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TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, October 24, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Sandy Shapiro, Shelton Bank, Richard Reinhardsen, Bruce Keep, Peggy Stone, Steve Berlucchi, E. Mendenhall, C. Riggs, R. Knabel, B. Potts, J. Shea

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of September 5 & 19, & October 10, 2007. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Riparian Owners: *S. Manter motioned to accept a gift of \$1,750 from the Tisbury Great Pond Riparian Owners for the Mass. Estuaries study. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Used Car Dealer License: Jen said that Hugo D'Ambrosio had requested a used car dealer's license, but had said he had no plans to store any cars on MV, all sales would be handled over the internet.

S. Manter motioned to authorize a used car dealer permit for Hugo D'Ambrosio with the stipulation that no cars are to be stored on any property in West Tisbury. G/ Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Lease Lots – Past due taxes: Jen told the Board that Mr. Clements and Mr. Gillies owed the town both taxes and rent, and while the amount due in rent was higher than the limits for small claims court, the taxes were not and it was the only way to recover the taxes.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the Treasurer and Executive Secretary to proceed with tax collection through small claims court. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Access to Council: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Energy Committee to meet with Council regarding some legal issues surrounding the installation of a wind turbine at the WT School. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Warrant – Parks & Rec Shed: Bruce Keep said the Parks & Rec department wanted a new shed to conduct their activities from since they have moved from the Old Courthouse Road building. He said the Parks Department may see a savings from this as they will only need one person to staff both tennis and ticket sales. Glen noted this would need to be approved by Capital Improvements, Bruce said they had an appointment to meet with them. Richard Reinhardsen said the shed could wait until the Annual Town Meeting.

Non-binding Mill Pond Article: Skipper said he didn't like the wording of the article as it was committing tax dollars for the dredging as well as the permitting and design. Skipper said he was okay with paying for the permitting and design and additional money for a clerk of the works. He felt fundraising should raise the rest of the money. Glenn said he didn't think there would be funds necessary for a clerk of the works because the person who does the permitting will see it though. He also mentioned Kent might be able to help. Skipper said he felt we use Kent a lot and we shouldn't depend on that, and if the \$50K for permitting covered the cost of a clerk that was great. The Board decided to amend the article to remove the last sentence referencing the \$175K.

S. Manter motioned to accept the warrant as amended. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Herring Fisheries Letter: *S. Manter motioned to send a letter supporting the Herring Fisheries to the Division of Marine Fisheries. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

County Meeting: Skipper said he had read the letter from the County asking to meet with the Board and discuss possible additional services and he felt until the Charter Commission had finished its work there was no need to meet. At this point there is not even a Manager in place. He also said he felt when the voters were asked what to do about the County one of the questions should be if the County should even still exist. Richard Knabel said there was no way to ask that question short of an act of the Legislature.

S. Manter made a motion to table the letter until further notice. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Building Fees: Skipper asked the building inspector if it was possible to waive inspection fees for individuals who are building a house that qualify for affordable housing. Ernie said yes, he could do that, but would still have to pay the inspectors.

S. Manter motioned to waive building inspection fees for low and moderate homes being construction by the owner who is qualified for such housing. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Paths by the Road/Mill Pond: Skipper said he had read the letter from the Paths Committee asking that the proposed path over the Pond be included in any design and permitting of the Mill Pond for dredging. Skipper said he had no problem looking at that but didn't want the dredging project held up by the path if the timing or permitting didn't work. The Paths Committee will be sent a letter to the effect.