

Approved 8/4/21
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday July 28, 2021 4:30 pm
Via Zoom

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

Also present for part or all of the meeting: Jim & Martha Sullivan, Tony Cordray, Carolyn O'Brian, Matt Gebo, Cathy Minkiewicz, Melissa Vincent, Bea Phear, Phillippe Jordi, Laura Silber, Rich Saltzberg, Louisa Hufstader and other members of the public that did not speak.

Skipper called the meeting to order at 4:31 pm

Minutes to approve – July 7 and July 21, 2021:

The minutes were deferred as they had not all received them to review.

New Business:

• **Dangerous Dog Hearing: Sullivan:**

Skipper first swore in the participant, Jim & Martha Sullivan, Tony Cordray and Carolyn O'Brian. Tony gave a report from his statement about the incident. This dog had already been deemed a Dangerous Dog back in December and the Sullivan's were advised that they were violating the Select Boards orders. The other parties gave their statements as to the incident. Mr. Sullivan said that he has contacted a builder to enclose a large portion of his property.

After everyone had made their statements Cindy made the motion to close the Public Hearing. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Skipper stated that he feels there is a danger to community that cannot be ignored. Tony recommended, based on the fact that Mrs. Sullivan does not have control of the dog, that the dog be euthanized, and does not believe re-homing is an option. The next step would be for the Board to dismiss or accept the ACO's recommendation.

Cindy moved to accept the ACO's recommendation. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor

Skipper stated that they are very sorry for all involved, including the dog. Discussion followed about the appeal period (20 days) and the Sullivan's were told they could visit the dog during that time with Tony present.

- **Ms. Foundation for Women 1 Day Beer & Wine – Grange 8/10 5:30-7:30:**

This event has been done before. There were no questions.

Cindy made the motion to approve the 1 day license. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: Cindy and Kent in favor, Skipper abstained (2-0-1)

- **Letter of Support Request/ Update from the Housing Rehabilitation Program:**

Melissa spoke about the program and how it worked. She also mentioned that they had already helped people in West Tisbury. She is requesting a grant support letter from the board. Some questions and answers followed.

Cindy made the motion to have Jen send the letter. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

- **Art Auction at the Grange for Harbor Homes 8/3 2:00 – 8:30 & 8/4 10:00-5:00**

Jen said they already had all the sign offs, they just need the Boards approval.

Cindy made the motion to approve the event. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: Cindy and Kent in favor, Skipper abstained (2-0-1)

- **Letter of Support for State Housing Bank Bills:**

Laura Silber spoke to explain the request of support. After questions and answers to clarify, Kent said he did not support a housing bank.

Cindy made the motion to authorize Jen to send a letter of support. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: Cindy and Skipper; yes. Kent; No. Passes by majority.

- **Complete Streets Letter to MA Dept. of Transportation:**

Skipper thought that the letter was very detailed and requestee another week to review it. No action taken.

Topics Not Anticipated:

- Skipper wanted to authorize the ACO to have access to counsel regarding the Dog Hearing earlier

Cindy made the motion to allow the ACO to have access to counsel. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Old Business:

- **Howes House feasibility RFB:**

Jen said they had gotten no bids. She can see that people did look at the RFP, but they never submitted anything. Skipper asked her to reach out to those people and ask why they didn't

submit a bid to get a better idea of what they were looking for. They will revisit the topic and next meeting

Correspondence:

There was none on the agenda but one came in late:

- A letter from Xfinity regarding changes to cable channels in our area.

Public Comment: There was none.

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

Adjourned 5:16 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant