

Approved 5/20/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
May 6, 2020 4:40 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Also Present: Mike Bellisimo, Tara Whiting, Kristina West, Matt Mincone, Bruce Stone, Susanna Sturgis, Dan Waters, Matt Gebo, Doug Ruskin, Greg Orcutt, George Brennan, Russ Hartenstein, Laura Silber, Will Sennott, Janice Haynes

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:43 pm

Skipper motioned to approve the Minutes of April 22 and 4/29 2020 Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

New Business/Covid-19 Update:

- Town Meeting. Jen said that they needed to officially vote to postpone the ATM until June 9, 2020. No discussion.
Skipper motioned to postpone the ATM until June 9, 2020. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Town meeting parking/bussing update. Jen said she is still working on it and will have more info next week. The Selectmen agreed to wait for an update till next meeting. Regarding the location of ATM (Tabernacle in OB) Kristina offered the Ag Hall with the doors wide open. Skipper said that the Health Agent wouldn't allow it to be held indoors, but thanked Kristina for the offer.
- List of Articles for Reduced Quorum. Jen asked to wait till next week on this also as there is not much they can do until till the State approves it.
- Letter to seasonal residents. Cindy explained that there had been some displeasure at them going ahead before, but they wanted to support the letter.
Skipper motioned to support the letter. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Jen mentioned that the request by the Shellfish Committee to extend the season had been withdrawn so no need to vote on that.

Ag. Hall: Food distribution, Farmers Market and shellfish.

- Regarding the food distribution, they had approved one date to see how it went. It went well and now Serving Hands is requesting to schedule more dates. It had been at the Library, but since the Stay at Home order, it had gotten bigger and was too crowded,

spilling into the road so they were asked to find another location. It used to be a once a month event, they are now asking for twice a month. Kristina explained how it had worked at the Ag Hall and said it was successful and helpful.

Skipper made a motion to allow twice a month food distribution by Serving Hands on the Ag Hall grounds until further notice. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- Farmers Market and shellfish sales: Kristina explained that they had been approached by some shell-fishermen and also a mushroom farmer who need a place to sell their catch until the Farmers Market opens for the season so would like the Selectmen to allow that. Skip said he is not opposed to that and the Farmer Market being there, but is concerned about the impact of another large event in that neighborhood. He asked about zoning and has Joe (Tierney, Building and Zoning inspector) had been asked. Jen said no. Skipper believes it needs a Special Permit. Kristina pointed out that Farm Markets are specifically mentioned as allowable in the APR. Jen suggested they go ahead and approve the request, pending Joe's sign off. Skipper said he was uncomfortable voting without speaking to Joe first. Cindy and Kent were comfortable with a vote and allowing Joe to make the decision about whether it needs a special permit or not. Skipper asked that his zoning concerns be relayed to Joe.

Skipper made a motion to allow the Farmers Market and also the shellfish/mushroom sales on the Ag Hall grounds. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous

- Cemetery Superintendent Job Description: Jen said they had never had an official job description before since John Alley had held the position forever. She had worked with Maria to develop one and had shown it to Alan Gowell who works with monuments and the Edgartown Cemetery and has helped us for years and he thought it was good. She said that they would need to call a Special Town Meeting to have this (and the Assistant Health Agent) position approved so they needed to have the description in place to be graded. Skipper asked about who would supervise the Cemetery Superintendent, the Town Admin (Jen) or the Cemetery Commissioners. Jen said she would end up involved any way so she didn't have a strong opinion. Skipper said he would like to have the Cemetery Commissioners supervise the Superintendent. Jen will make that change before submitting to the Personnel Board for grading.

Skipper made a motion to approve the job description for the Cemetery Superintendent. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous

- VTA Rep: Jen said she had gotten letters of interest from Bob Wasserman and Susanna Sturgis. Bob was not in attendance tonight so they will postpone the appointment until next week. Susanna was thanked for her interest.
- Recreational Marijuana Certification: Jen said Patient Centric needs to be certified that they are able to be permitted by the town; this does not mean they will be granted those permits. She said she had checked with the Zoning Board and Zoning Enforcement who agreed they are eligible for permits. .

Skipper made a motion to approve the Recreational Marijuana Certification. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous

- Vote to Participate in the Community Development Block Grant Covid 19 funding request: Jen said it is a grant that they participate in with Edgartown for home repairs, etc. There is now additional funding because of Covid 19 and they need to get on it because it's available for a limited time.

Skipper made a motion to participate in the Community Development Block Grant Covid 19 funding request. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous

- Mill Pond Building Lease: Jen said it expires at the end of the year but they must start 6 months in advance to make changes. She requested that the Selectmen start to look at it now to see if there are changes to be made. Jen suggested they think about changes to cover the property taxes that wasn't included before and also utilities. Skipper asked about a renew clause. Jen said she would review and if there was it would be great because she knew the tenants were interested in renewing.
- Absentee voting: Tara said there was nothing new from last week. Skip asked if they should get the info out to the papers and the Town columns. Tara said she was planning on sending it, but did not know yet who the new WT columnist for the Gazette was. Doug asked about the difference between Absentee and Early voting and said it was confusing on the website as to which request form to download. Tara said they would update and clarify on the website. Jen pointed out that Census response for the island is very low. There was discussion as to ways to get the info out. Tara said it is on our website.

Other Business:

Bruce asked about the bill warrant and payroll warrant that wasn't on agenda. Jen apologized. It was asked if the Chair could sign it and they could just vote to approve later. Bruce said it really

should be voted first, but he could still issue payroll without a vote.. The agreed to postpone until next week

There were no other comments or questions.

Skipper made the motion to adjourn. Kent second. Roll Call: all in favor.

Adjourned 5:29 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant