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TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 4:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Jen Rand

Guests: Bill Haynes, John Powers, Ron Rappaport, Joyce Bowker, Linda Hearn, Prudy Burt, G. Jones, B&B Day, Susan Silk, E. Mendenhall, Peter Brennen

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/14/09. R. Knabel seconded the motion, the vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Saxon/Cote: Ron said the agreement was finally complete, although not yet in his hands. He said the covenant will designate Island Housing Trust to hold the ground lease. The property resale price caps at \$290K with an inflation clause, thus keeping it affordable.

Howes House Well: Bill Haynes said the well was old, and will fail at some point. He felt it wise to not wait to plan for this until it failed, but instead to move forward so the building would not be left without water at some point. He said the one option is to tie into the Library's well. John Powers said there may be other options and perhaps a committee should be formed to look at all possibilities. Skipper said this should be put on the warrant at the ATM. The committee will be comprised of John Powers, Bill Haynes, someone from the library and someone from the Howes House.

Library Facility Needs Committee: Linda Hearn said there had been a committee formed to investigate the space needs for the library and determine if there was a need to expand. Timing was scheduled to take advantage of potentially the last round of State funding for libraries. The Committee hopes to have a report by February.

Records Management: Jen asked the Board for support for a warrant article to ask for funding for records management assistance. She said that in 2007 she had gotten a quote for the work that was much higher than the Board was comfortable paying, and the town hall project was in flux at that time. Now that the building is done it is obvious that the records need attention. Jen said she was proposing a complete project that would not only have the records inventoried and a plan in place for management, but the management implementation would also be handled by the company as its clear staff does not have the time to implement the recommendations. This would include putting permanent records on microfilm so the originals could be destroyed. The cost estimate was between \$13 - \$15K. The Board asked her to get a bid with a real number for town meeting.

Renewable Energy Trust Grant: Jen said the timeframe to apply for the town's \$8K in grant funding was drawing to a close and she did not know how to spend the funds, as the original proposal for a consultant to look for energy efficiency upgrades could not be funded. She then asked the Parks Department if they were interested in solar trash compactors as they had given Jen information about them. They did not really want them, and the general consensus was that it was a lot of money to spend for a trash barrel. Skipper suggested changing the speed light at the school to solar. Other ideas were solar lights for the Library and Howes House. Jen will research.

Planning Board Request for Support: The Board discussed the Planning Board's request for support for funding a consultant to help write a new cell tower bylaw. Richard felt it was money well spent, Skipper said he had no problem with rewriting the bylaw, but didn't think it should cost \$5,000. He said many towns have current bylaws, it should be easy to incorporate those. Ginny Jones said the consultant would also be sure the new bylaw wouldn't interfere or conflict with the rest of the bylaw.

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Ernie said he thought it was important to rewrite them. No agreement was found so no vote was taken.

Resignation from Mill Pond Committee: *S. Mnater motioned to accept with regret Kent Healey's resignation from the Mill Pond Committee. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*