

Approved 9/16/20
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN'S MEETING
September 9, 2020 4:40 pm
Virtual meeting

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

Also Present: Ronald Ferreira, Susan Silk, Cindy Trish, Paddy Moore, John Christensen, Olivia Rabbit, Tara Whiting-Wells, Kathy Logue, Dan Waters, Matt Gebo, Sydney Wargo, Maria McFarland, Collins Evens, Joe Tierney, Aaron Wilson, Rich Saltzberg, Janice Haynes

Cindy called the meeting to order at 4:43pm

First order of Business: Order of Intent to adjust Quorum.

Skipper made a motion to adjust the quorum to 30 for the Fall STM to be held October 6th. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

Minutes: Skipper made a motion to approve the Minutes of September 2nd. Kent then seconded the motion. Roll Call: all in favor.

New Business:

- **Healthy Aging MV update:**

Paddy introduced Cindy Trish who joined them this spring. Cindy introduced Sydney who is their intern. She said that HAMV had conducted a survey in 2015 of Senior Adults and they think it is time to do it again. She presented a slide show that showed some of the past info and explained what info they would be looking for this time. Covid-19 has had an impact and that will be something new on the survey, along with collecting info from seasonal residents. Cindy asked what info the Selectmen might want to know to include on the survey. She also said they would be looking for help from all the towns to get the word out. Cindy Mitchell asked about the timeline. They are planning to launch the survey around mid-October and it will close mid-December. If the Selectmen have any specific questions they'd like included she would like to have them next week. There was discussion about how they would be getting the word out and also of the Town 'partnering' with HAMV so that seniors don't think it's spam. It was asked if healthcare questions would be included, such as do the seniors have access to the care they need? Cindy said yes, that would be part of it. The board said they were glad Covid-19 questions were to be included and thanked them for the presentation.

- **Plumbing Inspector Appointment:**

Joe introduced Ron Ferreira and spoke about his ties to the community and his experience. Ron said he is looking forward to the job.

Skipper made a motion to appoint Ronald Ferreira to the position of Plumbing Inspector. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

Skipper asked Joe to say something about the retiring Inspector, Mr. Haynes. Joe said that he had been at the job for more than 30 years and he had enjoyed working with him. He said that even though he could be a 'grumpy old man' he will miss him.

- **Complete Streets Committee Appointment:**

The committee would like to appoint Susan Silk as an Associate Member. Susan spoke about the Sheriff's Meadow project to place benches along walking trails and walk ways across the island. She said that there are still some to be placed and that as a member of the WT Complete Streets Committee she would work to get some of them placed in West Tisbury. The board thanked Susan for volunteering for the committee.

Skipper made a motion to appoint Susan Silk as an Associate Member of the Complete Streets Committee. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

- **Farmers Market Extension:**

Jen said that they are asking to go thru October on Saturdays and if possible, into November, if the weather holds as they will not be doing the indoor Winter Market. She said that the Conservation Commission voted last night and they are in favor.

Skipper made a motion to approve the request. Kent seconded.

Cindy called for discussion. Skipper again expressed concern about expanding the use on the Ag Hall grounds. He read a portion of a letter from the Woods' attorney talking about the use of the land. He also brought up his concerns about items being sold that were not agricultural related. Collins spoke representing the Farmer's Market, about their bylaws a copy of which is given to all the vendors. Joe, as Zoning Inspector quoted MGL which says 25% must be local product and 50% must be made in MA. He says that he believes 75% of the vendors are meeting the State requirement. Skipper says he is reading the law differently, that he thinks it says that 25% of the product sold must be produced by the owner or lease of the land. Joe believes the Farmers Market are the leases, and in his opinion, it is allowed. Skip disagreed. Kent said there are 3 criteria that must be met: The Woods's wishes, the State requirements and the Farm Market Bylaws. He's not sure all are being met and would like more time to look at all the documents. Cindy asked Collins if it could wait a week and he

said yes and he would also like some time to broaden his knowledge of what they can and cannot do. Skipper asked Joe to consult Counsel. Skipper withdrew his motion to approve, not that he disapproves, he just wants to get more info. Cindy stated that she thinks the Farmers Market should be at the Ag. Society property and as an abutter she is happy with it there.

- **Town Hall re-Opening Plan Phase 3:**

Jen explained about the working group that had been formed way back at the beginning and what they had done for phase 1 & 2. She said phase 3 was intended to be brought forward once physical changes were made to the office spaces as well as all other metrics being positive. Omar has agreed that they are in a good position to go on to phase 3. Workers would be coming back into Town Hall to work, public access would remain the same with no free movement inside the TH offices. Meetings will still be virtual. There is no schedule for public access yet.

Skipper made a motion to approve the request. Kent seconded.

Skipper then asked if the town employees were comfortable with the plan. Jen said she hasn't sent it out to them yet as she wanted to get board approval first. Janice spoke up to say she was comfortable with what she had heard and seen so far and was looking forward to coming back into the office again. Skipper rescinded his motion and said that while they were in favor of the general concept, he wants employee input before the official vote. Cindy offered some edits to wording which Jen will change. Kent said he missed being able to come in and see staff.

- **Vote to open and close the STM Warrant:**

Jen explained the few small changes to the warrant; the combining of 2 articles and the addition of one more. There was no discussion.

Skipper made a motion to open and close the STM Warrant. Kent seconded. Roll Call: all in favor

Old Business:

- **Fall Special Town Meeting -update:**

Jen said that she will be meeting once more with Chief Blake and that parking is worked out, but in general they are all set to go. The board said nice work and Thank You. Dan said that he thinks Jen is doing a great job!

Correspondence:

There was a letter from the Department of Telecommunications the Cable License renewal. Jen said that Chilmark has said they will go out to bid for Counsel and that her expectation is that all island towns will chip in as in the past.

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

Adjourned 5:57 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Janice Haynes, Administrative Assistant