

Approved 7/10/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, June 19, 2019 4:30 p.m. – 5:39 pm

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

Also Present: Cynthia Riggs, Susannah Sturgis, Tony Cordray, Martina Thornton, Sarah Kuh, W. Sennott, R. Saltzburg

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 6/5/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

C. Riggs re: Chickens Killed: Cynthia explained to the Board that a number of her fowl had been killed apparently by one or two dogs. She said the Animal Control Officer had not been able to identify the dog that attacked her birds. She wanted the Board of Selectmen to send a letter to every dog owner reminding them of the law and consequences if they break that law. Skipper said he was sorry for her loss, he noted the town strongly supported agriculture and the Board took the dog laws seriously. Kent asked what the State laws were. Tony said State Law allowed someone to kill a dog if it is found worrying livestock. The Board can also order a dog euthanized if it is determined to be a dangerous dog. Martina noted that the town maintains a fund to reimburse owners if they lose livestock. Tony will look into that. The Board agreed to send a letter with the Animal Control Officer to all dog owners.

County Health Services Agreement: Martina explained that this agreement was a slightly modified version of the agreement that exists for some of the health services provided by the County. Her goal was to provide oversight for all the services under one committee, which would allow for the standardization of the information that is provided to the towns and assure there are not overlaps in services. Right now she noted that the budget reviews often raised questions about budgets and services provided that were not well answered. She said that the agreement is not about the assessment formula, only about responsibility. She said the 5% administrative fee was an addition to the agreement. Cindy asked about the oversight board for the center for Living. Martina said they didn't really have one, their original oversight board all became Directors on the Board. Cindy asked Sarah if she thought this model was a good one for her program. Sarah said yes, she thought it was important to have consistency in the oversight and consistency in the information provided to the town boards. Cindy asked if Martina thought the other Boards would agree with Sarah. Martina said the organizations would prefer not to have to account for the funds they received; they have in general enjoyed the flexibility of spending the funds they get in the provision of the services they provide, even if the services change from what was presented at budget time. Skipper said he supported the programs and felt they already had enough oversight at the town level. He felt this was micromanaging the programs. Cindy said this has only to do with the money given to these organizations. She said oversight as a condition of receiving this money was not unusual or duplicative. Skipper said he would prefer the renewal clause note the ability for the town to send a letter to opt out. Martina said that was fine. Kent asked when Martina decided to create this agreement. She said last year after issues arose with some of the organizations. Skipper said the voters did not agree to an administrative fee so he didn't know how he could sign the document with the fee in it. Martina said it was subject to appropriation so if the voters turned down the funding the town wouldn't pay. Cindy noted that the presentation of the fee and the explanation was not clear at the last meeting; she thought the voters might agree in subsequent years with a better explanation. Martina will come back with another draft after incorporating all the town's comments.

Radar Signs on Old County and Lambert's Cove Rd: Jen asked the Board if they were open to having emojis or other language instead of only the speed being noted on the proposed radar signs. After some discussion they said they would prefer only the speed showing.

Planning Board Access to Counsel re merged lots & buildability of a pre-existing lot: *C. Mitchell motioned to allow access to Counsel. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Historic District Committee (HDC) Appointment: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Josh Gothard to the HDC. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Skipper thanked the organizers and especially Deb Magnuson for the great town picnic.