

*Approved 5/26/21*  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**May 12, 2021 4:30 pm**  
**\*Virtual meeting\***

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy and Town Administrator Jen Rand

**Also present for part or all of the meeting:** Tony Cordray ACO, Jim Klingensmith, Rich Saltzberg, Louisa Hufstader

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

**Minutes: Vote to approve: May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021:** There was a small edit suggested to the section about the new Fire Chief and will be added.

*Cindy made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021 as amended. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor.*

**New Business:**

- **Hurd Animal Control Officer Complaint:**

Mr. Hurd was not present so they skipped on to other items

- **Temporary Pier Permits: Manter#70, 104 & 174 Pond View Farm Rd:**

Skipper recused himself as they are for him, and asked the Vice Chair Kent to take over. There was no discussion.

*Cindy made a motion to grant the Temporary Pier Permits as stated above. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor.*

- **Town Meeting Warrant Review:**

Skipper reminded everyone about Annual Town Meeting next week and Special Town Meeting just before. He said that they didn't have a specific article that they need to speak on but he would run thru the articles in case there were any questions. They stopped on a couple of items to determine who would speak if there were questions as follows:

- Article 11: 'The UBER tax' – Bruce will speak to this one if there are questions.
- Article 24: the MVRHS school District OPEB request – Jen said that the school has actually asked for that article to be removed but as it was too late, she suggested that

Skipper make a motion on the floor or ATM to Indefinitely Postpone it to make it easier. The Board agreed.

- Article 36: Engineering services – Jen will speak to that one if needed.
- Article 46: Climate Coordinator. Jen just made a note that they had received 1 letter of interest and that closed today.

Skipper also reminded everyone that the Proposition 2 ½ override would be the 1 ballot question on a Special Election 2 days after ATM (May 20, 2021). There were no other questions from the Board or audience.

### **Old Business:**

- **Howes House Feasibility Study Committee -Appointments:**

They need to make the official appointments to the committee; which will be the three members of the Board of Selectmen and Jim Klingensmith. He thinks their first goal is to get an Owners Project Manager hired who will then take the lead. Jen had been asked to come up with a draft Request for Qualifications to be placed in the Central Register. Jen said it was very straight forward. She asked if they had input regarding the scope of work. She also wanted to determine if the ‘Owners Project Manager’ (OPM) was different then a design firm hired to do the feasibility study? If so, which did they want to do first considering the limited money available. She thought the study should be first. Kent agreed. Money for the OPM will have to be appropriated later. Jim pointed out that he had a General Contractors license and Kent was an Engineer so they could offer ideas that the others could not. Jen also has more past documentation about conditions of the building that she will get out to them. It was decided that the committee should do a site visit with the COA Director so that they were all familiar with the state of the building. It is tentatively scheduled for 4 pm, 2 weeks from today and then their regular Zoom meeting to follow at 5 pm. That will also give them time to review the other documentation.

*Kent made the motion to appoint Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Kent Healy and Jim Klingensmith to the Howes House Feasibility Study Committee. Cindy seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor*

### **Correspondence:**

- Letter from M. D’Andrea re: Rescind MVRHS OPEB warrant article. (this was discussed during the warrant review)
- Invitation to Consult on Revolution Wind farm & Cable Project in Rhode Island.

Jen suggested that they do not respond as nothing came from it the last time. The Board agreed.

**Topics Not Anticipated:**

- Skipper asked that Jen post documents pertaining to the meeting online with agenda so that the public can see what they are referring to as some other committees do. Jen said she could do that.
- Skipper asked if they were going to do anything for the retiring Fire Chief at Town Meeting? They decided that Skipper will say something at the meeting. Jen will let with the Moderator know.

**Back to New Business:**

- **Hurd Animal Control Officer Complaint:**

Mr. Hurd was still not present so they asked Tony to respond who referred to his incident report and said he didn't have much more to add. It was decided to push the item one more week and be in touch with Mr. Hurd to see if he would attend.

**Public Comment:** There was none.

*With no further business Cindy made the motion to adjourn. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

Adjourned 4:58 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant*