

Approved 5/8/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 24, 2019 4:30 p.m. – 6:10 pm

Present: Selectmen Cindy Mitchell (on the phone), Skipper Manter, Kent Healy, Jen Rand
Also Present: Jane Rossi, Berta Geller, Tony Higgins, Oliver Osnos, Doug Ruskin, R. Saltzberg, H. Pretsky

Minutes: *K. Healy motioned to approve the minutes of 3/27/19. S. Manter seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Chair/Vice Chair Appointments: Kent said that he did not wish to be chair even though it was technically his turn. He said both Cindy and Skipper had more experience, and he thought of the board as three spokes on a wheel. Normally the wheel turned 120 degrees to the next chair, this year he thought it should turn 240 degrees and Skipper could assume his chairmanship a year earlier than normal.

K. Healy motioned to appoint S. Manter as Chair and C. Mitchell as Vice Chair. S. Manter seconded the motion. A rollcall vote was unanimous in favor.

Complete Streets (CS) Projects: Berta said the Committee wanted to put up flashing speed notification signs on Lambert's Cove Rd near the beach in an attempt to slow drivers down. She said they would be solar powered so minimal cost to operate and maintain. Skipper said he had attended the CS meeting on behalf of the Police Department to ask for the signs.

K. Healy motioned to approve the sign request. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Berta then said the CS Committee wanted to eliminate a couple signs and move some on Old County Rd near the school to highlight the crossing zone. The Board asked the Committee to work with the Highway Superintendent to have one sign only in each direction per crosswalk.

K. Healy motioned to approve the sign request. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.

Letter requesting Notes from Counsel: Jen said that the Moderator had sent a letter discussing a request that was made to him from an individual asking for Counsel's written opinion on the Housing Bank. She explained the Counsel had never developed a written opinion and was only referring to notes at the town meeting. Skipper asked if an opinion had been written for any other town. Jen said no. Doug asked if the notes were a public document, Jen said no. The Board declined to ask Counsel to develop a written opinion at this point. Jen will call Dan and let him know.

ADA/504 Coordinator: *K. Healy motioned to appoint Jennifer Rand ADA/504 Coordinator. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

Electric Vehicle Charger at the Library: Jen said that the charger at the Library had hit a snag due to budgetary constraints. The cost for the use of the charger was projected to exceed what

was budgeted for electric for the year. The Board said they still didn't want to charge for the use of the charger so the project will be put on hold for the time being.

Housing Bank Art. 24 (legislation): Skipper noted that there was one article left from the annual town meeting and it was regarding the funding for the housing bank. In light of the fact that four towns have either voted against it or indefinitely postponed it he thought it should be reconsidered. Jen said that the first step would be to ask a proponent of the article to motion to reconsider the article. Then an amendment could be made, similar to the article in Chilmark, to instruct the Selectmen to work with the other towns and the Affordable Housing Committee to develop legislation to bring back to the voters. She suggested asking Ted Jochsberger or Larry Shubert to present the motion to reconsider and the amendment as they both are on the Town's Affordable Housing Committee. Doug said he thought the Board should not ask to reconsider because once the legislature works on it the town will have the chance to vote on it again and suggest changes. Jen said that the opening paragraph states explicitly that the language could not be changed, so this would allow the towns to all work together to develop a bill they can support. Doug said he was convinced by that argument.

K. Healy motioned to ask Town Counsel for wording for an amendment for article 24. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Housing Bank Art. 25 (funding): Skipper said he thought it was inappropriate to commit funds prior to understanding how much revenue would be raised and what the town would need it for. Doug said the funds weren't committed yet. Cindy noted that it would be helpful to understand what the final iteration of the legislation looks like prior to committing funds.

Planning Board Resignation: The Board read a letter from Sue Silva giving her retirement from the Planning Board. Skipper asked that Jen draft a letter for them to sign thanking her and also noted he thought the town boards needed a joint meeting for any appointment. Jen will ask Jane about that.

MV Regional High School Funding Formula Study Group: *K. Healy motioned to appoint S. Manter to the MVRHS Formula Study Group. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*