

Approved 2/27/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 6, 2019 4:30 p.m. – 5:14 pm

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

Also Present: Joe Tierney, Doug Ruskin, Geoff Rose

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 1/23/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Short Term Rental Inspections: Jen explained that she had been working with Joe and Omar to determine what would be involved with inspections of the short term rentals. She explained that they would have to pull together a bylaw immediately, and in reading some information from KP Law provided to the town of Harwich there may be challenges to parts of the law around registration and inspections. Based on the short time frame and the unknowns they decided it would be prudent to wait on this until some of the issues become clearer. If a decision is made to pursue inspections that can be done at a later town meeting. The Board agreed with that approach. Skipper disclosed he has a few rental properties.

Registered Marijuana Dispensary (RMD)– Host Agreement Community Impact Fee (CIF): Jen explained that the Board had missed their February 1st deadline to determine the 2019 CIF for the RMD. Skipper asked if we had spent the CIF from last year, Jen said she didn't have an accounting available but she thought so. He thought the Board should not charge an impact fee. Cindy asked what had changed from the last year, she said she felt the fee was reasonable then, and feels its reasonable now. She asked Geoff if he felt the fee was reasonable. Geoff said yes. Skipper said he was opposed to the fee because he didn't think we should treat one business differently than others are treated.

S. Manter motioned to impose a \$5,000 CIF for 2019. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed.

Community Development Block Grant (CDBG): Jen said the Town has participated in these grants with Edgartown for about 20 years. It allows access to residents for interest free loans for home improvement and also assists with child care.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the Chair to sign the grant application. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Zoning Petition Article: Jen explained that the Board had received a petition article related to zoning. The State Law dictates that the Board must vote to send the article to the Planning Board to allow them to hold a public hearing prior to town meeting.

S. Manter motioned to send the zoning petition article to the Planning Board. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Scott's Grove - Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILOT): Jen explained that it was brought to her attention that the Town did not have a PILOT agreement in place with this project as it does with the other housing projects. The propose formula would match the formula used for the Sepiessa

project which is ½ current tax rate +\$100*18 bedrooms. Skipper asked what the market rate tax would be, Jen didn't know.

S. Manter motioned to sign the PILOT agreement with Island Housing Trust. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Warrant Organization: Jen asked for guidance organizing the warrant articles. She noted in years past she was asked to put all money articles first. She said she would like to have articles that are related to each other together and have the latitude to put non-money articles earlier in the night. She noted that she had already reserved the school for two nights as there are 60 articles, which may run the meeting two nights. Cindy suggested putting the articles most likely to garner attention first, once those are done the meeting might move quickly. Skipper said it should be organized in the order the articles come in. Doug asked that the petition article to change town meeting to a Saturday be at the top to allow parents to vote before they go home. Jen will take all this into account.

Building Stabilization Fund: Jen said she had been asked to consider the addition of funds to this account on the warrant. She said in speaking with Kathy and Bruce she feels the year is too tight and it should wait. The Board was fine with that.

Personnel Board Resignation: Jen said that Ken Vincent had submitted a letter of resignation from the Personnel Board due to a planned move to another town. She noted that the town passed a bylaw last year requiring at least 4 members be residents of the town and there is another member living in Chilmark so Ken must step down.

S. Manter motioned to accept K. Vincent's resignation with gratitude. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.