

Approved 8/21/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, July 31, 2019 4:30 p.m. –5:35 pm

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

Also Present: Susan Stone, John Rau

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 7/10/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Affordable Housing Committee (AHC) Alternate Appointment: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint John Rau to the AHC as an alternate for a one year term. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

North Tisbury Bridge: Jen said the Board had a presentation from the Capstone students regarding the bike/pedestrian path, changes to the North Rd intersection, and had been given a potential design for a new bridge, which they had not yet seen. She asked the Board how they wished to proceed. She said she didn't want to lose momentum because doing anything was clearly going to take a long time. Kent said he was not in favor of the roundabout solution, he said also the existing bridge would not be easy to change so he thought two pedestrian bridges, one on either side would be the best solution similar to what was put in by the Museum in Vineyard Haven. Cindy said she assumed the roundabout was not something people would want, but it should be shown as one of the options. She said the public discussion about the bike/ped path should also include the bridge discussion. Jen agreed but noted they should be permitted separately due to the complexities of both. Susan said she lives in North Tisbury; she said it was largely unchanged so she's not sure why it would be proposed. Cindy said there were concerns about bicycle and pedestrian safety and the Complete Streets Committee had indicated this as a priority as well. Susan said the issue was really speeding cars. Skipper said he thought the North Road intersection was completely safe; he wanted drawings to scale to show the impact on the ground. The Board then discussed the bridges and the possibility of putting them on either side of the existing bridge on private property. Jen will contact the owner of the property on the East side and the realtor for the property for sale on the west side.

Clamming Season: *K. Healy motioned to close the clamming season on November 1, 2019. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Howes House: Jen asked how the Board wished to proceed with a Space Needs Committee to look at the Howes House. Kent said when he had worked on the renovation in 1998 it was clear then that the building was not in very good condition so if any major changes are proposed it could get very expensive quickly. Cindy said if nothing else the programming needs should be evaluated. Skipper added that cost aside it's the only town building that we have not upgraded and it should be looked at. Jen noted that Kathy Logue suggested that one member be from the Capital Improvements Committee. An ad will be placed in the newspaper.

Mill Brook Watershed Management Committee: Cindy said the Board had been given \$40,000 from the CPC committee this year to work on aspects of the management plan, with the expectation there would be another \$40k next year. She said the Board had agreed to a partnership with the Conservation Commission (ConComm) but thought a small committee would need to be created to oversee the projects. She said the Board meanwhile should formalize

their partnership with the Conservation Commission on this. Kent said in general the ConComm was regulatory; the extra work could become burdensome. Cindy said a small committee of people who already understand the issue would be ideal. An advertisement will go in the newspaper.