

**Approved 2/20/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Chris Fried, Rich Olsen, Jim Powell, E. Mendenhall, C. Riggs

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 1/2/08. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Wood Chipper:** Rich Olsen said he had looked into the cost of chippers and they will be between \$10K - \$12K. He said he feels it would save the town time and money versus the current practice of picking up cut brush every day, transporting it to the town lot and then taking it at the end of the season to Keene's for disposal. Alternately he has tried hiring someone to ship, but if it isn't done immediately the brush tends to blow around and create more work. The chippers today are quite safe, and would not be in use unless there were two people present. Skipper said he wanted to be sure the maintenance costs were considered, Richie said they had been. Skipper said he was not sure he would vote for the chipper but he was willing to put it on the warrant.

*S. Manter motioned to authorize a warrant article for no more than \$12K for the purpose of purchasing a wood chipper for the highway department. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**MVC Update:** Jim Powell told the board there had been 4 DRI's in West Tisbury in 2007; hart Plumbing, Rutkewicz, Ferry Tennis and Fisher subdivision. He also said that the 2 WT elected members were representing the town well.

**MV Peace Council Article:** Chris Fried said the Peace Council was requesting that the Board of Selectmen place a non-binding resolution on the annual town election asking Congress to stop funding the Iraq war and bring the troops home. Glenn said he was unsure he wanted to do that. If the Board placed that on the ballot, they would then be beholden to anyone with any resolution for the ballot. Skipper said he would prefer the group brought in a petition, he said if the law prevented that somehow the group could come back in and ask again.

**CPC Dredging Funding:** Skipper said he wanted to remove the Mill Pond dredging from the CPC consideration for funding. Glenn said they already had taken it off the list. He said they knew it could take a year or more for permitting.

**School Committee Debt/Sewerage:** The Board read the letter form Dr. Weiss indicating the Committee had voted to incur debt to fund the sewer treatment facility. Skipper said he thought it was going to be a warrant article. Jen said it was originally submitted that way, but then withdrawn after the most recent vote. Skipper noted this worked like the Refuse District in that the towns had 60 days to hold a Special Town Meeting to vote against the debt or it was automatically approved.