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TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, January 27, 2010, 4:35 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

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

Guests: George Davies, Devan Greene, Fran Finnegan, Jason Gale, Rick Karney, Michael Colaneri, Kathy Logue, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey, B. Potts, S. Silk, B & B Day

Devon Greene Shellfish Appeal: George Davis said he as representing Devan Greene in his appeal to the Board of Selectmen to overturn his one week suspension of fishing privileges. He said that there were two questions; one was if there was indeed any violation and the second was a question of proper notice. Skipper noted that he did receive some notice as he attended the meeting where the violation was discussed. Jason Gale said he was the person who made the complaint. He had gone to the pond to check out the shellfish at 4:00 and at 4:18 he had to leave to pick his son up at daycare. He came back at 4:45 and found Devan on the road leaving the pond. Devan said he didn't have a watch on, but he was sure he was done fishing by 4:00 pm. Dianne said this has taught us that the regulations need to be reviewed, for example, there is no mention of a process to handle complaints or appeals. This is difficult for both the Committee and the fishermen. Mr. Davis asked if the BOS would consider removing the offense so there would be nothing on Devan's record.

S. Manter motioned to find Devan responsible for the violation due to the preponderance of evidence. R, Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & DP in favor RK opposed.

Richard said he felt the process was flawed and as a result he was not in favor of the suspension.

S. Manter motioned to start clean with every fisherman's record as of 1/1/2010 and furthermore to request that the committee begin to revise the regulations as discussed. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Highway Superintendent Stipend: Jen said the Finance Committee had recommended that instead of phasing in the stipend, as the BOS had suggested, over five years that it be implemented at once. Skipper said he had heard what their reasoning was and had decided he agreed with them. Richard said he did not want to hit the budget all at once.

S. Manter motioned to phase in the increase to the Highway Superintendent's stipend over two years instead of five. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Warrant: The Board held spots on the warrant for the extension of the sidewalk from the church to Alleys, lights at the library, the WTPD feasibility study, a facilities manager contract for \$15k, the tax exemptions proposed by the Assessors and the scholarship proposed by the Assessors.

Comcast Negotiating Committee: R. Knabel motioned to appoint Dianne Powers to represent West Tisbury for the Comcast negotiations. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

CDBG: Jen told the Board that she had spoken with Alice Boyd and the town would not qualify for funding this year as there is a rule that for the "tier 2" towns, which WT is, if you get funding in one year you must take two years off. Alice said she would be working to change that rule. Jen was asked to ask Alice if letter to our legislators would help.

Executive Session: S. Manter motioned to go into executive session to discuss land acquisition and not to return to regular session. R. Knabel seconded the motion. A roll call vote was conducted and was unanimous in favor.