

Approved 10/17/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 29, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers, Glenn Hearn

Guests: Lucy Mitchell, Kent Healy, Barbara Day, Ernie, Ruth Kirchmeir, Maria McFarland, Prudy Burt, Chuck Hodgkinson, Bea Phear, Kathy Logue, Phyllis Meras, Joan Ames, B & B Day, Patty Moore, Beatrice Nesson, B. Potts, Peter Nesson, J. Shea

Minutes: *D. Power made a motion to approve the minutes of 8/8/07. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Mill Pond: Lucy Mitchell said that a group of people around the Pond feel the pond is in crisis and it should be dredged. Glenn said he had been doing research about what could be done to fix the pond. He spoke to someone who had done hydroraking in a similar pond, but that isn't a complete solution. They now are trying a different system to remove Nitrogen. Glenn has also spoken to Dick Johnson and Bill Wilcox who will help with the permitting. The BOS has not voted to pursue any path, they only authorized Glenn to look into options. He said he felt the town would not want to fund the half-million dollars to dredge so he wanted to pursue hydroraking. Prudy Burt said the Conservation Commission knows the pond is shallow, but has no historical data on the depth of the pond. Her understanding was the BOS had asked the ConComm to determine if the pond had a problem, and then if advised the BOS would apply for a permit. The report done by Aquatic Technologies shows no pressing water quality problems. After this report was delivered it was decided to not ask the town meeting to spend money to dredge the pond. In addition, the Mass. Estuaries is still doing water quality studies, which will provide more information about the health of the pond. Furthermore, the Whiting Pond will be hydroraked this fall, and the ConComm thought it wise to see how that works. Maria McFarland outlined the permitting procedure. Kathy noted that the Capital Improvements Committee do not have this project on their radar right now, and it would need to be programmed into the schedule. She said that committee did not think it was a priority for the town based on the other capital needs that are pressing. Bea said she thought we should wait and watch how successful the work at the Mill Pond is. She also felt that if the work is for aesthetics only she would prefer the Riparian Owners be given permission to pursue the permitting and funding and not ask the taxpayers to fund the work. Kent said that hydroraking the Mill Pond could create a big mess further down the stream. Chuck said a public forum should be held to discuss this one issue.

Lipizzan Permit: *S. Manter motioned to approve a permit to the MVHC for the Lipizzans at the Ag. Hall on August 31- September 3 2007. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*