

Approved 6/24/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
June 3, 2020 4:40 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Also Present: Bruce Stone, Susanna Sturgis, Russ Hartenstein, Doug Ruskin, Marlena Gale, Dan Waters, Lucas Thors, Mercedes Kelso, Jason Gale, Janice Haynes

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:40 pm

Skipper motioned to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2020 Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

New Business:

Covid-19 Update:

- **Vote to postpone Annual Town Meeting:** Jen reminded them that they have been doing postponements in 30 day increments. In actuality, it is Dan's job to proclaim that. And the Selectmen officially vote to support the proclamation of postponement.
- *Skipper motioned to support Dan Waters action proclaiming Town Meeting of June 23rd at 4 pm. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.*
- **Revised Budget:** Bruce explained the revisions made regarding total cuts, where things were up and down. He presented documents showing this info (attached to minutes) He spoke about the new Cemetery Superintendent and Assistant BOH positions added, school budgets and projected revenues. He also talked about the projected tax levy and said that the Finance Committee will be reviewing all of this info at their next meeting. Doug had questions about the real estate tax revenue and borrowed moneys, and interest rates. He feels that there is still worse to come. Bruce said he had spoken to Kathy about the tax bill collections due May 1st and she said they have been pretty good. He wanted to emphasize the importance of re-examining the budget again in the fall. Bruce also asked about how to present revised budget in the Town Report. Much discussion followed. Skipper thought it would be confusing to show both the original and the revised together and Cindy and Kent agreed. They all liked the idea of a summary to show where changes were made rather than line by line. Keep it simple as possible.
- **Vote to support the Schools request to use 1/12th budget formula:** Jen said the school had sent a letter saying that the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education is

recommending that the UIRSD submit a request for authorization to enter into a 1/12th budget as of July 1st in the event Town meetings get delayed as a precautionary measure. UIRSD is requesting a letter of support from Selectmen. If all 3 towns have meetings it won't be needed but they want to have a budget in place by the end of the fiscal year, as a plan B. Bruce also said that the DOR is suggesting that Towns consider planning for a 1/12th budget also in case their meetings don't happen for some reason. He will look into that.

Skipper motioned to sign the letter. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- **No Parking Lambert's Cove Road:** Jen reminded the Selectmen about the previous conversations with Mr. Cottle and Joe (Tierney) regarding his employees parking on the road. She said they realized they had made a mistake in procedure and that offer was now rescinded and Cottle's will begin the process of permitting. Meanwhile, people are parking further up the road towards Manaquayak road and getting creative with small cars. They want to extend the No Parking up thru that area. Skipper explained the exact area and the issues.

Skipper motioned to create an additional No Parking zone from the Lambert's Cove Beach lot to Manaquayak Rd. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

- **Manter request for seasonal pier permits:** There was no discussion.
Kent motioned to grant the request. Cindy second. Roll call vote 2-0 in favor. Skipper abstained from the vote.
- **Absentee Voting** update: Applications are available online and in the hall at the Town Hall.
- **Vote to approve bill and payroll warrants 5/29/20:**
Skipper motioned to approve. Kent Healy second. Roll call vote was unanimous.

Correspondence:

- Letter from ACE MV with a program update.
- Notice from Jim Malkin, SSA re: petition from Woods Hole residence and new schedule. There will be a zoom public meeting on the petition June 11th.
- Letter from Comcast regarding subscriptions.

Public Comment:

Lucas Thors from the MV Times requested a short explanation of the 1/12th budget. Jen explained that if the town doesn't have an approved budget by June 30th (end of fiscal year) the

town can vote to create a month by month budget until they have a meeting to approve the new budget. Both Towns and School Districts may do this.

Mercedes had questions about where to find info about the LCB parking situation, especially for visitors who may show up and find the lot full. Cindy said she wasn't sure what Parks & Rec have planned. Jen said they were thinking about sandwich boards, and that the info was on the town website on both the Parks & Rec page and on the all Covid info page. Bruce and Janice both had ideas of where to put info on Home page and Janice will look into making it happen.

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

Adjourned 5:15 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant