

Approved 4/25/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 4, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen John Early, Skipper Manter, Glenn Hearn, Jen Rand

Guests: Will Whiting, Jason Gale, John Mayhew, Pat Gregory, Ron Rappaport, Bill Haynes, Tom Osmer, Diane Powers, E. Mendenhall, R. Knabel, J. Revere, B. Potts, C. Riggs

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 3/21/07. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was GH & SM in favor, JE abstained.*

Shellfish Committee Interviews: Jason Gale said he had fished his whole life, he does not make his living from it, but cares about the health of the pond and the future of the industry. Willy Whiting said he is an active fisherman and wants to promote the fishing resources the town has. Willy is also a sewer of the pond. John Early asked them both what they saw as the future of the pond fishery. Jason said he thought the fishery had growth potential, and James Pond could be developed for clams. Willy said he thought there was an opportunity to change the attitude of conflict between the committee and the fishermen into a cooperative group. He asked what the Boards thoughts on the fishery were. Skipper said he thought the fishery had a solid future. John and Glenn agreed, Glenn was pleased to see the interest in serving on the committee. John Mayhew said he felt both candidates were very qualified and he added that Tom Osmer was doing a great job.

Town Accountant Appointment: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Bruce Stone to a three-year term as Town Accountant. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Paths Committee Appointment: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Rez Williams to the Paths Committee. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Warrant: The BOS went through the warrant with Pat Gregory and Ron Rappaport to determine who would speak to what articles. Jen was asked to let Prudy know there might be a paper ballot.

Legal Counsel, School Ethics Ruling: Ron said he had spoken to the Ethic Commission regarding his involvement with five towns, each having different impacts depending on how the school vote goes. He said he needed each town to sign a letter saying he can answer school related questions at town meeting.

S. Manter motioned to sign the letter under MGL c. 268A §17 allowing Ron Rappaport to answer questions regarding the school votes at town meeting. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Rogers Path: Ron said he had been in court to update them on the case, which was put on hold when the agreement was signed last year. During the update, the court asked how the parties wished to proceed. Attorney Larkosh, representing the other party said his clients wished to go to court. The case will be heard in the fall. Bill Haynes commented that the path needed to be mowed. Skipper said he would speak to them.

Access to Counsel: *S. Manter motioned to allow the Board of Health access to counsel to review 2 covenants. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Cape Light Green Communities Letter: *S. Manter motioned to send a letter in support of Cape Light's position regarding the Green Communities Act. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Christiantown Road: The BOS asked that a copy be given to Rich Olsen and a response sent to Joe Eldredge explaining that some of the issues are under the control of Mass Hwy.

DAS: Glenn said the testing would begin on the roads of WT next week. David Maxson would be working with Camille Rose to write and RFP to move forward with getting DAS service and did WT want to sign an MOU? The cost to write the RFP will be about \$8K. He said the town is not being asked for money now, but may need to provide \$4-5K later. The company interested in providing the service has petitioned NStar to allow them to mount their equipment on existing poles, otherwise new poles will need to be erected. The cost to put new poles up is about \$2,500 with a \$50/month rental charge. There is likely to be at least 20 new poles in WT. Skipper said he would not support using tax dollars funding a private venture. Glenn said the money would be to pay the consultant to evaluate bids from the companies. John said he would need to read the MOU prior to agreeing to sign it.

Aquatic Control Technology: Glenn asked if the Board wanted to permit the Mill Pond at the same time the permits were being obtained for the Parsonage Pond. John said he was not in favor of hurrying the process.. Glen asked if he could speak to the CPA committee about funding. Skipper and John said that would be fine.

Thanks to Skipper: John Early thanked Skipper for his service on the Finance Committee.