

**Approved 10/24/07**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, September 5, 2007, 4:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Glenn Hearn, Dianne Powers, Jen Rand

**Guests:** Al Devito, Sharon Estrella, Richard Knabel, Ann Nelson, Brian Athearn, Tony Nevin, Caroline Flanders, Bruce Stone, Bea Phear, B&B Day, E. Mendenhall, C. Riggs, R. Knabel, B. Pots, J. Shea

**Minutes:** *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 8/22/07. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**CPC Update:** Caroline Flanders said the deadline for submitting eligibility applications to the CPC is 9/21/07. The CPC would then hold a public hearing on 9/26/07 after their regular meeting at the Howes House to get input from the public regarding the application process and goals of the CPC plan. Glenn asked about having the deadline for submittal after the hearing. Caroline said the deadline would remain, but they would work with people who needed extra assistance on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**THRC:** Bea Phear said the Committee has interviewed a number of architects and would like to recommend the BOS negotiate with Keenan & Kenny. The firm had a positive interview, and their experience was suitable for our project and they had good references. Glenn said he had attended the interviews and felt the Committee had made a good choice.

*D. Powers motioned to enter into negotiations with Keenan & Kenny Architects and further to authorize Jen to consult with Counsel on the contract language. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Finance Committee:** Al DeVito expressed his frustration with the votes at town meeting; he said that the feedback that members of the FinComm get at the post office and Cronigs does not mesh with what happens at the town meeting. He said everyone that talks to them says taxes are too high, yet everything passes in April. He said the town shows a lack of fiscal discipline, and the budget has little flexibility when 60% is for the schools and about 20% is for other agencies outside the town. He said the town should set goals like a business. Brian asked if everything could be put on the ballot so people who are afraid to vote at town meeting can have their say. Sharon and Ann felt the same, that people cannot or do not attend ATM for valid reasons or if they do they are too afraid to speak their piece. Glenn said he thought the school budget was a good place to start to try and lower the budget. He thought perhaps the regional Finance Committee could work with the regional agencies. He suggested a meeting with the School Committee. Diane said she thought the School Committee should have a chance to develop their budget, and then the town could see if they had heard the concerns, and then meet with them. Dianne suggested that the town hold a forum, twice at different times, to solicit voter input on the state of the town's finances. Jen was asked to find out if instead of town meeting being the definitive vote on an article if it could be placed on the ballot, and to find out if there is any other way besides the Moderator deciding or a town meeting vote to cause a vote to be held by Australian ballot. Bruce said he thought the FinComm presentation was good, but neglected to mention services or revenue, which are an important part of any budget.

**Tour Busses:** Jen said she was still working on the issue of sightseeing busses on Music Street. Meanwhile, the owner had asked for permission for 8 busses 2x daily every Friday through November 2<sup>nd</sup> to turn around in the town hall. She said she didn't think that was practical due to the number of VTA busses and people using the lot. She said the Grange had denied them use of their lot for that purpose.

*D. Power motioned to deny the request of MV Sightseeing to turn around in the Town Hall parking lot. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*