

**Approved 1/12/11**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 15, 2010, 3:30 p.m. – 4:40 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Richard Knabel, Cindy Mitchell, Skipper Manter, Jennifer Rand.

**Guests:** Linda & Glenn Hearn, Beth Kramer, Dan Waters, Eileen & Tim Maley, Kent Healey, Kathy Minkiewicz, Margaret Gallagher, Tucker Hubbell, Paul Levine, P. Brannen, Bob Potts, Barbara Day

Richard thanked everyone for their work on the town Holiday party, especially Janet Bank.

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 12/1/10. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Maley Property:** Eileen Maley said they were selling the property next to the Howes House/Library and were interested in subdividing the front section and selling it to the town. The whole parcel is 9.9 acres, and the parcel that has the gallery and open space is under an acre. The back part of the parcel is under conservation. Skipper asked if a substandard lot could be created. Ernie said it would be up to the Planning Board but there could probably be a lot line change so that the two pieces were joined. Richard asked when the current Gallery lease expired, Eileen said 2012. The Board will attend a Planning Board meeting to discuss subdividing and the CPA to discuss funding.

**Mill Pond Dam:** Kent said that as Keeper of the Dam he wanted the Board to seek legal opinion as to the ownership of the Mill Pond Dam. He said Dianne Powers had pulled together information that leads him to believe the Garden Club owns the dam, the State Office of Dam Safety think the Town owns the dam, Mass Highway thinks they own the dam, and whoever owns it controls the water in the Mill Pond. Kathy Minkiewicz said as president of the Garden Club she felt it unlikely the Garden Club wanted to own the dam (they did not think they did) but it would need to be put to a vote.

*S. Manter motioned to request Counsel to determine ownership of the Mill Pond Dam. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Library Building Update:** Dan Waters gave the Board an update on the progress of the project, he said it was moving along. The timeframe is as follows: 1/27/11 is the grant deadline, the State conducts site visit in Spring 2011, July 2011 grant decisions are announced, a big fundraising event will be held on 7/20/11, the Town must have private funds in hand by January 2012, the State will release their funds June 2012 and the Town must have broken ground by June 2013. Cindy asked a ballpark cost estimate; Leah said \$5-6 million. Richard asked where the library will go during construction; Leah said most books in storage, not sure about the rest.

**Historic District Concern re: Rocks in front of Town Hall:** The Board read a letter from the Historic District expressing concern over the rocks placed in front of Town Hall saying they were not in keeping with the district and not in the landscaping plan that was submitted and approved. Richard said he wanted to deal with the area between State Road and the Town property at the same time. Skipper said these were two separate issues and the Board should address the violation of the rocks immediately. The Board will meet with the HDC.