

Approved 10/31/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 17, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Glenn R. Hearn, Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers, Jen Rand

Guests: Rich Olsen, Catherine DeVito, Al De Vito, Shelton Bank, Bob Day, Barbara Day, C. Riggs, J. Ames, R. Knabel, B. Potts,

Minutes: *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of August 29, & October 3, 2007. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote was DP & GH in favor, SM abstained.*

Old County Road: Richie said the work was completed on Old County Road, but it does not meet our specifications so it will need to be torn up and done again. The patch was put down in the rain when it should not have been. Skipper asked why Steve Berlucchi allowed them to work if the conditions were not right. Richie didn't know. Glenn asked if we should require a bond for the work. Richie said he was working on a bylaw that will require a permit from the electrical inspector. Skipper said regarding this issue perhaps we should tell NStar who we would like to correct the work, and require they do it our way. Richie will talk to NStar and then Jen and he will come up with a plan to proceed.

Skipper asked Richie about the second phase of roadwork planned back when the town bonded one million dollars to fix some of the town roads. He wanted to begin to plan for that work and get it done before the first set of roads needs work again. He suggested perhaps putting money aside annually in a stabilization fund until we had enough to complete phase two.

Warrant: The Board reviewed the warrant for the special town meeting. The suggested the WTFD article be changed from raise and appropriate to free cash, Jen said Bruce Stone had already said either way was fine. Skipper asked why the Park & Rec Department was requesting a new shed when they had originally asked only for power. He also said it needed to go to the CIPC because it was over \$10K. Dianne said she would not be in favor of leaving this on the warrant unless it followed the Capital Improvements process. Jen will ask them to come in next week. Shelton Bank said the Energy Committee was removing their article from the warrant as they felt they had too many questions and didn't want to rush into something without a total understanding of the project. He said there was another grant round in the summer, so they could ask in the spring if they felt comfortable with the project.

Glenn said the CPA Committee had voted against putting the Mill Pond article on the STM warrant. He felt it was voted against in part because it was not in the cycle of the Annual with everything else. Al said the project also had not been through the Capital Improvements process. He said he would propose in its place to place a non-binding questions to the voters asking if they wished the BOS to continue to pursue this issue. The wording would be something along the lines of "To see if the Town would support the BOS pursuit of dredging the Mill Pond at a cost no greater than \$175,000."

S. Manter motioned to authorize Glenn to work with Jen to finalize the wording of this article for the warrant. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Tisbury Dog Pound: Jen said Tisbury had responded with a request to WT to pay \$8,000 of the proposed improvements to the dog pound. Skipper said he didn't think it was appropriate to pay for capital costs on a building we don't own, he also wasn't sure it was even legal to do so. He did say he was willing to pay more rent if necessary. Dianne agreed and suggested perhaps a user fee per animal might be the way to go. Jen will work with the Town administrator in Tisbury.