

**Approved 11/5/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, October 8, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Kathy Logue, Bruce Stone, Joan Jenkinson, Ginny Jones, E. Mendenhall, J. Shea, J. Hickey, C. Riggs

**Minutes:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 9/10/08 & 9/17/08 with one amendment to the minutes of 9/17. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Mousa:** Skipper asked if Mousa had been involved in the killings in Oak Bluffs and Vineyard Haven. Joanie said she had, in West Tisbury there had been one incident of the dog chasing a cat up a tree and one call when the dog was loose, but the owner caught her prior to the ACO's involvement. Skipper said he felt that relocating the dog was not an option as it just moves the problem some where else. He said he was uncomfortable with the dog being in town at all. Joanie said that right now there was no problem with the dog, but if she found the dog loose with livestock her recommendation would be euthanasia, and if the dog was loose at all it would immediately go to the BOS for a public hearing. Dianne asked if Mousa's owner had complied with Oak Bluffs regulations. Joanie said yes, the owner has taken it seriously and has worked hard on the new enclosure.

*D. Powers motioned to accept ACO Joan Jenkinson's recommendations that should this dog be found loose there will be a hearing with the Board of Selectmen, and further, if the dog is found with loose with livestock the ACO's recommendation will be for euthanasia. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM against.*

**Town Finances:** Kathy said Standard and Poors had upgraded the town's financial rating from AA- to AA. This is due in part to the town's finances, and in part to the fact that S&P has eliminated a "glass ceiling" for small isolated towns as they have begun to realize that isolation may actually benefit the town. Regarding going out for short term notes for the town hall, the Town's Financial Advisor had suggested the town wait until the end of the month. If, at that time, if the market has not stabilized we can borrow less for now and go out for the rest later. Kathy also said she was considering forming an ad hoc committee of investment advisors for the town.

**Job Description Questionnaires:** The Board reviewed the jdc's for Jen, Bruce and Ernie that were created as a part of the Town's classification study conducted every 5 years. There were no changes to Bruce or Ernie's, but regarding Jen's the Board commented on the "supervising others" question. Jen said she had said she did not have a direct supervisory role over anyone. She felt that Bruce and Ernie supervised themselves, and if there was a big issue it would be brought to the Board. Richard and Skipper both noted that while they didn't report directly to her, she was the first point of contact for many employees and often gave advice and solved problems. Jen's jdc will be amended to reflect this.

*R. Knabel motioned to authorize the chair to sign the Job Description Questionnaires for Bruce Stone, Ernie Mendenhall and Jennifer Rand (with amendments). D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Access to Counsel:** *R. Knabel motioned to allow the Planning Board access to counsel. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous on favor.*

**DAS:** Richard said there had been two applications submitted for the DAS RFP, one from Crown Castle and one from American Tower. The committee will review them.

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**Path 3:** Skipper said he wanted to commend Russell Smith for working out an equitable solution regarding the outstanding payment to Lawrence Lynch for path 3.

**Executive Session:** *Dianne Powers motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and not to return to regular session. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The roll call vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*