

**Approved 8/1/07**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, July 18, 2007, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Tom Vogel, Ernie Mendenhall, S. Vaughn, J. Shea, R. Knabel, B. Potts

**Minutes:** *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 6/13/07 & 6/27/07 as amended. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**OPM Appointment:** Bea Phear asked the BOS to hire Jamie Doyle as the Owner's Project Manager, she said the committee after all the interviews and references checks determined unanimously that he was the best candidate.

*S. Manter motioned to hire Jamie Doyle as the Owner's Project Manager for the reconstruction of Town Hall. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Vacation Carry-over:** *S. Manter motioned to authorized Ernie Mendenhall to carry-over 90 hours of vacation time. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**NStar Repairs to Old County Road:** *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Highway Superintendent to fix Old County Road and then bill NStar should the road no be fixed in a timely fashion. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Dukes County Advisory Board:** Skipper said the County budget had been created and he wanted to update the board on some of the proposals. He said the current proposal leaves only \$50K in unreserved funds, and cuts the Engineer down to  $\frac{3}{4}$  time. He said there seems to be some sentiment for eliminating the County Engineer's position entirely to build up the fund balance. Skipper said he felt the town's assessment should be less if the Engineer's position was eliminated. Diane said the County had never increased the assessment when it added the position, so she didn't think the assessment would go down if they eliminate it. Glenn said he thought the Engineer provided an important service.

**Poultry Complaint:** Ernie Mendenhall asked the Board if they had any questions about the complaint they had received. He said his read was that he could only enforce that the animals needed to be confined on the property. Glenn said he thought they should be contained, but that chickens should be allowed in WT. Dianne agreed. Skipper said he would support whatever enforcement Ernie determined was appropriate.

**Taping Meetings:** Glenn read a letter from the Finance Committee requesting permission to have their meetings taped. Glenn said he took some issue with the statement that the BOS had decided to only have their meetings taped. He said that was an MVTV decision, not ours. The Board decided that the benefits outweighed the risks to the town in allowing the videographers to work without insurance.

*S. Manter motioned to allow town boards and committee to hire videographers provided they did not earn more than \$599 in a calendar year, and further provided the meetings, if taped, must be aired on MVTV Jennifer Rand will work with MVTV to determine the rate of pay. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Access to Council:** *S. Manter motioned to authorize access to council to the building department for the purpose of review a letter to be sent as a response to a poultry complaint. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Executive Session:** *D. Powers motioned to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition. S. Manter seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and was unanimous in favor.*