

Approved 10/2/19
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, September 11, 2019 4:30 p.m. –5:34 pm

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

Also Present: Kate Warner, Richard Andre, Samantha Look, Mark Saloio, Matt Mincone, Nick Wojkielo, Matt Gebo, Liz Gebo, Paula Elwell, Brad Cortez, Rebekah Thomson, Hunter Moorman, Susan Fellers, Bob Johnston, Doug Ruskin, Chris Eagan, Russ Hartenstine, Philip Hollinger, Ron D’Agostino, Mark Rosenbaum, Catherine Lowther, John Stanwood, Rich Saltzberg

The Board had a moment of silence in recognition of 9/11.

Gebo Letter of Commendation: Cindy read a letter written by Chief Mincone and Chief Saloio of Tisbury regarding an incident in Tisbury that Sgt. Gebo assisted in that could have had a far different outcome had the officers involved not shown good sense and restraint. Sgt. Gebo was given a round of applause for his work.

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 8/21/19. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Climate Change Presentation: Samantha said that the ICAN (Island Climate Action Network) group was comprised of concerned people from all over the island who wanted to work with the towns to adopt strategies to manage the impacts of climate change. She said that the primary concern noted for West Tisbury is wild fire due to the State Forest. Kate said that the Town should create a position to have a person responsible for prioritizing strategies and bring projects forward. She also thought it made sense to have an Island-wide coordinator at the Commission or the County. Jen noted the position should probably be a consultant position versus a job if the intent is to begin next year. Creating a new position in town is more complicated and we don’t yet know exactly how it will all work. Kent said there were a bunch of smart people on town boards; they should be asked what the one thing that they would fix was. Russ agreed but noted that having a person hired to look 20-30 years into the future would have value, because everyone else is focused on the next 5 years generally. Doug asked if the Commission was in favor of adding a staff member for this. Kate said yes provided the towns are willing to pay for it. Kate will look into the grant cycle for funding a consultant for further planning. *(the power point presentation is attached to these minutes)*

Housing Bank Committee: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Jane Dreeben to the Housing Bank Committee. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Street Light at Intersection of State & Old County: Jen asked the Board to make a decision where they wanted a street light at this intersection. She noted that Skipper wanted the light on a pole across and somewhat down the street from the intersection. In talking with the town electrician and the contact from Eversource they both advised that would not be the best location for a light and further the pole was owned by Verizon, which would complicate things. After some discussion the Board decided that they wanted one new pole with a light at the intersection and a new light on the pole on the same side of the street just down from the intersection.

Tri-Town Ambulance Building Committee: Cindy asked if Skipper wanted to be the appointee to this committee. Skipper said yes.

Robert Schweir Resignation from Zoning Board of Appeals: *C. Mitchell motioned to accept R. Schweir's resignation with gratitude for his years of service. K. Healy seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*