

Approved 8/4/21
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday July 21, 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: Donna Paulnock, Kate Warner, James Klingensmith, Geoff Freeman, Angie Gompert, Bill Veno, Cathy Minkiewicz, Margaret Song, Nicola Blake, Ron D'Agostino, Wilson Rickerson, Sue Hruby, Rob Hanneman, Kathy Logue, Erik Peckar, Luke Lefabre, Richard Andre

Skipper called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

New Business:

- **CLEAR Energy Presentation:** Kate Warner, as Chair of the Energy Committee, gave a report about the findings and action items from the CLEAR Energy grant project. The presentation is attached to these minutes. The Board asked for a few weeks to take the information under advisement and develop ideas to move forward.
- **Vineyard Transit (VTA) Electric Bus Charging Project:** Jen said that the VTA was moving forward with the bus charging station at town hall. The next step was to apply to the Historic District Commission (HDC). She was asking that the Board confirm their desire to move forward and allow her to submit the application as the property owner. *C. Mitchell motioned to authorize the Town Administrator to apply to the HDC for the bus charging project. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was a roll call vote unanimous in favor.*
- **Vineyard Power Presentation Re: Vineyard Wind:** Richard Andre gave the Board an update about the Vineyard Wind Project. The presentation is attached to these minutes. He said there is a community investment fund that each Town will be asked to appoint someone to a committee to provide guidance for what projects would be funded. Jen said she wanted to check with Counsel to see if there was a conflict with the Town having a member on a committee for a private committee. He also asked the Board for a letter of support for the next phase of the project, which is another lease area. Skipper suggested that Vineyard Wind could construct a new high school that was carbon neutral as a gesture of goodwill for the Island.

- **Donation to Animal Control Department:** *C. Mitchell motioned to accept the donation of \$500. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was a roll call vote unanimous in favor.*
- **Donation to Library:** *C. Mitchell motioned to accept the donation of \$20,000 from the Friends of the Library. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was a roll call vote unanimous in favor.*
- **Building Inspector Vacation Carry-Over:** *C. Mitchell motioned to authorize the Building Inspector to carry over 48.36 hours of vacation time. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was a roll call vote unanimous in favor.*
- **Topics Not Anticipated:** Skipper said he was very disappointed to attend a Finance Committee meeting the week prior to see no one wearing masks. He asked Jen why that was the case considering the Board's vote to continue to require masks in town buildings. Jen said that prior to his arrival the Committee had discussed the issue and because there were no members of the public present and all in attendance were vaccinated they opted to remove their masks with the meeting room door closed. Skipper noted it was a public meeting and someone from the public might have attended. Jen agreed and noted that the policy as adopted by the Board allows staff in town buildings to take their masks off if vaccinated and if no members of the public are present. She felt this was a similar circumstance as if a member of the public arrived the masks would have been put back on.

Adjourned 6:07 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Jennifer Rand, Town Administrator