

Approved 8/11/21
Town of West Tisbury
Select Board Meeting
Wednesday August 4, 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: Terri Feuersanger, Ronit Goldstein, and Marissa Jackson all from Eversource, Greg Pachico, Beatrice Phear, Kate Warner, Mary Kenworth, Matt Gebo, Cathy Minkiewicz, Jane Rossi, James Klingensmith, Rich Saltzberg, and other members of the public that did not speak.

Skipper called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm

Public Hearing: Eversource – installation of ten (10) new poles on Middle Rd. Marissa Jackson explained the system improvements that they are proposing. They need mid-span poles in between the existing poles to support a ‘heavy wire’. Skipper asked about cable and Verizon using the poles and Marissa said they had given up their rights to use them. There were more questions about the specifics of pole size and tree trimming. Work is expected to be done before the end of the year, starting sometime in the fall. There were no questions from the public.

Cindy moved to close the public hearing. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor

Kent moved to approve the application from Eversource to install more poles. Cindy seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor

Minutes to approve – July 7th, 21st and July 28, 2021:

Cindy had a couple of edits to make on the July 21st minutes and Skipper asked for an additional sentence too. They will be added.

Cindy moved to approve the Minutes of July 7th, 21st and July 28, 2021 as amended. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor

New Business:

- **Planning Board Short Term Rental Study Committee Request**

Jen read the letter from the Planning Board. Bea Phear from the Planning Board spoke and explained some of the ideas their board had come up with to regulate the short term rental situation suggestions. She acknowledged that it could cost money and require a staff person

so they would have to explore where the revenue would come from to pay for it. They are suggesting a short-term rental study committee be formed to explore these issues and make recommendations. Jen thinks it's a great idea to look at but said that she and Joe & Omar have looked into requiring registration, permits and inspections and that they have concluded that they just do not have the staff available at this time to do so. It was decided that a committee of 5 people be formed and charged the Planning Board to recruit from the folks they think are needed. No action taken by the board.

- **State Road Restaurant Request for extension to Outdoor Seating Permit until 4/2022:**

This is allowed under the current Covid restrictions and they just need a vote by the local licensing board, which is the Select Board. There were no questions.

Cindy made the motion to allow the State Road Restaurant to continue Outdoor Seating until 4/2022. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: All in favor.

- **Request for Building Dedication:**

Jen shared the letter from the West Tisbury Fire Department. Greg explained the request. The Fire Department and the other departments in the Public Safety Building complex agreed to the idea to honor Manny Estrella who just retired as chief. They are requesting that the sign at the road be altered to include his name and the other departments are listed in order of entry to the buildings. Greg was asked to disclose that he is the retired chief's son-in-law and now the new chief. Cindy and Kent thought it was a great idea. Skipper struggled with honoring just one individual when all have done so much. He would be more comfortable with honoring all 4 chiefs in some way. Greg said that he is considering naming station 1 after Arnie Fisher, but at a later date as it's not in his budget for this year.

Cindy made the motion to endorse the West Tisbury Firemen's Civic Association request to dedicate the public safety building to Chief Manuel Estrella III. Kent seconded. Roll Call Vote: all in favor.

Topics Not Anticipated: There were none.

Old Business:

- **Energy Efficient Building Improvements Team:**

Firstly, Cindy would like to rename the team to refer to Climate and Energy rather than just Building Improvements to acknowledge all of the different committees and staff members that will be involved. She feels the team should include members from the Climate and Energy committees, the Facilities committee, staff such as Louis Geoffrey, and Joe Tierney as Building Inspector, Capital Improvement committee, Mill Brook Watershed Management committee, Select Board, Board of Health, School Committee and others as applicable. Jen and Cindy have offered to serve as facilitators to help manage the workflow among the committees. She recommends a letter be sent to the various groups to underscoring the

urgency of the work, and solicit a commitment to support the work and to do so expeditiously. Jen stressed that this is not a new committee, but a workflow management team that gets input from the various committees and keeps everybody talking. Kate suggested a 'kick-off' meeting happen including all these players. The rest of the board thought it was a good idea and Cindy and Jen were thanked for their work.

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

Skipper offered some edits to the letter and comments about the placing of crosswalks and speed limit changes. He suggested they sharpen the focus and maybe ask for less to have a better chance at having them agree to the work.

- **Howes House Feasibility Study:**

Jen had only 2 people pull documents and when she reached out, only heard back from 1 who gave a very detailed response. Jen will use that info to refine the RFP and to maybe ask for less with some help from Kathy Logue to refine the request. Jen has also reached out to Aquinnah and Chilmark.

Correspondence: There was none

Public Comment: Cathy Minkiewicz brought up an issue with speed on Indian Hill Rd that Jen and Skipper will talk about at a later date.

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

Adjourned 5:54 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant