

Approved 9/2/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
August 26, 2020 4:40 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Also Present: Dan Waters, Greg Orcutt, John Christensen, Clark Rattet, Doug Finn, Doug Ruskin, Ben Retmier, Russ Hartenstein, Jane Rossi, Berta Geller, Susanna Sturgis, Matt Gebo, Rich Saltzberg, Louisa Hufstader

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:41pm

Minutes: *Skipper made a motion to approve the Minutes of August 5th and August 12th. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

New Business:

- **Joint Meeting with the Finance Committee For an Appointment :**

Greg said they would like to appoint Douglas Finn to the committee to replace Jane Dreeben who resigned. The term would be until the next elections. The Fin Com voted and all approved and asked the Selectmen to approve the appointment too.

Skipper made a motion to approve the appointment of Douglas Finn to the Finance Committee until the next election. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

- **Complete Streets Grant Application:**

Berta Geller explained about a grant that was available from the State that they would like the Selectmen's approval to apply for. The money would be used to create a bus stop on the NE side of State Road, near the Panhandle Road and Scotchman's Lane intersection and also have a crosswalk painted for Fair goers. They would also like to request a reduction of the speed limit in that area of State Rd. The committee would also like to install temporary planters at the crosswalk by Alley's and the Howes House to help keep speed down. The board decided to discuss and vote each project separately.

Skipper said he thinks the planters at Alley's are not a good idea. He feels the area is too busy already and narrow and that cones put up for that same purpose were just run over. Cindy and Kent agreed.

As for the bus stop & crosswalk project he thinks that is a good idea. Kent agreed.

Skipper made a motion to support the Complete Streets Committee project and grant application for a bus stop & crosswalk. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

In regard to the request for a speed limit reduction, Skipper thinks they should hear from the Police Chief first. The Board asked Berta to speak with him. They probably won't have time to get this done before the application deadline as they will have to request a speed study and pay for it, but they are not opposed to the idea.

- **Emergency manager Full- Time status:**

Jen said Russ was made full-time under the Covid State moneys. She says they are not done with him yet and they are proposing to keep him on full-time status until the end of the year to deal with other projects, one being planning for Emergency shelters. They would have to extend the temporary employees status just one more month to cover this. Ben agreed that they needed Russ thru the end of the year. Skip questioned the actual need for 40 hours a week. Russ said that everything he is doing is considered Island wide and it's not about the money. He explained the time he spends. Cindy wondered if the other towns would be interested in contributing. Jen says Cares money is from the State and spending money on keeping Russ won't be taking money away from something else in town. Cindy is concerned about continuing Covid expenses. Jen said she will speak with the other towns to ask about their money situation.

Skipper made a motion that Russ continue in his present position full-time until December 31st. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

Russ thanked the Selectmen.

- **Local Drop-Off Service Agreement:**

Jen said that the District had approved the agreement and read the particulars to the Board and audience. Basically, it says that the Town will be responsible for maintenance, improvements and insurance. The District is responsible for staffing and the movement of solid waste. Skip asked about the money for the changes and Jen said it is covered by the Facilities budget. Kent noted that this Service agreement is not the same document as the original 1983 Refuse District Agreement, which has not been changed.

Skipper made a motion to accept the new agreement and authorize the Town Administrator to sign it. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

Old Business:

- **Fall Special Town Meeting:**

Jen said they need to decide on a date and time. She has spoken with the Camp Meeting Association about using the Tabernacle again and they are ok with it. She said that the parking at Sunset Lake would not be available this time, and she is looking into other parking in the area such as the CMA parking lots. Jen is confident they can make it work. There was discussion about doing it on a Saturday, but Dan pointed out that the last time this came up the issue was the Jewish Sabbath. There was more discussion about times and locations.

Skipper made a motion to hold the Fall Special Town Meeting outside of town, at the Tabernacle, on Tuesday October 6th at 4:00 pm. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

- **Warrant:**

Jen says there are no new articles, except possibly one asking for a boost insurance money. She would like to open and close the warrant on September 9th. Greg said that the Fin Com would like to just review their earlier recommendations from the spring ATM. Doug R. asked about any changes to the school budgets. Skipper, speaking as a School Committee rep. said as far as he knows they are not asking for any more money.

Correspondence:

- Letter from Marcia Rock regarding a Freedom of Information request to the Building Inspector that got missed. Jen said they have apologized and will have it done by September 4th at no charge. Skip expressed concern and asked if it could be done faster since they are in violation. Jen said they are working on it now and may have it done sooner. Rich chimed in to commend Jen and her office for doing a great job with information requests in the past.
- DEP Waterways regarding a request for a floating dock at the Wexler property.

Skipper made the motion to adjourn. Kent second. Roll Call: all in favor.

Adjourned 5:33 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant