

Approved 8/4/21
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday July 7, 2021 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

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

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Sarah Rorer, Susan Silk, Samantha Look, Berta Geller, Jane Rossi, Laura Silber, Debi Crew, Omar Johnson, Bruce Stone, Jeffrey Dubard, Noah Asimow, Eunki Seonwoo, and other members of the public that did not speak.

Skipper called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

Minutes to approve - June 30, 2021:

Skipper asked for a sentence to be added under the discussion of the vaccination mandate.

*Cindy made the motion to approve the minutes of June 30, 2021 as amended. Kent seconded.
Roll Call Vote: all in favor.*

New Business:

- **Alley's General Store Closure:**

Sarah Rorer from the Trust explained about the meeting earlier that day with Jen Rand and Kent Healy at the store. She said nobody wants them to be open more than the Trust and spoke about the conditions of the building that are holding them up. It is unlikely that they will be open this summer. Cindy asked that they please keep in touch with the Board in the future and that they had no criticism of the owners, Michael and April. No action needed to be taken.

- **Large House Bylaw:**

Samantha Look spoke for the Preserve West Tisbury Committee and said they are looking for feedback from the Board on the bylaw they have written but they feel that it's very close to a final draft. It is based heavily on Chilmark's bylaw but she explained the differences between them and some of the exemptions they had added. The Board liked it and asked what the next step would be. The committee is hoping to bring the new bylaw to ATM in the spring and have hearings to answer questions for the voters prior. Cindy suggested a public forum to get more input. There were some questions and clarifications and they were thanked for their hard work. No action taken but they were invited to come back in a few weeks for more discussion.

- **Complete Streets re: North Tisbury Bridge:**

Jen talked about the project for the path at the North Rd bridge that began with the Northeastern Capstone project before Covid but has not been dealt with yet. She would like to get it going again and start with a public presentation to explain what they are proposing and answer questions. Berta spoke for the Complete Streets Committee who would like to send a letter MA DOT requesting they do the work. Discussion followed touching on the issues with the DOT and the property owners adjacent to the bridge. The Board would like to see the project move forward. It was decided that Jen and Berta would rework the letter to MA DOT and come back to the Board. There were other concerns raised about DOT work such as the stone wall in front of Middle Town Nursery and the triangle at the end of North Rd. which they will present to the public for input.

- **ARPA Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – Possible Project Ideas**

Bruce said there is money coming to the County and the towns as Covid recovery funds. He spoke about the options that the Town has. The County is pushing for input by July 15th. Jen said the Island Town Administrators had met recently and discussed projects they like to see the money go to, including an island wide septic disposal plan. It was decided that the Board would write a letter stating that they couldn't possibly come up with proposals quickly but the County should absolutely accept the money.

- **Town Board/Committee appointments:**

There was another group of appointments to be made.

Cindy made the motion to appoint the list of appointments as read. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Jen pointed out a few appointments that had been made in error and corrected.

Kent made the motion to rescind those appointment votes Cindy seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor

Topics Not Anticipated: There were none.

Old Business: There was none.

Correspondence:

There was none on the agenda but a couple came in late.

- A letter from the Planning Board supporting the Housing Bank Coalition. Laura Silber asked that it be read into the record as there were endorsements they would like the board to support. Laura wanted to continue the discussion but Skipper asked that it be a future agenda item before they take any action
- A letter from Kimberly Angel also supporting the Housing Bank Coalition

Public Comment:

There were some questions from the press for clarification.

Executive Session: regarding the opioid litigation

The attorneys have requested the Board to make a decision in executive session. If they do nothing they will decide for them which Jen recommends.

Cindy made the motion to go into Executive Session. Kent seconded. Roll Call vote: Kent No, Skipper No Cindy Yes. Motion Failed.

Jen then explained the attorney's recommendation with the Perdue Bankruptcy Plan.

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

Adjourned 6:04 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant