

**Approved 3/11/09**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, February 25, 2009, 4:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers, Richard Knabel, Jen Rand  
**Guests:** Bruce Stone, Barbara Day, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey, J. Shea, B. Potts

**Minutes:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 1/21/09 with corrections and 2/11/09. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**WTPD Appointments:** *D. Powers motioned to appoint Mathew Gebo and Jeremy Rogers as Reserve Intermittent Officers for a three years term. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM abstained.*

**THRC Change Order:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the change order requested by the Town Hall Renovation Committee. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**House Donation:** The Board discussed the house that had previously been planned to be donated to the town for affordable housing by the MV Coop Bank. The house will still be donated for affordable housing purposes, but the town will not be involved.

*R. Knabel motioned to rescind the vote taken to accept the house donation from MV Coop Bank. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Budget:** Bruce went through a list of recommendations for approaching the expenses at the ATM, the result would be to lower the net tax levy. Some changes included lowering the amount put into savings for a year, and some involved a reallocation of other available funds.

*D. Powers motioned to accept the recommendations of the Town Accountant. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Skipper then went through some budget lines and warrant articles that could potentially be cut to lower the bottom line even further. The Board decided to lower the legal services line to \$40K, to drop the article requesting funds for cable negotiations as there is discretionary funding available for the BOS should they need it, they discussed dropping the BOS stipend by \$5K as Skipper is running unopposed but Skipper said he was not comfortable with that as there could be a write in campaign. Skipper also said he wanted to ask the Fire Chief if the new signs were really necessary at this time. Richard said he wanted the Chief to start budgeting for maintenance and stop over-budgeting for personnel. The Board will ask him to do that for next year. The Board also asked Jen to ask the Board of Assessors if they could lower their legal line item this year in light of the fact it was not a revaluation year.