

Approved 3/18/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
March 4, 2020 4:00 – 4:38

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

Also Present: Liz Argo, Barbara Belissimo, Rebecca Pierce

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 2/12/20. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Cape & Vineyard Electric Cooperative (CVEC) Update Liz Argo gave the Board an update on CVEC activities this year. (*Handout attached to the minutes*) Their initiatives focus is to benefit the grid and reduce consumption. Hope to have Round 5 in by 2023. Round three was delayed while State developed new incentives, which became operational in December 2019. Round 4 is under construction, canopies are an additional to what we do. Round 5 is under contract now. Round 6 is in the process of collecting projects. CVEC provides management services; West Tisbury does not use those services due to the great work done by Bruce Stone. We're working with Senator Cyr to change legislation to allow an "opt out" procedure for taxing municipal solar projects. There have been savings of over \$14 million for members. Looking to bring batteries to emergency shelters and looking at community solar. We are hoping to add storage on the older projects as well as the new ones. West Tisbury's benefit was down in Fiscal year 2019 due to snow storms. When the project was developed, the town project was generating more electricity than the town could use. That is no longer the case; we can look at another project to fill the gap. Skipper asked why there was more electric use. Bruce explained the changes in town since the project was constructed. Liz noted that West Tisbury has a better handle than most on energy use and net metering credits than most towns. Kent asked what the relationship was with Vineyard Wind. Liz said there was none. CVEC had hoped to partner with them but it come together.

One Day Beer & Wine Permit – Possible Dreams Auction 7/26/20; 52 Middle Rd: Jen explained the slightly increased time limit. Skipper noted it ran late last year. Barbara said it started late due a medical emergency last year. When asked she said there would be about 350 people. Skipper said the area was residential and he didn't think it was proper, he didn't think it complied with zoning. He thought it was too many people in that spot. Parking will be at the grange. CM/KH motioned to approve. SM opposed.

Martha's Vineyard Regional School Bus Lease: Jen explain. Bruce asked if it could be presented to disapprove. Jen said that would be confusing.

Local Drop Off Wall Design – Kent Healy as Engineer Jen explain. Kent is going to go to the District meeting to make sure they like the design. If they do we will solicit quotes from three people. Hopefully under \$50k. The Board agreed with the plan by consensus.

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator