

Approved 3/20/24
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2024 4:30 pm
At the Town Hall and via Zoom

Present: Select Persons, Skipper Manter, Jessica Miller, Cynthia Mitchell and Town Administrator Jen Rand

Also present or on Zoom for all or part of the meeting: Julie Longa from Nstar, Kim Angell, Thomas Humphrey and Janice Haynes.

Skipper called the Select Board meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Public Hearing: NStar Request for Installation of Cable under Old County Rd:

The request is to install cable under Old County Rd, near Scotchman's Lane. Skipper read the full hearing notice. Julie shared the map of the proposed project and said that there was nothing different than usual; they will bore under the pavement and not disturb the road. Skipper asked about the time-frame, Julie said within 10 days from approval. There were no other questions. Skipper closed the hearing.

There were no further questions or discussion. Skipper suggested they stipulate that the Highway Superintendent be given 72 hours' notice, tho he is away and they should then notify Jen. Also, the Highway Superintendent, or his designee be given the authority to halt the project in the event that there is an issue with the work

Jessica moved to approve the Nstar request for Installation of Cable under Old County Rd. with the stipulations that the Highway Superintendent, or his designee be given 72 hours' notice and the Highway Superintendent, or his designee be given the authority to halt the project in the event there is an issue with the work. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Minutes: Vote to Approve: February 28, & March 6, 2024

Skipper asked for a small wording change regarding 'eliminating Dan' and Jessica pointed out 1 typo, both in the march 6th minutes.

Jessica moved to approve the minutes of February 28, & March 6, 2024 as amended. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

New Business:

- **Lambert's Cove Inn Beer & Wine Renewal & Entertainment License:**

Jen said it is the same dates and conditions as before. There was no other discussion.

Jessica moved to approve grant the Lambert's Cove Inn Beer & Wine Renewal & Entertainment License for 2024. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Town Accountant Vacation Time Carry Over 150.55 hours:**

No discussion of note.

Jessica moved to approve the Town Accountant Vacation Time Carry Over of 150.55 hours. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Council on Aging – Access to Counsel:**

Jen explained that they have a draft of their new bylaws and it needs to go to counsel. Aquinnah and Chilmark have both agreed to pay a third of the cost.

Jessica moved to approve the Council on Aging – Access to Counsel. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **Vote to Sign the Warrant:**

There are 45 articles total. No other discussion of note.

Jessica moved to have the Board Sign the Warrant. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

- **How to Get a Quorum at Town Meeting:**

Skipper had asked to discuss ways to reach out to the public and asked for suggestions. The usual things like social media, the town web site and the flashing message sign at the WT school were all mentioned. Jen suggested offering a door prize to those who attend and stay to the end, asking local businesses to donate items to be part of the gift basket like prize. Discussion followed about employees accepting gifts, and the legalities of it. Everyone thought it was a novel idea and Jen will look into it further. Jessica offered to make a poster. It was also mentioned that the Library will be offering babysitting again.

Topics Not Anticipated: There was none but Jen reminded the board that the meeting of march 27th would be a joint meeting with the Assessor to discuss the tax exemption.

Old Business: There was none.

Correspondence:

- **MA DOT re: Chapter 90 apportionment:**

Just routine stuff.

- **Cape Light Compact re: Clarifying Amendment to the Joint Powers Agreement:**
Jen explained that they are required to notify when they make changes and these are very small.

Public Comment: There were none.

With no further business to discuss, Jessica moved adjourn the meeting. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 4:49 pm

Respectfully Submitted,

*Janice Haynes,
Administrative Assistant*