

**Approved 6/12/19**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 22, 2019 4:30 p.m. – 6:03 pm**

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

**Also Present:** Ginny Jones, Leah Smith, Jack Klumich, Sam Hart, Chris Ward, Michael Rodrigues, Lori Fonnitiu, Richard Townes, John Christensen, John Alley, Barbara Bellisimo, Bea Phear, Bob Eggleston, Kristina West, R. Saltzberg, H. Pretsky

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 5/01/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Planning Board Appointment:** Ginny Jones called the Planning Board meeting to order. *K. Healy & Bea Phear motioned to appoint Henry Geller to the Planning Board to fill Sue Silva's unexpired term until the next town election. C. Mitchell and Leah Smith seconded the motion. The vote on the motion were unanimous in favor.*

The Planning Board adjourned their meeting.

**Trustees of Reservations (TTOR) Event & 1 Day Beer & Wine Permits:** Jen explained that the first request was for four 1 day beer & wine permits for four separate "Brew Moon" hikes that would be 12 people maximum and one beer per person. She explained that the hikes themselves do not require any permits.

*C. Mitchell motioned to approve 4 one day beer & wine permits for 6/18, 7/18, 8/14 & 9/15. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Jen then explained that TTOR was planning two other large events for July 12 & 14. They involve a breakfast for 100 people and a tethered hot air balloon ride. Then in the evening there will be a "Moth" style event with a speaker and a cellist. The Balloon will be up again for this event and will be lit to reflect the music from the cellist. There will be a different speaker each event, one will speak to the future of creativity and one will speak on climate change. This is part of a 4 year program by the Trustees to bring art into the properties to increase visibility and bring more people to their properties. The morning breakfast will cost \$250 the evening sessions will be \$25 for members, \$45 for non-members and is capped at 200 cars. Cars will only be parked in the parking lot, and along the loop that goes closer to the beach, there will be no parking in the grass. TTOR has spoken with Public Safety and had plans in place for traffic control. Kent asked about zoning, Jen said Joe had signed off on it. Sam said he had spoken with Gus Ben David about the impact to birds and he did not feel it would be a problem. The FAA has also signed off on the event. The balloon will not be up all day for either event; it will be take down between the morning and afternoon activities. Cindy asked how the Trustees had addressed the objections that have been registered. Sam said the Trustees have been working for months to minimize disruption and plan to meet with the neighbors in June. He said the characterization of the event being like a carnival was not reflective of the event. Skipper asked how many cars normally were in the parking lot. Jack said roughly 150, and the beach usually had about 600 people on it. Skipper said he was concerned there was no cap on the total number of people that could attend the event. He asked where tickets would be checked. Jack said that car tickets would be checked at the end of the road and the rest of the tickets would be taken at the new gate house. Skipper asked if there was a deed restriction on the property. Sam said he did not believe so but they will

check. Skipper asked what alcohol added to the experience. Michael said it enhances the visitor's experience during the event. Skipper read a letter from Katy Upson opposing the event. Lori said she lived on the road and had not had any notification about the event. She said she was not necessarily opposed to it but was worried about traffic when trying to get to work or go out to dinner. Cindy asked if the Board should cap the number of people at the evening event. Skipper suggested 400. Cindy said she would be in favor of 600 because that was the usual number of beachgoers. Skipper said he was worried about impacting the tranquil nature of the evening. Cindy said there would be no noise difference between 400-600 people, and that is an average day for them. Skipper asked how quickly they would get people off the beach. Jack said they would begin to ease people out at 9:30. Cindy said it was important for TTOR to contact each abutter along the road.

*C. Mitchell motioned to approve the events on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> with a cap of 200 cars and 600 people, with alcohol service stopped at 9:30. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Vineyard Transit Bus Driver Issues:** Skipper asked John Alley why the negotiations were taking so long. John said the next negotiating session was scheduled for 5/29/19/ Skipper asked when the last meeting was, John said April. Skipper asked what the relationship was between the VTA and the contractor TCI. John said the VTA provides busses and training and TCI provides the drivers. He said that the VTA had contracted with TCI through 30B procurement; the bid does not include information about salaries for drivers. The fee that TCI is paid is comparable to that paid to other transit driver providers. John said that if there is a wage increase they may need to raise fares to pay for that. Cindy asked if he was hopeful for a resolution soon. John said yes due in part to the heightened interest. Skipper asked who was paying the management lawyers. John said the VTA. Skipper noted that there was a bill they saw that indicated that \$40k was paid out of petty cash, which seemed like a lot of money to be considered petty cash. John said he was planning to ask about that at the next meeting. Cindy urged John to work to get this resolved quickly for the driver's sake. Skipper asked John to come back in July if there is still no resolution.

**MVAS Event Permit – Junina:** Kristina said that the requested festival was a celebration of the Portuguese harvest, and a way for the Portuguese community to share a bit of their heritage with the Island. Skipper noted that the Board had already approved 34 events in March and then a couple more large events after that. Kristina said that the Agricultural Restriction does not limit the total number of events at the hall, and this is directly agricultural. When the original list of events was approved it was known that the MVAS may come back to ask for more if things came up. Skipper said he wanted another meeting to discuss events at the Ag. Hall. Cindy said that was planned for November. Skipper wants to do it sooner so people don't expect to be able to book the Hall if the Selectmen change their mind on the number of events they allow.

*C. Mitchell motioned to allow Junina 6/23/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Possible Dreams Auction Event Permit & 1 Day Beer & Wine:** Skipper asked if this was the auction that sells all the fancy stuff. Barbara said the format has changed so there are fewer big ticket items and there is an online auction as well. There will be a band and dinner with capacity of 350. Parking will be at the grange. Skipper said he had huge respect for Community services, but considering the services they offer to those who are impacted by alcohol abuse he didn't understand why the event wasn't dry. Barbara said they do have those conversations in house,

and this year they are beer & wine only, and they may eventually move in that direction but for now this is something people expect when they attend the event.

*C. Mitchell motioned to allow the Possible Dreams Auction at 52 Middle Rd on 7/28/19 from 5:00-7:30 with a 1 day beer & wine permit. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & KH in favor, SM opposed.*

**Farmer's Market Request to close at 1:00 pm on 7/6/19 & 8/10/19:** *C. Mitchell motioned to allow to extend to 1:00 pm on the two requested days. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Annual Appointments:** *C. Mitchell motioned to make the appointments as listed in the attachment. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Library Foundation Gift:** *C. Mitchell motioned to accept a gift of \$20,000 from the Library Foundation to be used for enhancements to the Library's Community Room. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Commercial Clam Season:** *C. Mitchell motioned to open the Commercial Clam Season Tuesday-Saturday from May 23, 2019 closing on June 13, 2019. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*