

Approved 9/3/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 13, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: L. Coutinho, Bea Phear, Chuck Hodgkinson, Jeremiah Brown, E. Mendenhall, Barbara Day, B. Potts, C. Riggs, J. Hickey

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 7/30/08 with a clarification. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

NStar Public Hearing: Linda Coutinho said there was existing underground service at #237 Lamberts Cove Road, but a correction for easement requirements needed to be made. The line will not cross under the road, but run along side it for about 40 feet. It will be trenched for installation.

D. Powers motioned to grant permission for the underground installation at 237 Lamberts Cove Road. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

R. Knabel motioned to grant "Clerk of the Board of Selectmen" status to Skipper Manter for the purposes of signing the order for NStar. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

NStar Temporary Pole: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize a temporary pole at the Town Hall during the renovation of Town Hall. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

THRC General Contractor Award: Bea Phear reported that JK Scanlan was the low bidder (\$3,415,800) for the town hall renovation project, the company had been vetted by the THRC, the OPM and the architect and they felt comfortable awarding the contract. Bea added that they were working on a grant from Cape Light Compact, and that the trailers would be arriving the last week of August.

D. Powers motioned to award the Town Hall Renovation contract to JK Scanlan. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Trees: Jeremiah Brown submitted a report about dead trees on WT roads; he said he wasn't sure all were in our layout. He said he has about \$10k to spend which would leave him about \$1,000 in reserve for emergencies. Dianne said she would help with getting copies of road layouts from the Registry. Jen will work with Jeremiah on tree removal at Lamberts Cove Beach.

One-way Fair Traffic: The Board read a request from the WTPD for traffic to be one way traffic on the Panhandle during the fair. Richard said his experience has shown that traffic goes around the barricade and perhaps there should be a detail. Dianne suggested that there was no budget for this so perhaps an alternative would be to erect a second barricade to make it difficult to be worthwhile.

D. Powers motioned to approve the one-way designation on the Panhandle during the fair. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM abstained.

Conservation Commission: *R. Knabel motioned to appoint Joan Ames to the Conservation Commission until the next annual appointment period. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Cemetery Lot: Jen explained that there was an individual that paid for a family lot in the West Tisbury Cemetery, but for some reason the lot was not a full size lot, but instead was an oddly shaped half lot. After looking at the map and speaking with the Cemetery Superintendent Jen said she would like the map to be redrawn to show ownership of a full lot by extending the boundary to the next lot over across the path. She said that Mr. Alley had wanted to leave a 10' area between the lots as a walking path, but there was another lot that had been sold further up the path that effectively blocked it anyways, so it was not Jen's preferred solution. She said she had spoken to the owner and they were satisfied with this solution. The Board was in agreement with this and asked Jen to send a letter and alter the map memorializing the change.

Community Hall: Skipper said he felt the Town misses out without a community gathering hall. He would like to explore the possibility of using one of the dump lease lots for this purpose. He noted that a member of the community had once expressed an interest in a building for dancing and perhaps would be willing to fund the construction of such a hall. Richard asked if there were support in town for such a hall. Skipper said he had no idea, and if the individual were not interested in the project he would not pursue it further, but if they were interested then the Board could begin to answer that question. Dianne agreed that there were many questions that would need to be answered prior to anything actually happening, but we need to start somewhere. The other two members said it was okay with them if Skipper wanted to work in this.