

Approved 5/19/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, May 5, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand
Guests: Prudy Burt, Isaah Scheffer, Rich Olsen, Ginny Jones, R. Karney, J. Hickey, B&B Day, J. Ames, S. Silk

Minutes: *.S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 4/21/10 C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Highway Superintendent Update: Rich Olsen told the Board the bridge work was done, thanks for the help provided by Kent Healy. He said the plowing went fine this year, and because of all the tree work not many limbs came down. Line painting is done; thermo will be done soon for the stop sign lines. NStar notified him that the work on Old County Road will be done on the week of June 10th. Keith will be present for that; Richie will be on vacation for a month.

Richie also said he had a complaint from Chuck Wiley at Vineyard Gardens about the death of some trees along Old Stage Rd. He said at the time of the taking he told Chuck the trees were too close to the road and offered to buy some and Chuck said it wasn't a problem. He wasn't sure what was going to happen with this. He also said there were two trees recently planted on town road layout on LCR and he thought perhaps before they got established they should be moved back from the road. Jen will work on this.

Finally, he said Tiah's Cove and LCR will need to be resurfaced soon, the Board will ask the CIPC to prioritize this work.

BOS Committee Appointments: The Board discussed the committee appointments usually held by Selectmen to determine who will fill which seats.

S. Manter motioned the following appointments: Skipper Manter – County Advisory Board, Cindy Mitchell – CIPC, Dianne Powers – TriTown until such time as she no longer wished to serve and then Richard Knabel, Jennifer Rand – Comcast Negotiating Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Joint Shellfish Project: Isaah Scheffer presented plans for a joint project to raise oysters on a floating dock anchored off Arnie Fishers' pier. This method of growing oysters can be as much as five times faster growth than traditional growth methods. Isaah said he would like to move the project from Menemsha, with seed going in in July and the dock coming out in October. Prudy Burt said it would require a Conservation Commission permit, but the BOS, acting as Harbormasters would need to authorize a temporary floating dock permit.

S. Manter motioned to authorize a temporary floating dock off Arnie Fisher's for the Oyster project provided the project was permitted by the Conservation Commission. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Assessors Taxpayer Meeting: The BOS said they would attend the meeting on June 16th at 7:30. Cindy noted this would be a good time to talk about the residential exemption.

250 State Road Lease: Cindy said she had read the lease and it seemed to cover all areas of concern to the town. Skipper agreed. Cindy asked if there was a WT preference should the house be resold. Michael Colaneri said no. Jen will ask Phillip Jordi to come to a BOS meeting at some point to explain if this would be possible.

C. Mitchell motioned to accept the lease. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Affordable Housing Trust Fund Amended Language: The Board discussed the definition of quorum for the Trust; Richard said he didn't think the Affordable Housing Committee should be able to take action without a quorum of the BOS. Skipper said it was the responsibility of the Selectmen to be at meetings, he said he didn't think the Trust should be split into two groups (BOS & AHC). Cindy said she agreed with Skipper.

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the language for the warrant article which amends the definitions of both the make-up of the committee and the size that constitutes a quorum. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Warrant: *S. Manter motioned to accept the warrant for the Special Town Meeting on June 8. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

MVC: *S. Manter motioned to accept with regrets the resignation of Jim Powell from the MVC. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

VTA Bench: Ginny Jones suggested that another bench would be a useful addition to the bus stop in front on town hall. The Board asked Jen to contact VTA.