

**Approved 5/13/20**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMEN/BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**  
**May 1, 2020 5:30 pm – 6:40**  
**\*Virtual meeting\***

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

**Also Present:** Erik Lowe, Jessica Miller, Omar Johnson, Ron Rappaport, Mike Bellisimo, Russ Hartenstine, Laura Silber, Will Sennott, Amy Upton, Joy ?

Cindy called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm (*meeting was posted for 5:00, technical difficulties delayed the start*)

**Stay at Home (SAH) Order:** Jen told the Board that the SAH order was due to expire on May 4<sup>th</sup>. With the governor's extension of the advisory to May 18<sup>th</sup> the order should be extended to reflect that. There was one amendment that allowed housecleaners to get back to work under certain circumstances.

*E. Lowe motioned to extend the SAH order to May 18, 2020. J. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*S. Manter motioned to extend the SAH order to May 18, 2020. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Laura said it would be helpful if the Town's website had this information pinned to the front page in the "News" section. Jen noted that was the system they had in place originally but it wasn't working, so the red "Covid" bar was added for all information. Laura had further suggestions about the website, she will work with Jen.

**Extension of Construction Partial Moratorium:** Jen said the Island working group had come up with further guidelines for construction that extended "Phase 1" for another week, then on May 11<sup>th</sup> went to "Phase 1.5" which allows up to 5 people on site and then if all goes well on May 18<sup>th</sup> goes to "Phase 2". Housekeepers will be folded into the mix as well. The reasoning behind the extension of Phase 1 for another week was to accommodate the learning curve of the workers, allow time for repeat inspections to assure that the guidelines are being followed a time goes on and to give more time for the workers to get the equipment they need to follow the rules. She said the builders group was in favor of the plan as presented. Omar said he was in favor provided everyone understood that if the infection numbers increase as a result the restrictions may be put back in place. Erik and Jessica both agreed as well. Jessica made the point that it was important to remember that if the numbers of infections went up this could be reversed. Amy asked about compliance, she said she thought some work crews were a bit ahead of the regulations. Omar said the Building Inspector was doing as many inspections as he could in a day, he said they both would be out on Monday in full force doing inspections, and there would be inspections done over the weekend as well. Joe noted that the contractors were self-policing, which was helpful.

*E. Lowe motioned to adopt the construction guidelines as written. J. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*S. Manter motioned to adopt the construction guidelines as written. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor*

Laura asked about community testing and contact tracing, Omar said the health agents are working on enhanced testing. Cindy said that Island Health Care is doing contact tracing, and they are expanding that with the State's "Partners in Health" program. Laura said the Boards of Health need to communicate better with the public, perhaps publishing a weekly "Frequently asked Questions". Omar said he would raise this with the other agents.

**Letter to Seasonal Residents and Visitors:** Cindy noted this had been on the agenda two days prior but it hadn't been addressed due to the technical difficulties. Skipper said he was not opposed to the letter but a discussion of it was a violation of the Open Meeting Law. Cindy said she disagreed. Kent said he thought the letter was good, Jess agreed as did Cindy and Erik.

*K. Healy motioned to sign the letter. C. Mitchell seconded the motion A roll call vote was conducted with KH & CM in favor SM opposed due to a violation of the open meeting law.*

*S. Manter motioned to adjourn the meeting. K. Healy seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

*E. Lowe motioned to adjourn the meeting. J. Miller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was unanimous in favor.*

Adjourned 6:24 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator*