

Approved 8/22/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 1, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Mark Russell, Barbara Palidor, Andrew Nanna, Bob Mone, Cindy Mitchell, Bob Mone, Cynthia Riggs, Erica Woodcock, Barbara Day, Bob Harris, J. Shea, R. Knabel, S. Vaughn, B. Potts

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 7/18/07 with one amendment. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Board of Assessors Appointment: The Board of Assessors called their meeting to order. Michael Colaneri said they had advertised the position, interviewed Bob Mone and wanted to recommend appointment.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Bob Mone to the Board of Assessors until the next election. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Event Permit: *S. Manter motioned to grant an event permit to the Artisan's Festival at the Ag. Hall on September 1st and 2nd. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Access to Council: *S. Manter motioned to theorize access to council for the Planning Board regarding a Form A. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Capital Improvements Committee Appointments: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Dick Metzger and Sue Hruby to the Capital Improvements Committee. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

GPCS: Mark Russell CEO, from GPCS talked about a proposal to create an island-wide fiber optics network. The company plans to start in Aquinnah and move across the island. The antenna will be flush mounted on a pole or inside a pole, so the appearance will resemble a utility pole. He said that GPCS is a public utility, which gives them rights to cross any property that has another public utility on it. There will be no public funds; it is a privately funded venture. They hope to be operational in Aquinnah and Menemsha by April 2008.

Mill Pond: Glenn said he wanted to revisit the discussion of weeding the Mill Pond. He said people have commented on how bad it looks. Glenn said he would like to start the permitting process with the Conservation Commission and the CPA for funding. Skipper said he was in favor of pursuing dredging until the cost was made clear. He now thinks that based on the ConComm's recommendation we should let nature take its course. Glen said he wanted to weed the pond even if it is not a permanent solution. He added the town would need to dewater the weeds, and he may have a place that could be done, and he has spoken to John Keene about using the weeds for compost. Skipper noted that the Parsonage Pond has been weeded twice and it just grows right back, he thought maybe the town should see how their proposed weeding project works before we move forward. Dianne agreed with Skipper. She said she would rather save the weeding money and put it toward dredging at some later date. Glenn will go talk to the ConComm.

County Advisory Board Update: Skipper said the County Engineer's position has been restored to $\frac{3}{4}$ time, which leaves the unreserved fund balance at about \$50K. He said they discussed the County manager position, which is a permanent appointment not a fixed term.