

**Approved 5/14/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Mal Jones, Susie Wasserman, Ann Nelson, Janet Bank, Nick Puner, Kent Healey, Bea Phear, Dan Waters, John Alley, Prudy Burt, Tim & Eileen Maley, C. Riggs, B. Potts, J. Shea

Skipper welcomed Richard to the Board and thanked Glenn for his six years of service. Richard also thanked Glenn for his service and said he would try hard to be the Selectmen the voters elected into office. He promised to listen and be thoughtful.

**Minutes:** *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 4/2/08. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & SM in favor, RK abstained.*

**Chair:** *D. Powers motioned to elect Skipper Manter as the Chair of the Board of Selectmen. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Vice-Chair:** *R. Knabel motioned to elect Dianne Powers as the Vice-Chair of the Board of Selectmen. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Committees:** Richard said he had been looking through the list of Committees and Boards appointed by the Selectmen, and he understood that the make-up of Boards was dictated by statute but wondered about appointment term limits for committees, he asked specifically about the Land Bank Advisory Board. Skipper said some of the committees don't have term limits, as if people are willing to serve their town would like them to stay on for however long they would like. Dianne said she would look at the legislation for the MVLB. Richard asked if the appointed Boards and Committees should come in and give a report to the Board on a regular schedule. Skipper said many of them do, but maybe the board should schedule one a week beginning in September. Richard said he would like the Affordable Housing Committee to come in soon as he had some questions for them.

**Mill Pond:** Skipper asked the Board about possibly weeding the pond as had been suggested at the Town Meeting. The first step would be to file a Notice of Intent with the Conservation Commission. Richard thought the message from the voters was there had not been enough planning so he thought there should be a new committee for long-term management of the pond. The committee should be comprised of people with expertise in the area of water management, for example Kent Healy, Bill Wilcox, a shellfish person and soon. Dianne said she was not convinced weeding would work, and moreover, she thought the money the voters voted down was for planning. Kent volunteered to apply on behalf of the town for a Notice of Intent.

*R. Knabel motioned to authorize Kent Healy to apply for a Notice of Intent to weed the Mill Pond on behalf of the town. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Bike Path Committee:** Skipper said that at the ATM he felt the proposed path on Old County Road failed in part because of the possibility that it could be a bike path instead of a walking path; he wanted to revitalize the Committee and task them with looking into this idea. Richard said he had spoken with two past members of the committee and they felt it should be disbanded. Diane suggested Jen call the members and see how they wished to proceed. In correspondence Ebba Hierta suggested a new committee to look at non-motorized transportation. That discussion will be scheduled for 4/30/08.

**Town Hall:** Jen said that she wanted to talk to the staff in town hall about the upcoming move from the building and figure out what their needs were for organizing and packing up their stuff. The Board said it would be fine if staff had to close their offices from time to time provided they notified the public ahead of time – in the WT newspaper columns and anywhere else that made sense.

Bea Phear told the Board they had gotten quotes for relocating trees on the property and wanted to recommend the Board authorize Maciel Land and Tree for the job. She added that every vendor contacted said the Holly trees in front of town hall would very likely not survive being moved, and it would cost a lot of money, so the committee was abandoning that idea. Cynthia Riggs suggested offering cuttings to the garden club or the high school horticulture club. Skipper said he thought it would be a good idea for Bea to come in at least once a month during this process to keep the Board updated on what was happening.

*D. Powers motioned to award the contract to move the town hall trees to Maciel Land and Tree. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Artisan's Fair:** *R. Knabel motioned to authorize the Artisan's Festival over various dates and times at the Grange Hall and the Agricultural Hall. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor SM abstained.*

**BravEncore:** *D. Powers motioned to approve the request to hold a two night presentation by the High School drama club at the Grange, contingent on approval from the WTPD and Board of Health.*

**Tour Busses:** Jen explained that in the fall she and Dianne had met with Island Transport owner Scott Dario and his lawyer in Ron's office to discuss the use of Music Street by the charter and tour busses. The tour bus license does not include Music Street, but charter busses do not have the same restrictions. The discussion focused on a way to allow the charter busses to turn around and go back down-island in West Tisbury without travelling Music Street. Ultimately, the decision was made to have the busses come to the center of town and turn around in the parking lot of Town Hall. If, when the busses got to town hall there was a back-up in the parking lot of VTA buses then the busses could turn right down Music Street and head out Panhandle Road. Frequently this did not happen, rather, the busses would turn up Panhandle Road to enter town. Jen said after the tour season was over she asked Ron to send a letter reiterated the understanding about how the tours would work so that a plan would be in place prior to the beginning of the season. Ron had just received a letter back basically saying the company agreed to none of the items in our letter. Jen asked the Board for guidance. Richard said the parties should be asked to sign something so the agreement would be in writing. Jen will talk to Ron.