

**Approved 6/4/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Bob & Maggie Schwartz, Janet & Shelton Bank, C. Riggs, B & B Day, B. Potts, J. Shea

**Minutes:** *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 4/23/08 & 4/30/08. R. Knabel seconded them motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Bob Schwartz presented the town with a rendering of the proposed new town hall. The Board thanked him for his efforts. He said they were welcome, but they should know he had done the first and second renditions – he hoped there would not be a third!

**Pier Permits:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve pier permits for Map 35 lots 1.1, 1.2 and 1.13. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & DP in favor, SM abstained.*

**Flea Market Permit:** *D. Powers motioned to authorize the Flea Market at the WT School with the conditions that there be 73 parking spaces provided, 24 traffic cones, appropriate parking signage and a police detail. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM abstained.*

**Travel Allowance:** *D. Powers motioned to allow Jennifer Rand to exceed the federal reimbursement rate and book a hotel room at \$199/night. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**DAS:** Skipper went through a few questions he had on the RFP, including if there should be language included about the cable being run underground. Dianne asked if the Intermunicipal Agreement had been written. Richard said it was in the works, he also asked if the Board was open to the possibility of locating the HUB of the system in WT. They said yes.

**Committees:** The Board went through Richard's list of guidelines for committees.

Regarding the first two items which said that committees should be active, with well defined purposes and they should report on a schedule to the BOS Dianne noted that the committees already have an annual report, and if we add in another visit to the BOS in the fall that should address this item. Skipper asked that Jen notify the committees in the fall that we would like them to come in and give an overview of what they have been doing.

Regarding giving a sunset date to all temporary committees Skipper asked what the difference was between temporary and standing committees was. Richard said the BOS would make that determination. Skipper said he thought the temporary committees had a sunset sort of built in as they had one thing to do, like the town hall renovation, and when that was done they were finished.

Regarding the requirement that a committee be comprised of an odd number of people either 5 or 7, Skipper said he would not be comfortable excluding someone just to meet this requirement. Diane said the Board should strive for this but not be tied to it.

Regarding the solicitation of members for certain committees by the BOS, skipper said he was not comfortable with the BOS playing that role. He said that when members are needed with a certain expertise they are often flushed out, but to have the BOS soliciting members could become more political than practical.

Regarding terms of office, Richard explained that this would allow the Board of Selectmen to remove someone from a committee. Dianne said she had looked at what other towns did and they all seem to have a similar mix of term limits and not. Skipper asked, for discussion purposes only, if term limits could be phased in as new people joined a committee. Richard said that the information about who appoints, and if the committee is a standing committee should be listed in the Annual Report.

Regarding the reappointment to committees, Richard thinks that a member's performance should be reviewed prior to reappointment. Dianne asked who would set the criteria for that review, and if there were criteria set it should be done and reviewed by the committee not the BOS. Skipper was concerned that this could become politically driven. The Board determined that "All Committees should have a set of rules by which they operate." Jen will see what she can find to aid this process.

Regarding a Selectmen being a liaison to each committee Skipper noted that Jen already filled that role. Jen noted that she interacted with most of the Committees in some capacity or other on a regular basis. She said if people needed the BOS for some reason she heard about it.

**Non- Vehicular Paths Committee:** Richard summarized his thoughts about this Committee including the dissolution of the Bike Path and Paths Committees. Skipper and Dianne both said they were unwilling to dissolve the Paths Committee right now. They both felt that perhaps the mission of the Bike Path Committee could be expanded, and the name changed to reflect that mission, but they wanted Jen to ask those people who expressed an interest in that committee if they would be interested in a larger focus. Dianne suggested also asking the Paths if they would like to work with this committee.