

Approved 7/7/10  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
Wednesday, June 16, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.

**Present:** Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand  
**Guests:** Linda Hearn, Dan Rossi, Kent Healey, Glenn Hearn, Bruce Stone, Rick Karney, Craig Saunders, Benoit Baldwin, Rez Williams, Bob Woodruff, E. Mendenhall, Michael Colaneri, J. Hickey, B&B Day, S. Silk, B. Potts

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 6/02/10. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Mill Pond Committee RFP:** Bob Woodruff noted that the time frame had been extended out to 2011 as the original completion date of fall 2010 was unrealistic. Also, the evaluation criteria were more clearly defined. Skipper asked if there should be a maximum number of meetings stated so the consultant would know how to factor travel into their bid. Cindy asked why the goal didn't match the warrant article. Rick said that the Committee thought that they needed to define what "Management Plan" was, in other words, what was it being managed for. Richard said he was concerned that the stated goal would be in violation of the CPA funding rules. Bob noted that permits cannot be given to maintain the aesthetics of the pond. Kent said they needed to decide what "time" the pond was being preserved to.

Cindy said she was concerned that the way this was written it was written to lead towards dredging without being open to other options. Bob said the other options were less complex, thus they were not addressed in as much detail. The layout of this section was changed. Also, the request for a letter of intent was deleted.

**Mill Pond Committee Appointment:** *S. Manter motioned to appoint Barbara Day to the Mill Pond Committee. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Taxi License Complaint:** Benoit Baldwin asked the Board what right they had to issue taxi licenses as there were no taxi stands in West Tisbury. Skipper noted there was the airport. Mr. Baldwin argued that the Board shouldn't issue any. The Board noted there were island-wide regulations being discussed and they would probably not make any changes until that time.

**Library Building Comm. Appointment:** *S. Manter motioned to appoint Al DeVito to the Library Building Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Building Permit Fees:** Ernie said the permit fees had not been changed since 2007 and he wanted to up the inspector's reimbursement from \$42.50 to \$47.50. The fees for tennis courts, wood stoves, swimming pools went up \$10 and there was a square foot charge added to commercial buildings. Skipper said he was worried about adding fees

during this economy to something like a woodstove as that might not be a luxury item like the pool or tennis court. Ernie said he didn't want to pick and choose and furthermore woodstoves were the most complicated to inspect.

*C. Mitchell motioned to change to permit fees effective July 1, 2010. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.*

**Affordable Housing Committee:** The Board discussed briefly the private designation of homes as permanently affordable. The AHC had begun to outline a policy for accepting these homes and wanted to know if the Board had any comments about the policy. Cindy asked if the policy would apply to the person in town who has already done this, and asked if the property would then be controlled by the Trust of the AHC. Michael said this was all to be determined. Richard said the policy should go to town meeting. Skipper said the concept was a good idea and the Town should work to facilitate these designations. The Board will meet with the AHC on 6/22/10.

**Craft Sale at the Grange:** *S. Manter motioned to authorize a craft fare at the Grange on July 5<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7:30 and August 3<sup>rd</sup> from noon -4:00. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Open Meeting Law 24 hour posting plan:** Jen said she wanted to have a box constructed by Carleton Sprague that would house a binder containing all postings. The box would be mounted in the alcove of the entrance to town hall and available to the public at all times. Skipper noted it may need to go to the Historic Commission.

*S. Manter motioned to authorize Jen to apply to the Historic Commission if necessary and to hire Carleton Sprague to construct a postings box. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Open Cape:** Bruce Stone said that Open cape would have a fiber optic "backbone" on the Cape, but on the Island it will be microwave only and would connect to a station in Falmouth. He said the band width will be superior to what is available now.

**Cable Negotiating Committee:** Jen said she would like to use some of the BOS discretionary fund to pay the attorney the committee would like to use. It is anticipated to cost each town about \$2,000. Skipper said she should try and commit the funds before the end of the fiscal year.

**Town Hall Administrator Advertisement "Strong In-House Candidate":** Skipper said he was concerned that the addition of the words "Strong In-house Candidate" might deter people from applying. Richard agreed. Cindy said it is commonly used and signals to the others that there may be a preferred candidate. Richard said he was in favor of not using that language in the ad.