

*Approved 9/30/20*  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
**September 23, 2020 4:40 pm**  
**\*Virtual meeting\***

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

**Also Present:** Isaac Higgins, Warren Gowell, Kathy Logue, Matt Gebo, Tony Cordray, John Christensen, Maia Coleman, Rich Saltzberg

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:41pm

**Minutes:** Skipper made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 16<sup>th</sup>. Kent seconded the motion. Roll Call: all in favor.

**New Business:**

- **Kathy Logue Disclosure of interest in CCMHG:**

Jen explained that Kathy is our representative for the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group. Because she is a beneficiary, she must file a notice of Disclosure, as she has done in the past.

*Skipper made a motion to accept and approve Kathy's notice. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

- **Higgins Dog Complaint:**

Tony summarized the situation from last week and stated that he had asked Isaac Higgins, the dog's owner, to attend this meeting so that everyone could be clear on what he must do to comply with the order of conditions placed in 2016. As he had left the island and taken the dog back then, he never took care of any of it. The conditions state that he must have a fenced pen for the dog, 6' high with a double gate. The dog must be on a leash and muzzled at all times when not in the house or pen. Isaac said he is in the process of getting the fence and asked if it must be chain link? Tony said no, but it must be able to contain the dog. Skipper requested that Tony hand deliver a hard copy of the order of conditions to Isaac and said that he would be willing to amend the wording to state the fence could be built of any material approved by the ACO. They asked what the time limit was on the fence and it was decided that 1 week from the end of quarantine should be enough, so Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

*Skipper made a motion to get compliance to the 2016 Order of Conditions by 4 pm on Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

Skipper said that this action was about getting compliance for the 2016 order and asked if Tony would be filing a complaint on the recent dog bite? Tony said he was not planning to.

- **Animal Control Officer Vacation Carry-over 59.1 hours:**

There was no discussion.

*Skipper made a motion to approve the ACO vacation carry-over. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

- **Cemetery Superintendent Recommendation for Hire:**

Jen said she and Skipper had met with Warren Gowell and he seemed enthusiastic and ready to go. They would like to recommend him for hire at Grade 4, Step 1 effective immediately. He was introduced, welcomed and thanked.

*Skipper made a motion to hire Warren Gowell at Grade 4, Step 1 effective immediately. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor*

#### **Old Business:**

- **Letter re: Town Administrator:**

Skipper said that he had written a draft, officially thanking her for her hard work and asked the others if they thought it was ok. Cindy had not had time to really look at it and requested another week before they vote.

#### **Correspondence:**

- There was a letter from Mr. Williams thanking them for the information sent (Freedom of Information request from a few weeks ago)
- A letter denying the grant for the Tiah's Cove culvert work. They will need to decide next year if they will pursue the project with Town money. It is not a crisis situation.
- Monthly Report from Cape Light Compact

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

Adjourned 5:01 pm

*Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant*