

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

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

Guests: Bruce Stone, Maria McFarland, E. Mendenhall, B & B Day, J. Ames, J. Hickey, J. Shea

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 2/18/09. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Access to Counsel: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize access to counsel for the Planning Board and Kathy Logue. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Mill Pond: Jen said she had spoken to Kent about the use of \$2,500 versus \$5,000 for work on the Mill Pond. Kent said either amount would be used for water testing. Richard said that was less his questions than what amount of work would be needed to develop a management plan for the pond. Jen will speak to Bill Wilcox.

Delinquent Tax Collection: Jen explained that the Financial Management Team was going to send out notices to all tax payers letting them know that the town was going to begin enforcing the bylaw that prohibits individuals with delinquent taxes from getting permits from the town. She explained that the tax collector would still be sending directed notices to those with delinquent taxes but that would take longer because the computer does not seem to be able to simply print the list of those who owe, so making that work will take a little longer. The FMT wanted to be sure to give people plenty of notice before beach season that their permits would be held up to give them a chance to correct the problem.

Finance Committee Meeting: Skipper reported the budget amendments made by the BOS during the previous night's joint meeting. The Board reduced the BOS stipends to \$2,500 each for Dianne and Richard (Skipper does not receive a stipend) and dropped the legal line down to \$35K. Skipper noted that the Board had been clear that the legal line was being cut dramatically, and there may be a need for a reserve fund transfer should something out of the ordinary arise.

Personnel Bylaw: Richard asked for clarification about the compensation/overtime policy. Skipper said the bylaw allows an employee who works over 40 hours per week to either get paid time and a half or time and a half off. Richard also said he was distressed that the Personnel Board had added an article to the warrant as a result of the classification study and neither the Board nor anyone else had seen the study yet. Jen said the article had been submitted to meet the closing date of the warrant. The study had been slowed by a number of factors some external and some internal, and additionally the article may have a flaw that doesn't allow it to be voted at town meeting in any case. She noted that neither she nor Maria realized the financial impacts to the budget do not appear in the article thus making the article essentially unfunded. The Personnel Board will hold a meeting on 3/25 to go over the report with the employees and the consultant. Jen will ask the Board to come to the BOS that afternoon.