

Approved 7/15/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
June 24, 2020 4:40 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Also Present: Mary & Jackson Kenworth, Joy Robinson-Lynch, Susanna Sturgis, Michael Bellissimo, Doug Ruskin, Will Sennott, Rich Salzberg and others not noted on video?

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:41 pm

Minutes:

Skipper motioned to approve the Minutes of June 3, 2020 Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous. Minutes of June 17th are taken under advisement.

New Business:

- **State Road Restaurant request for outdoor seating:**

Jen explained that the beer and wine permit was a special permit for indoor only. Because of the pandemic restrictions have been lifted by the ABC and Selectmen are now allowed to approve or deny short term, temporary requests. This request would be until November 1st, and then the old restrictions would be back in place. Jen said she had reached out to the abutters and had only heard back from 1 who had no objection to outside dining. Mary explained their plan (video was broken up at this point so some details were missed) There would be 6 tables of 4 on the front lawn, inside the stonewall and 2 tables of 6 (?) in back in the herb garden for a total of 36 seats outside. Kent said if the neighbors were ok with it he was ok. Skipper had concerns about the notification to neighbors and the noise in the neighborhood. He suggested a probationary period until August 1st, but Jen said it would come very quickly and require another meeting. Jen suggested approval till November with the understanding that if there were issues it would quickly come back to the BOS to resolve. Jen said that the request must still go before the BOH and Joe as zoning enforcement, but they were hoping to open by next week.

Skipper motioned to approve the request for outside seating till November 1st with the understanding that if there were issues it will come back to the BOS to resolve. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- **Request to change the title of the Diversity Statement**

Jen said she had gotten an email from Whit Griswald to change the title to "Racial & Social Justice" statement. Joy said she works with a group called Brazicata who want to

be sure the Brazilian community is being served during the Covid-19 situation. They also had some word change requests, mostly because of translation. They would like to be involved with the fine-tuning with the Task Force being formed. Skipper said he believes all of these change requests should go to the task force to be refined and then they should bring them to the town's people to vote and adopt. Susanna thanked Cindy for her reading of the Statement at ATM last night. The board agreed on getting the task force up and running as soon as possible.

- **Annual Town Meeting follow up:**

Jen wants to send some thank you letters to both the Town of Oak Bluffs and the Camp Meeting association for hosting and all their help. Skip said he would like to also thank the Town Administrator (Jen) for all her hard work with ATM and all of the other pandemic stuff that she has been dealing with including the closing and reopening of town hall and the amended warrant. He really appreciates all she has done. The others agreed. Doug Ruskin suggested that Skipper write that letter of thanks and he said he would.

Skipper motioned to approve the letters of thanks. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Old Business

- Jen gave an update on the landfill retaining wall saying that she had sent the contract to the Contractor and hopefully the work will be done within a month.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Brian Beal with his resignation from the Con Com. Jen said he may be staying on the Mill Brook Committee.
Skipper motioned to accept Brian's letter of resignation. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.
- Letter from Bill Haynes with his resignation as Plumbing Inspector. Jen said she will place an ad but needs to meet with Joe to update the position requirements. There is no job description as Mr. Haynes has had the position for 30+ years
Skipper motioned to accept Bill's letter of resignation with deep regret and thanks for many years of service to the town. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous
With no other business to discuss, Skipper made the motion to adjourn. Kent second.
Roll Call: all in favor.

Meeting Adjourned 5:22 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant