

**Approved 12/1/10**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, November 10, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:59 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cynthia Mitchell, Jennifer Rand.  
**Guests:** Glenn & Linda Hearn, Doug Ruskin, Neal Sullivan, Michael Colaneri, E. Mendenhall, J. Bank, B&B Day, S. Silk

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 10/27/10. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & RK in favor, CM abstained.*

**Bailey Park Road:** Neal Sullivan from Habitat for Humanity (HFH) said they had been unable to record the ZBA decision because the town was still the owner of record. They thought they would need to change wording in the Land Disposition Agreement (LDA) to eliminate that requirement, but WT Counsel said it was not necessary to record the decision in order to transfer ownership. The open question in the LDA was if HFH had shown an acceptable fundraising plan. The Board felt they had done so.

*S. Manter motioned to commence with the transfer of the three house lots to HFH as all the conditions of the LDA had been met. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

HFH then asked permission to begin site clearing work in advance of the land transfer. Richard asked about liability. Neal said he thought the Town could be added to HFH's insurance.

*S. Manter motioned to allow HFH to begin site clearing work provided the Town was named as additionally insured on their insurance policy. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Stipend:** Skipper said he knew that Fire Chief wished to make some changes to his stipend, he wanted to know how the other towns paid their chiefs. Richard said he wanted to look at all the stipends relative to what other towns paid. Skipper said he did not think the Board should look at the stipends of other elected boards/committees without asking them if they wished to be involved. Richard said it was all public information. Cindy agreed with Skipper and suggested the BOS limit the scope to those appointed by the BOS. Jen asked the Board to address the Data Processing and Shellfish stipends now, as the Town Accountant has asked for guidance in those two departments. The Data Processing department has asked that the \$3,500 be divided with \$2K being paid to Kathy Logue and \$1,500 to Bruce Stone. The Shellfish department has not had a consistent allotment of the stipend; Jen was asked to speak with the Shellfish Warden to see how he thought it should be disbursed.

*S. Manter motioned to divide the data processing stipend as requested with \$2,000 to Kathy Logue and \$1,500 to Bruce Stone. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Mutual Aid Agreement:** Jen asked the Board to sign the revised mutual aid, which added Gosnold and the hospital. The Board had a number of questions she could not answer so Acting Chief Rossi will be asked to attend the next meeting. *(in fact the hospital was in the original agreement)*

**Budget Process:** Jen asked if the Board wanted any specific information in the budget letter to departments. Two years ago the Board said they would not support any new positions. Skipper said he didn't want to say no positions without hearing a presentation of need. Cindy said she thought the letter should express concerns about how other budgets outside of town hall may impact our overall financial picture. Skipper said he thought the BOS needed to take a more active role in the Up-Island School budget process. He said their budget keeps going up and he's the only person in the room fighting against it. The Board agreed to attend the next budget meeting.

**Maley Well Easement Agreement:** *S. Manter motioned to sign the Well and Water Supply Access Agreement with the Maleys. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Zoning Bylaw – Noise:** Skipper said that he had thought the BOS should ask the Planning Board to look at their bylaw to consider changes to the noise bylaw in light of all the complaints. He said after reflection, he thought this request should wait until the appeal was complete at the ZBA. Richard asked Ernie if he felt he had the tools to judge whether something was a nuisance or not. Ernie said not really, its subjective. If the town were to define nuisance with a noise meter he would need training to use the measurement instruments. The Board said if the bylaws were addressed they would take the time to do it properly and it may not make it to the next annual town meeting.

**Police Chief Interviews:** Cindy will moderate Friday evening's session. Richard asked Skipper if he planned to sit at the table during the interviews. Skipper said yes, he was still part of the Board, and had been at the table all along without participating. Richard said he wanted it on the record that he felt it was not appropriate and was the equivalent of participating. Skipper asked Cindy if she felt the same way. She said she would respect Skipper's decision.

**Posting meetings on Website:** Richard asked if the town was doing this now that the State allows it. Jen said no, as we had a system in place based on the previous rules. She was asked to look into doing this as well as using the box outside.