

Approved 5/12/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 28, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:27 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand

Guests: Manny Estrella, Ray Gale, Bruce Stone, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey, J. Bank, B&B Day, B. Potts

Minutes: *.S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 4/14/10 C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Shellfish Closing: Jen explained that the Shellfish Committee wanted to move oysters from one area of the pond to the other. This would require that the pond be closed to all oystering for six weeks, and the receiving are be closed through September 15th. Ray explained that the area the oysters were being moved from has been closed to fishing due to poor water quality.

S. Manter motioned to close the pond to all oystering for six weeks and to further to close the oyster receiving are until September 15, 2010. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Event Permit: Jen said there had been a request for a comedy show for one night in August. Skipper expressed his continued concern about the continued expansion of non-conforming uses at the Grange.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve a comedy show by Scott Blakeman at the Grange on August 28, 2010 at 8:00 pm. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Bailey Park RFP & warrant article: Richard said the RFP should say specifically that the lease must be acceptable both to the AHC and the BOS. Jen will ask that the change be made.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the Bailey Park RFP. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Special Town Meeting Warrant: Fire Chief Stipend Manny submitted a request for a warrant article to increase his stipend by \$14K. He said he had thought about putting it on the ATM warrant but didn't because he was increasing that budget by \$10K already. He said he based the increase on what other people were being paid, and he put in a lot of hours (20-30 a week) and thought he should be paid the same. Richard noted that the staff increases were based on a classification study of the personnel bylaw from two years ago. Cindy said this should have been on the warrant for the ATM, Skipper agreed. Richard asked when the stipend was last increased. Manny said four years ago. The Board decided they should review at all stipended positions and make any changes during

the next budget season. They all said it was not a judgment on Manny and the job he does, just a matter of bad timing. Manny said that was fine.

New Position: Jen said the Board had talked for some time about creating a “floater” position in Town Hall. The position was designed to “fill in gaps” of coverage when there are large projects or people are on vacation. Jen said as an example, when she is on vacation, the BOS office is largely unmanned with the exception of the hours that a very kind local volunteer has come in to listen to messages and go through mail. Even if the floater can not actually do anything for an individual seeking help, it can be frustrating for someone to come in and not have a person to speak to in a department for a week. The person would be stationed between Tara and John on the first floor and if possible phone calls would be routed to them if a person was away.

Jen explained that the reason this was being put on the STM is that the Board of Assessors has decided to downsize a position, and they are willing to transfer the majority of that budget to the BOS for this position. There will need to be a small amount of money raised to fill in the funding gap. The job will be advertised with a “strong in-house candidate”. The Board all said they thought this was a good idea, as did Ernie Mendenhall both as an employee and a member of the Personnel Board.

Trust Fund Bylaw: Jen said she wanted to put an article on the warrant to remove exact language for committee size as the AHC numbers have been reduced since the creation of the trust.

S. Manter motioned to put an article on the warrant amending the AH Trust Fund Bylaw to reflect the membership as the members of the AHC and the BOS. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Bailey Park Articles authorizing sale of land: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the Town meeting warrant articles. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

OPEB: *S. Manter motioned to place an article on the warrant re: the OPEB Pooled Trust. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Resignations: Dan Pace resigned from the Conservation Commission and Ann Maley resigned from the Cultural Council. Jen was asked to send letters of thanks.

S. Manter motioned to accept the resignations of Dan Pace and Ann Maley with regrets. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Poet Laureate: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Fan Ogilvie to the position of Poet Laureate for one year. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*