

Approved 12/12/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 28, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Gail Tipton, Bea Phear, E. Mendenhall, Barbara Day, C. Riggs, R. Knabel, B. Potts, J. Shea

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of September 12 and November 7, 2007. D. Power seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Lights Out Martha's Vineyard: Gail Tipton told the Board that there was an event planned to coincide with Lights Out America on March 29, 2008 to ask that all non-essential lights be turned out from 8 to 9 p.m. She also asked whom she should speak to about lights on town buildings. Glenn suggested she speak with Shelton bank from the Energy Committee.

S. Manter motioned to support "Lights out Martha's Vineyard". D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Town Hall Renovation: Bea Phear gave the Board an update on the progress of the THRC. She said the contract with the architect was signed, and that they were working on plans for an edition, smaller than previously proposed on the west side of the building. The existing structure will be renovated. There are 20 parking spaces planned, and the door will be located in the addition to separate the TH traffic from the bus traffic. They are trying to save the large Holly tree, the Zelkova and the Sycamore, the Board will be asked to remove the 2 dead/dying elms. She said there had been a change in the timing originally laid out at town meeting now they are working with an architect. The architects have advised they will not be ready to go out to bid prior to the ATM. The architects also felt they would not receive many bids without a vote in place appropriating the money. This has been their experience recently on the Cape. They will, however, have firm drawing in March that will be given to an estimator to prepare for ATM. If the bids come in too high after town meeting then the scope of the project will be reduced and the project will go back out to bid. The question of whether to put in a basement or not has yet to be determined.

Access to Counsel: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Planning Board access to counsel. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Fire Department Thanks: Skipper said that the Fire Chief had asked that the Board write a letter of thanks to the Board of Selectmen in VH for their assistance at the fire at Deon's restaurant on Sunday night.

D. Powers motioned to send a letter to the Tisbury BOS in thanks. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Parking Fines: The Board received a letter from Chief Toomey addressing the cost of parking fines in West Tisbury. She asked that the rate for parking on the road at Lamberts Cove Beach and at Seth's Pond be raised to \$50.00. Dianne asked if the town should raise the rate for illegal parking in a handicapped zone. Skipper said it was \$50.00 and basically never happens.

D. Powers motioned to accept and adopt the Chief's recommendations regarding parking fines in West Tisbury. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Fisher Property – Chapter 61A: The Board received a letter from the Board of Assessors regarding land for sale in WT that was under a 61A restriction. This allows the town the right of first refusal on this property should they want to buy it. Jen was asked to speak with Counsel to determine what the town's responsibility was.