Richard Saltzberg

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 2/06/19 with edits. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Dionis Coffin Riggs Poetry Day: Valerie presented a letter from the Cleveland House Poets requesting that the Board denote August 6th as “Dionis Coffin Riggs Poetry Day” in honor of Dionis’ birthday. She said the Library has agreed to host a reading this year. Kent asked if this designation required the Board or staff to do anything. Valerie said no.

S. Manter motioned to denote August 6th as Dionis Coffin Riggs Poetry Day. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Dukes County Regional Housing Authority (DCRHA) Appointment: Mike Bellisimo introduced himself; he said he had moved to the island in 2000, his daughter had gone to the West Tisbury School and he wanted to give back to the community somehow. He said having grown up in affordable housing in Queens, this appointment would be a good fit for him.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Mike Bellisimo to the DCRHA for a three year term. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

57 Rustling Oaks Road: Larry said the owner is in default on their mortgage. The covenant is about 20 years old, and is written that if the house is foreclosed on the affordability restriction goes away. When this happened a year or so ago the town’s Housing Trust asked CPC for funds to buy the house, there were concerns raised that caused the Trust to reconsider this approach. He said Island Housing Trust (IHT) would like to buy the house if it goes to auction, and asks that the town forgo the balance that would be paid to them in a market rate sale. IHT would then restrict the house in perpetuity. Skipper raised concerns about procurement issues, Cindy said it might need to go to a town meeting vote. Jen will investigate procedures.

Consider Vote to Vacate Final Judgment Entered in tax Lien Foreclosure Case Town of West Tisbury vs. Donald Roderick Welles, III Trustee of the 1034 State Road Nominee Trust, Alison Bryan Hammond Trustee of the 1034 State Road Nominee Trust: Jen said that the previous owners had paid the amount due to allow the town to vacate the foreclosure. The Board expressed relief with the positive outcome.

S. Manter motioned “As provided under MGL Chapter 60, Section 69, I J. Skipper Manter hereby move to vacate the final judgment entered on November 20, 2018 in tax lien foreclosure case Town of West Tisbury vs. Donald Roderick Welles, III Trustee of the 1034 State Road Nominee Trust, Alison Bryan Hammond Trustee of the 1034 State Road Nominee Trust covering the property located at 1034 State Road upon payment by Alison Bryan Hammond on or before February 22, 2019 of all amounts due to redeem the tax taking covering the property, which include, but are not limited to, taxes and interest to the date of payment, all charges and fees

associated with the foreclosure case and any costs incurred by the Town in the care, custody and control of the property after the entry of the judgment. Upon payment to the Town of the full redemption amount the Town will take the necessary action to vacate the foreclosure judgment and withdraw the foreclosure case in the Massachusetts Land Court. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Art Donation - Marie-Louise Rouff: Jen showed the Board the painting Ms. Rouff had offered to donate. She noted she had already found a place for it in her office so she hoped they would vote to accept it!

S. Manter motioned to accept the painting with gratitude to the artist. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Senior Luncheon – WT Police Department: Skipper said the Police Department, mostly organized by Jeremie Rogers and Matt Gebo, had made lunch for the seniors. He said it was a lot of work and seemed to be well received.

Conservation Commission Resignation – Prudy Burt: Cindy read Prudy’s resignation letter into the record. Kent said Prudy was a good resource on the Conservation Commission.

S. Manter motioned to accept Prudy’s resignation with gratitude for her service. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.