

Approved 5/6/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
April 22, 2020 4:40 pm – 5:45
Virtual meeting

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

Also Present: Matt Gebo, Doug Ruskin, Jane Dreeban, Tara Whiting Wells, Kathy Logue, Diana Gilmore, Adam Moore, Dan Waters, Mike Bellisimo, Luke Thors

Skipper called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 4/8/20 & 4/16/20. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Meeting: Jen said that the meeting could only be postponed in 30 day increments. She said a couple towns are looking at meeting outside; she thought if people were back to work perhaps mid-day on a Saturday would make sense. Dan said it would be too hot at noon and thought 3 or 4:00 would be better. He thought if it were at the school it could be moved inside if the weather was bad. Kent said he thought the Ag. Hall was a good location. Cindy said the gym might have room on the floor but not on the stage. Dan noted there is no requirement that everyone be on stage. Skipper asked what would happen if too many people showed up. Dan said everyone should be required to wear masks and asked how the town would handle those who don't. He noted that in some towns they have overflow rooms where town meeting is broadcast by closed circuit TV. Skipper said the school doesn't have adequate space for that. He said he would prefer to keep the meeting and election on Tuesday/Thursday, with town meeting starting at 4:00. Kent asked if there will be a way to know how many absentee ballots are out. Tara said she could keep them apprised. Kent and Cindy agreed the meeting should be outside. The Board agreed to hold the meeting outside at the school on the 23rd at 4:00. Jen will work with Counsel and the Moderator to craft the votes needed.

C. Mitchell motioned to hold the town election on 4/25/20 from 11:00-7:00. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Town Meeting Warrant: Jen explained that she and Skipper had worked to identify those articles that can be postponed until a meeting in the fall. She said she had sent questions out to the article proponents to see if they are okay with the postponements. Cindy asked Jen to send it to the Finance Committee.

Steamship Authority (SSA) Request for State Funding: Jen said the Board had received a request from Jim Malkin to send a letter of support for the request for State funding. She said the Steamship Board had met the day before and in reading an account of the meeting it sounded like they were going to get funding from a couple federal sources. She said she was unsure if the need for a State bailout still existed, and further unclear if the SSA Board supported the request. The Board deferred action until they had more information.

Board Chair: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Cindy Mitchell to the position of Chair. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

S. Manter motioned to appoint Kent Healy to the position of Vice Chair. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Bill Warrants: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the bill warrants of 4/1720. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

Rattner Conservation Restriction (CR) Amendment: Adam Moore of Sheriff's Meadow Foundation said they had been working with the land owner and the Conservation Commission to draft an amendment to the CR that was satisfactory to all parties. He noted the State had already approved the changes. He said that 8.5 acres would be added to the restriction and in return a tennis court would be allowed to move into the restricted area. The Conservation Commission voted to approve the request at a meeting the night prior.

K. Healy motioned to approve the changes to the CR and to authorize the Town Administrator to sign on the Board's behalf. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Short Term Borrowing: Kathy said that she planned to borrow \$2 million to help with cash flow issues due to extended tax due dates.

C. Mitchell motioned to adjourn the meeting. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Adjourned 5:45 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator