

**DRAFT
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING**

Wednesday, August 26, 2009, 4:30 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

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

Guests: Morgan Reitzas, Gary Davidson, Dan Larkosh, Ginny Jones, Prudy Burt, B. Potts, J. Shea, J. Hickey

Taxi Complaint Hearing: Richard said he was not sure how to move forward with the hearing without the information the board had requested from Gary Davidson regarding his proof backing up his accusations against Morgan Reitzas. He said he felt it unfair to Morgan also to not have any chance to rebut the information. Dan Larkosh, acting as Gary's attorney said they had not provided the information ahead of time because they were concerned the Board would discuss and deliberate the information outside of the public hearing. Dianne noted that the Board of course would not do that as it would be a violation of the open meeting law and Dan should know that. Provided the information ahead of time would allow the individual board members to read and understand what was to be presented. Dan then said his client had evidence of MVY Taxi's overcharging customers and failure to keep a visible rate card. He provided the Board with photos he said were taken inside MVY taxi showing no rate card. Morgan questioned how Gary got pictures from inside his vehicle. Morgan also noted that Mr. Larkosh had represented him in the past, which would seem to be a conflict of interest. Richard said he was inclined to throw the complaint out, he said it seemed to be two competitors having an argument. Skipper concurred. Dianne said she also agreed and reminded the companies to continue to abide by the Town's regulations moving forward. After the vote Dan Larkosh reserved his right to appeal.

R. Knabel motioned to close the public hearing. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

S. Manter motioned to dismiss the complaint made by Bluefish Taxi as unfounded. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to accept the minutes of 8/5/09. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

WTPD Appointments: *R. Knabel motioned to appoint Russell Ventura to the WT Police Department. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM abstained.*

R. Knabel motioned to appoint James Neville to the WT Police Department. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM abstained.

Event Permit: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize the fund raiser at the Grange on August 29, 2009. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

WT School: Dianne said she had met with Mike Halt, Amy Tierney, Bob Lane and Jack & Richard Scanlan. The Scanlans had met with Mr. Koper and gone through the shop drawings and it was determined that Mr. Koper's letter might have been premature. The shop drawings indicate that it was not poor workmanship on Scanlan's part. The school will need a temporary repair to get through winter and will be fully dealt with next summer. Scanlan will assist with the early fix.