

Approved 5/27/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 22, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Linda Coutinho, Ebba Hierta, Richard Adrade, Casey Hart, Phyllis Meras, Joan Jenkinson, Bruce Stone, Ernie Mendenhall, Ginny Jones, Prudy Burt, J. Hickey, J. Shea

NStar Hearings: 37 Bog House Road – Linda said the connection to the new pole would go under Lambert’s Cove Road. Richard asked if the town should write engineering specifications for drilling under the road. Linda said NStar has basic spec that they use and she would be happy to provide them. She noted that even with the specs sometimes problems arise that need to be dealt with. Skipper said he still had concerns about going under the road after what happened to Old County Road. Linda said in the past, NStar had the customer hire the contractor to do the work, since the problem NStar has changed the policy to take control of the process.

R. Knabel motioned to authorize the pole at 37 Bog House Way. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Lambert’s Cove Road; Poles #51/141.5, 51/139.5, 51/138.5, 51/137.5 – Linda said these poles were to bridge fairly long spans between poles to help with power outages in that area (near Hidden Village).

R. Knabel motioned to authorize poles # 51/141.5, 51/139.5, 51/138.5, 51/137.5. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

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

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

Taxi License: Morgan Reitzas asked the BOS to rescind the action taken in February to transfer his license to Jeff Cors. Skipper said he knew there were things in the regulations that the Board had not been paying much attention to. He was hoping to review the regulations and make sure they applied fairly to everyone. Jen pointed out that the other two companies were likely to also have some regulation violations. Skipper said he was ok granting the license with the understanding it was for one year only and might not be renewed.

S. Manter motioned to grant Morgan Reitzas a taxi license for one year. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

MSPCA: Joan and Phyllis gave an update of what’s happening regarding the transfer of the MSPCA to the island. The County is going to help cover the cost for 6 months from their reserve fund, after that time the towns will hopefully pick up their share of the cost based on a per capita & EQV formula. The crematorium will not continue to operate. The Board of Directors and staff will be chosen in the next few days. Skipper said he thought the County was doing a great job addressing this.

S. Manter motioned to support the proposal brought forward from the county on a one-year trial basis for funding the Island Shelter. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Whole Health Alliance Event: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the event at the yoga studio on 5/9/09 contingent on sign-off from the WTPD. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Italian Dinner Fundraiser: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize the fundraiser on 5/1/09 at the grange. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Mutual Aid Agreement: Richard said he had questions about the agreement and wanted to have the Chief come to a meeting to address his concerns. He said he was concerned about liability among other things. Jen will ask the Chief to attend a meeting.

DAS: Richard said the hearing for May 4th had been postponed until June 8th. He said the system is being redesigned and will be more poles, but they will be 12” and have whip antennae on them. He said that ATC was going to meet with NStar on the island on May 4th to look at locations they are interested in co-locating. Skipper said he was fine with the postponed hearing but still felt the town should have its own meeting with ATC separate from Chilmark and Aquinnah. Richard said the town needed to get a clearer understanding of what the town’s process was and the ZBA needed a clearer picture of what the proposal actually was to make that determination. Ebba said that even if there was no requirement to do so, each pole abutter should be notified. Casey said the project should go to town meeting. Ginny and Prudy concurred with the others in the audience regarding town participation.

250 State Road: Skipper said he had been surprised at the cost per square foot for development that was discussed at town meeting. He said he would like to have Phillippe Jordi come to the Board to discuss this and possible ways to drop the cost.