

Approved 2/28/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 14, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen John Early, Skipper Manter, Jen Rand

Guests: Chief Toomey, Maria McFarland, Diane Powers, Prudy Burt, E. Mendenhall, S. Vaughn, R. Rohr, J. Revere, C. Riggs

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 1/31/07. J. Early seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was JE in favor SM abstained*

WTPD Budget: Chief Toomey presented her budget; she noted the only big change was the cost for insurance. This was a result of a shift in the way insurance costs are assigned. Jen noted her insurance budget would be going down as a result. Beth also ran through her warrant articles, which included \$3,500 for joint training, \$33,500 for a new 4wd vehicle, \$3,200 for a new server and \$2,500 for the drug task force. She said she was talking to Tri-town about giving them our old Tahoe that will be retired.

Bike Race: *S. Manter motioned to approve the Boys & Girls Club race for May 5, 2007. J. Early seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Budget: Bruce said he had a few items he thought should be added to the annual budget, versus separate warrant articles. He thought the annual audit should be put as a line item in the budget, as it is required, and a known expense every year. He also thought the DCRHA should be in the budget, he noted the Finance Committee wanted the DCRHA to remain a warrant article as it would allow the language saying only if the other towns pay, and finally he thought the CPA should be added to the budget, but noted as they do in Chilmark where the revenue comes from. Skipper said he had no problem with the audit being on the budget. John agreed, thinks it's a predictable expense, and feels the same about the DCRHA, and he wanted to defer to the accountant on the CPA. Skipper disagreed with adding DCRHA. The discussion was deferred until Glenn's return next week.

ACO Fee Schedule: Jen presented the changes proposed by the ACO to some into line with other towns. Skipper felt the fines should be higher for loose dogs. The item was postponed until next week.

Mill Pond: Prudy Burt said the example of pricing for the feasibility study for dredging came in at \$50K, which is higher than anticipated by at least \$20K. She thought if there was to be a warrant article, it should come from the BOS, as the Conservation Commission would be reviewing the application. Maria noted that the \$50K was labor only and the price would go up when the cost for sampling and other things was added in. John said if an article was to be placed on the warrant it should be for \$75K so the voters understand the total cost of the feasibility study. Prudy noted the CPC money can be applied for annually and then banked.

Mutual Aid: Skipper wanted to commend the Fire Department for their work at the fire under adverse conditions the week prior and further thank the Chilmark FD for mutual aid provided. Jen will send a letter to Chief Norton and the Chilmark Board of Selectmen.

911 Signage: The coordinator for Tri-town Ambulance sent a letter requesting the BOS look at the problem of unsigned roads in town that are difficult to find. Rogers Path was cited as an example. Jen said she had received an request from a resident of Rogers Path asking for a sign also. A sign will be placed at the end of Rogers Path near Humphreys; the individuals who are party to the walking path agreement will be notified.