

Approved 9/5/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 22, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Bill Wilcox, Greg Skomal, Phil Brady, Mike Armstrong, Prudy Burt, Binney Ravitz, Ray Gale, Tom Osmer, E. Mendenhall, C. Riggs, R. Knabel, B. Pots, J. Shea

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 8/1/07. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Local Control of the Herring Run: Phil Brady said that the hearing was a result of the Town's request for local control of the herring runs after an affirmative vote at town meeting. The State was looking for public comments both positive and negative, and once comments were collected the information would be forwarded to the Director of the Division of Marine Fisheries for review and decision. Tom Osmer said that transferring control would allow for local assessment of the state of the herring fishery. Phil pointed out that the Town would need to develop regulations, but the State's regulations would still be in effect. The Town could only make more stringent rules.

Education Pothole Money: Jen reported that the Town would be receiving \$58K in pothole funding to address some of the unanticipated increase in charges from the conversion to the wealth funding formula.

Panhandle Road Traffic: Richard Knabel said during the fair the traffic on Panhandle was not all one-way, which had been voted on by the Board. He also said that his neighbor had a pass to go through the fair grounds and he didn't know why he couldn't have one. Skipper said the pass given to his neighbor was an accident, and she was asked not to drive through the grounds.

S. Manter motioned to recess until 7:00 p.m. D. Powers seconded the motion.

A non-voter forum was held. Glen Hearn reviewed with the attendants current projects and issues in the town including school funding, the space needs committee and town hall renovation, affordable housing, future space needs in the police department and library, the Mill Pond and cell phones.