

Approved 3/4/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 18, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Morgan Reitzas, James Corr, Kent Healey, Bruce Stone, B & B Day, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 2/4/09 with corrections. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Taxi License Transfer: Jeffery Corr said he was planning to enter a business partnership with MVY Taxi and he would be taking over the West Tisbury License as part of that arrangement. He said they would operate 24/7 and he was looking at a couple different places in town to lease to house the taxis should the deal go through.

R. Knabel motioned to approve the transfer of the License held by Morgan Reitzas to Jeffrey Corr. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Emergency Management: John Christensen went through his budget with the Board. He also said the All-Island Emergency Managers had been discussing the potential of increased homelessness on Island and if it becomes a problem the Emergency Managers would be looking for an island-wide solution.

Mill Pond: Jen said she had asked Kent to come in to talk about the Mill Pond because Richard had asked for a placeholder on the warrant for a Mill Pond article, and Bill Wilcox has released his preliminary report so she just want to know if the Board wanted the Mill Pond Committee to review this report and make a recommendation and if so, did they plan to have an article on the warrant. The Board decided to place an article on the warrant for \$5,000 for the purpose of aquatic testing. Kent will work with his committee and Bill Wilcox to develop a plan of action.

Vacation Rollover - Executive Secretary: *D. Powers motioned to authorize the Executive Secretary to rollover 72 hours of vacation time. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Bike Race: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize the Boys & Girls Club Bike Race on May 2, 2009. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Budget: Bruce Stone ran through the budget picture with all the warrant articles as proposed and the estimated receipts. With the anticipated decrease in receipts next years financial picture is not as positive as most years. As a result the Board discussed a variety of ways to lower the net tax levy. They will read the information provided and discuss it more fully next week. Jen asked the Board to consider postponing the sidewalk project until they could ask for CPA funds.

R. Knabel motioned to withdraw the warrant article for the sidewalk between the church and Alley's. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

VTA: The Board discussed "route 3" going down Music Street. Dianne said she had concerns about people being dropped off in the middle of the street when cars are parked for Farmer's Market or church. Richard agreed but said it was an enforcement issue. Dianne said the VTA should be responsible for assuring cars are not in the bus stop. Skipper said that there already is an officer on Music Street for farmer's market and he thought the church will be cooperative if they were told not to park there.

D. Powers motioned to authorize the use of Music Street for the VTA for the summer season of 2009 only. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

R. Knabel motioned not to allow the use of the Library Parking lot for VTA route 2. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.