## Approved 11/3/10 TOWN OF WEST TISBURY SELECTMENS MEETING Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 6:03 p.m.

**Present**: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jennifer Rand. **Guests:** Wayne Greenwell, Tara Whiting, Prudy Burt, Julia Humphries, Steven Maxner, George Kinsman, Nathan Viera, JJ Mendez, MaryLouise Francis, K. Logue, P. Brannen, B. Potts, S. Silk

**Minutes:** S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 9/29/10 with one amendment. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & CM in favor, RK abstained.

S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/12/10 with one amendment. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM abstained.

Access to Counsel: John Christensen was seeking permission to ask Town Counsel if the BOS had the right to close roads in an emergency situation. Cindy said this was an issue that had been raised at the All-Island Board of Selectmen's meeting. Richard asked if all the towns could share the cost. Skipper asked why we had to pay Counsel for this answer when surely there was an Attorney at the State who could answer the question at no cost to the town. Cindy said the problem was how the written law was interpreted.

C. Mitchell motioned to allow John Christensen to contact Counsel for a written answer to his questions about road closure. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.

Parsonage Pond: Tara Whiting said she had applied to the CPC to sell access to the pond to the town, in effect to legalize what is happening now with the public using the pond for skating. Cindy asked if she had a plan, on paper for the area that would be granted. Tara said she had an idea in her head, but not finalized. Richard asked about who would hold the liability. Skipper said everyone. Tara said the CPC said that management funds might be able to be written into the funding. Skipper said the management would probably fall to the Parks & Rec department if the town bought the easement. He asked if the MVLB would be a more appropriate agency to approach. Tara said that a private citizen had asked them in 2005 and they said no at that time, so they would not reconsider without a request from the CPC. Skipper suggested a letter to the MVLB local advisory board requesting they reconsider the purchase.

S. Manter motioned to support the easement project and send a letter to the MVLB Local Commission asking them to consider getting involved. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

**West Tisbury School Lease:** Jen said she had read the lease, and had no concerns except it was for only one year. She suggested it be changed to be a three year lease, renewable. Cindy asked what the reason was for wanting to review it more closely this year. The Board was unable to remember, and no one had any concerns about the language as it was written now.

S. Manter motioned to sign a lease with the Up-Island School District for three years. . C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

**Cable Negotiations Special Counsel:** C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Bill Solomon special counsel for the purpose of cable negotiations. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Wind Energy Meeting in Maine: Richard said he would like to use BOS meeting funds to travel to Vinalhaven Maine to see a wind turbine project. He said he would pay for food and lodging if the Board would pay for the conference fee and mileage. Skipper said he didn't mind paying for the other expenses either.

S. Manter motioned to approve R. Knabel's travel to the wind energy conference. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & CM in favor RK abstained.

**Winter Farmer's Market:** S. Manter motioned to authorize the winter farmer's market at the Agricultural Hall. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

**Police Chief Search Committee:** Skipper submitted a letter indicating he was withdrawing from the Police Chief search. Richard thanked him for not incurring further legal costs. Cindy said she thought the next steps in the process suggested by the Search Committee were good ones, she thought she would like to consult with Bob Wasserman for the informal session, but not ask him to moderate, she thought the BOS could do that. Richard said he thought the BOS should pay travel expenses for the two off-island candidates. The sessions will be scheduled for 10/29/10 at 7:00 pm and interviews beginning 10/30/10 at 9:30 am.

**Holiday Party:** Skipper suggested scheduling the party now, the Board asked him to check if the hall was available on 12/9/10.

**Conservation Commission:** *S. Manter motioned to accept Hadden Blair's resignation with regrets . C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.* 

**Dirt Bikes:** Wayne Greenwell read a statement, signed by a number of people, regarding their concerns about the dirt bike riding at Fred Fisher's. JJ Mendez said he knew there were concerns, which is why they people only ride from 2-4:30 on weekends and not on holidays. He said he had also built s fence and planted trees to try and muffle the noise. Mrs. Francis asked why the bikes don't have quieter mufflers. JJ said they do not allow aftermarket parts that make the bikes louder. Nathan Viera said he was in favor of having a legal place to ride. Julie Humprehys said it was quieter than what used to go on at the pit, and having a place for people to ride legally was better than all the illegal bikes riding on the town's dirt roads. Wayne said the fencing and trees have not helped the noise. Richard told the group that the Building Inspector would make a determination about the zoning issues and if someone wished to appeal that ruling it would be with the ZBA.