

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

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

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Loius deGeofroy, William Choate, Marques Rivers, Gregory Pachico, Matt Mincone, Matt Gebo, Manny Estrella, Brynn Schaffner, Debra Alley, John Christensen, Sam Hurd, Tara Whiting-Wells, Janice Haynes, Louisa Hufstader, Rich Saltzberg and a dozen other observers who did not comment.

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

Minutes: Vote to approve: April 28th, 2021: There were no amendments offered.

Skipper made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 28th, 2021. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor.

New Business:

- Vote to Reduce the Quorum to 30 at the Special and Annual Town Meetings on 5/18/21:

Skipper made a motion to Reduce the Quorum to 30 at the Special and Annual Town Meetings on 5/18/21. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor

Cindy reminded everyone of the ATM and that the Special starts at 4:50 pm before the Annual and that there will be no parking at Sunset Lake this year.

- **L. deGeofroy's email:**

Cindy handed the floor over to Skipper as he requested the item be on the agenda. He stated that he was disturbed by the phrase used in the letter Louis had sent. Louis apologized and offered to apologize in person to anyone who would like him to. Skipper thanked him for the apology and said that maybe he should do an online course for sensitivity training. Kent had no opinion and Cindy disagreed. The discussion was concluded with no further action taken.

- **Vote to Sign Lease with R. Hyde for 63 Old Stage Rd:**

Skipper made a motion to sign the lease for 63 Old Stage Rd. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor.

Old Business:

- **Fire Chief Candidate Selection:**

Cindy opened the floor to public comment and discussion. She said that they had received quite a few emails and thanked the members of the Fire Department for their input. She also thanked the candidates for their patience. There were no questions or comments from the audience. All three Selectmen then stated that they were in favor of hiring Gregory Pachico as the new Fire Chief and gave their reasons for their choice.

Skipper made the motion to appoint Gregory Pachico as the new Fire Chief pending psychological and physical health evaluations and contract negotiations. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor

Greg said he would be honored to serve the town and thanked the board. The next step will be to negotiate the contract in Executive Session. Skipper asked for some draft contracts to look at to have a starting point and told Greg that he could bring something too.

- **Chair and Vice Chair Appointments:**

Cindy asked if they were ready to have a change of guard and asked for the motion.

Kent made the motion to appoint Skipper as the new Chair to the Board of Selectmen and Kent as Vice-Chair. Skipper seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor

Skipper then tried to take over and complete the meeting but was having some technical difficulties so Cindy finished it up.

Correspondence:

- Letters Re: Fire Candidates: S. Caskey, A&M Marx, C. Edwards, G. Hughes, M&J Oldershaw, T. Cooney, E. Medeiros, M. Fontes, B. Schaffner
- Pratt Re: WT Library Reopening – they are working with all the Island Libraries and are hoping to be open to the public later this month.
- M. D’Andrea Re: School Building Committee Rep. -Skipper said that he would like to continue to be the rep. It was fine with the others.
- S. Hurd Re: Animal Control Complaint. – Cindy suggested they take it under advisement along with the ACO report (next item) and deal with it at the next meeting as an agenda item.

- T. Cordray Incident Report re: Above Letter – see above
- Ravitz Re: resignation from the Con Com – Skipper thanked Binnie for many years of service and professionalism.

Skipper made the motion to accept B. Ravitz resignation from the Con Com. Kent seconded. Roll call vote: all in favor

Public Comment: Question asked by the press as to when Mr. Pachico would be taking over as Chief. Manny retires at the end of June so it will be July 1st for a start date.

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

Adjourned 4:59 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant