

**Approved 3/5/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 13, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Chuck Hodgkinson, Bruce Stone, Kathy Logue, R. Knabel, J. Shea, B&B Day, J. Ames, B. Potts, E. Mendenhall, C. Riggs

**Minutes:** Under Advisement until there is a quorum

**GASB 45:** Kathy said the agencies impacted by this law were trying to work cooperatively to fund the post-employment health insurance retirement benefits. As of 2010 the town's books will need to show this as a liability. Kathy said she thought it fiscally prudent to start funding this now as the amount will keep growing. If the agencies/towns work together the funds could be invested together to grow more aggressively. It will require legislation to allow this so she was asking the BOS to authorize the legislation be filed and then they will later have an opportunity to decide whether to join together or not.

*S. Manter motioned to co-sponsor legislation that would allow the towns/agencies to cooperate on funding the post-retirement benefits mandated by GASB 45. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Warrant:** A place holder will be put on the warrant for the funding for the above discussion. Skipper also wanted a place holder for applying free cash to the tax rate.

**Event Permit:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the permit for MV Antiques Association for 18 dates beginning May 17 ending November 29, 2008. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Ballot Question:** Jen reported that she had polled departments and committees as to their thoughts about changing town meeting to a Saturday and the response was primarily negative, although a couple said yes and a couple said they weren't in favor but would be curious how it would be voted at town meeting. Skipper said it was worthy of discussion but should be on the warrant not on the ballot because it would take a few years to implement if on the ballot. He would recommend an article that was a one year test and the following year, if it passed another vote to ratify the change.

*D. Powers motioned to place an article on the warrant changing the annual town meeting to the first Saturday in April. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**County Warrant Article:** Skipper said he wanted articles on the warrant related to the health care access, engineering and rodent control but he had questions about the wording of the articles and wanted to work with Bruce and the County on that.

*D. Powers motioned to place articles on the warrant funding Health Care Access, engineering services and rodent control. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**VTA Bus Route:** Chuck said there were two other options not mentioned during the previous meeting with the Selectmen, one would be to use the land at the cemetery, the other would be to use Station 1 on the West Tisbury Road. Chuck said in preliminary conversations Manny and John Early thought Station 1 would work. Skipper told Chuck he had done good work thus far and to carry on with whatever made the most sense.