

Approved 1/23/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, January 2, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Ken Gillies, Deborah Mayhew, Jane Dreeben, B&B day, E. Mendenhall, R. Knabel, J. Shea, C. Riggs, Michelle Ciccone

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 12/12/07. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Lease Lot Extension: Ken Gillies said he would like an extension of time in his lease, which expired on December 31, 2007. He said he's had a variety of health issues that have prevented him from working. If he could get an extension he could finish the job he started prior to being ill and then pay the town the back rent he owes. Glenn said the town is currently owed \$9,450 in back rent, and if the lease was extended, the rent would continue to mount up, and there would be more taxes due. Glenn then asked about the clean up required by the Board of Health. Ken said he thought they were just to remove their equipment and as far as the drainage was concerned he said they had tried to fix it but it didn't stay fixed. Skipper said he was concerned that the issue of back due rent has gone on for much longer than Mr. Gillies illness. He did not however, want to limit Mr. Gillies ability to finish his job.

S. Manter motioned to extend the lease on lot Map 16, lot 245.2 with Ken Gillies until midnight, March 31, 2008. The rent will be \$675 per month and taxes will be due 2/1/08. The property will be return to the state it was prior to renting and there will be no further extensions granted. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

MVRHS: Deborah Mayhew said she was there as a representative of both parents and students who are concerned about the school committee's plan to cut the music position in the high school to 1/2 time. She was wondering if there was a way to add an article to the warrant to reinstate the funding for the other 1/2 of that position. She said it would amount to about \$5K per town. Dianne asked how that would work with the approved school budget? Skipper said he wasn't sure how it would work if the budget was certified. Deborah said she had spoken to Bruce Stone and he said it could be done if it were cast as a grant. The school can then choose to accept, or not, the grant, but if they take it they must use it for its stated purpose. Glenn asked if the allotments per town would be determined by the wealth formula? Deborah said that had not been determined, but she wasn't sure she wanted the article tied to a positive vote in all 6 towns, because they would take what they could get, even if it wasn't the full amount. Skipper noted that could mean that some towns don't pay for a program their kids have access too. Deborah said the article could be written so the voters understood that. Skipper said he would prefer if the school committee brought the article to the town. Otherwise he thought it should come in by petition.

Town Land on Old Stage Rd: Glenn said he had looked at the land the town owned on Old stage road and was thinking that the town could earn money leasing out land to in the light industrial district because there was no way to conduct many of those business in town. Skipper said we should be cautious about what we do as the zone abuts a residential district. Dianne said she thought the Board should do some planning and not rush to put something on the warrant that was unclear. Glenn said he had spoken to John Powers and he had said the DEP would have to be involved with anything that went on over the capped landfill. Skipper said we should take into account any needs to town would have for the land over the next few years. Also, if we lease out the land we would need to provide infrastructure such as a road and power. Ernie said there was definitely a need for truck storage in town.