

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

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

**Also Present:** Bruce Stone, Dan Doyle

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 2/27/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Permanent Traffic Counters:** Dan Doyle from the MV Commission said that there were two definite and one possible additional site in West Tisbury where he was looking to install permanent traffic counters. He said the traffic counts will help the towns with Transportation funding. Kent asked if these would replace the tubes that are used for counting. Dan said no, those are used in addition in the summer. The two locations he was proposing were near the Chilmark town line on State Rd and beyond the Old County intersection towards Vineyard haven also on State Rd. There was a third possible location near the airport, but that may end up being in Edgartown. He said the equipment will all be located in the State Right-of-way. The boxes housing the equipment are about 5.5' tall. Skipper asked if the counters can detect vehicle size. Dan said no, those counters are very expensive. Skipper said he thought they were ugly and was not in favor of installing them. He asked why they couldn't continue to use the tubes. Day said those cannot be used year round because of plowing. Cindy asked how long they would be there. Dan said they have a 2 year contract and then hoped the State would take over maintenance, but the intent was to make them truly permanent. Skipper asked if they could be set back further from the road. Dan said they needed to remain in the state layout. Cindy said she thought after a couple weeks no one would even notice them anymore.

*K. Healy motioned to approve the permanent traffic counters. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was KH & CM in favor, SM opposed.*

**Town Meeting Warrant:** *S. Manter motioned to sign the town meeting warrant. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Housing Bank:** Skipper said that the concept of the housing bank was a good one, but it wasn't well vetted and he thought it should be postponed until more work can be done. He said that the town's Housing Trust could fund housing without the affordability restrictions without the assistance of a new housing bank. He said the town should create housing for employees. He also felt that the second article dedicating 50% of the short term rental tax to the housing bank in perpetuity should be removed. He felt the money should go to the town to decide how to spend it. Kent said he agreed that the housing bank was not a good idea. He felt housing should be produced in West Tisbury by the town housing committee. He wasn't sure the town should provide housing for employees. Cindy said she didn't think the Board was in full agreement about voting to recommend postponement for the article. Regarding the funding article Skipper reiterated his concern about the money being dedicated in perpetuity.

*S. Manter motioned to oppose the article for the housing bank short term rental tax funding. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Water Withdrawal Bylaw:** Cindy said about 10 people came to the public forum at the Conservation Commission meeting the night before. Kent said he was concerned about the lack of specifics for granting or denying permits. Jen said that she had spoken to the Chair of the Conservation Commission and suggested that if this were in part a way to collect data why not have the Board vote that for a year all permits would be granted so that the scope of the total withdrawal could be understood and then criteria could be drafted from that data. Skipper said that those who have been drawing water out for years should be grandfathered.