

*Approved 8/18/21*  
**Town of West Tisbury**  
**Select Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday August 11, 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:** Beatrice Phear, Matt Gebo, Cathy Minkiewicz, Doug Ruskin, James Klingensmith, Laura Silber, Philippe Jordi, Rich Saltzberg, and other members of the public that did not speak.

Skipper called the meeting to order at 4:33 pm

**Minutes to approve – August 4, 2021:**

There were no questions or changes

*Cindy moved to approve the Minutes of August 4, 2021. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor*

**New Business:**

- **CDB Grant (Community Development Block Grant)**

It is a housing rehabilitation program for residents, making repairs of up to \$40,000. It's for low and moderate income residents. The board needs to vote to sign the document,

*Cindy moved to approve the board signing the CDB Grant document. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor*

- **Animal Control Vacation Carry-over 105.7 hours:**

There were no questions

*Cindy made the motion to allow the ACO to carry over vacation hours. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: All in favor.*

- **MVAS Entertainment License:**

This is for the Fair to be held. No discussion.

*Cindy made the motion to grant the entertainment license. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: All in favor*

- **Request to Plants Bulbs in the Cemetery:**

Ginny Jones has offered to plant bulbs near specific graves and also in other places around the cemetery. Skipper asked that she contact the Cemetery Superintendent to make sure the areas she plans to plant are ok. The board expressed gratitude to Ginny for doing this.

*Cindy made the motion to allow bulbs to be planted in the cemetery. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: All in favor*

- **Parking Spaces on Lambert's Cove Road by Cottles Change from No Parking to Beach Parking:**

The Parks and Recreation Department wants to free up some space for parking and change the No Parking signs to Beach Parking along Lambert's Cove Rd. They had made NO Parking in certain areas to limit beach-goers last summer.

*Kent made the motion to change the parking signs. Cindy seconded. Roll Call Vote: All in favor*

- **Vote to Award Lease Lot at 50 Old Stage Rd:**

The had solicited bids and gotten one application from Richard T. Olsen and Son.

*Cindy made the motion to approve the lease with the Administrator to determine the legal amount up to five years. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: All in favor*

- **Committee to Create a MV Housing Bank Discussion:**

Skipper as rep to the committee requested this item to get input from the board on how to proceed. Cindy was uncomfortable offering opinion on a proposal they have not seen yet. After discussion it was decided to table the topic and ask the committee for a draft to look at. They will put the topic on the agenda next week.

### **Topics Not Anticipated:**

- The TestMV group now at the West Tisbury school needs another location as the kids will be back to school soon. They are proposing the Ag Hall grounds as the new location. It has been approved by the Building/zoning inspector, the Vineyard Conservation Commission and the Board of Health under Community Use. The WT Conservation Commission voted no. The Grange Hall is not a workable option as Jen explained.

*Kent made the motion to allow TestMV to relocate to the Agricultural Hall grounds. Cindy seconded. Roll Call Vote: All in favor*

### **Old Business:**

- **ARPA Funding Request from County for Spending Priorities:**

The Board had previously seen the request but it was not well defined. They have written back to say they have put together a steering team to solicit ideas for impactful ways to spend the money, island wide. Jen said that an island wide fiber network keeps coming up in discussions. Cindy suggested additional funds for Covid testing. After discussion it was

decided to have Jen send an email to all the West Tisbury department heads for ideas, and respond to the County by their deadline next week saying that we may need more time to get them concrete ideas.

- The Board of Health will be discussing the topic of Employee Vaccination Requirements at their meeting tomorrow. Skipper thinks the Select Board should attend. It was decided that they will put the topic on the Select Board agenda for next week incase there is any action they need to take.

**Correspondence:**

- NStar Summer Bill Fact Sheet
- C. Riggs re: Employee Vaccine Requirement – this will be covered in the BOH meeting tomorrow.
- Sunrise Windfarm Project Notification – they are requesting the Select Board be a consulting party. Jen sees no benefit in it.

**Public Comment:**

- Doug Ruskin brought up an issue with cars blocking the road while waiting for parking on Lambert's Cove Road near the beach. He thinks it's a safety issue.

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

Adjourned 5:14 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant*