

Approved 1/19/11
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, December 29, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:24 p.m.

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

Guests: Matt Gebo, Dan Rossi, Brian Smith, Bob Potts, J. Ames, S. Silk

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 12/8/10 with a clarification. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Martha's Vineyard Commission (MVC) Appointment: Brian Smith said the MVC planned to begin a review of the DRI checklist on the tenth of January at 5:30. He said they would continue for the next three months looking for input from all the towns. He said they really want to focus on what projects have true regional impact. He said the budget is flat this year. He said that historically the MVC Finance Committee meets only at budget time, but they were talking about meeting on a more regular basis moving forward.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Brian Smith to the MVC for a one-year term. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Police Department (WTPD) Appointment: *C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Matthew Gebo to the WTPD for a three year term. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & CM in favor, SM abstained.*

Plante Affordable Housing Covenant and Subordination: Jen said the Covenant needed to be amended to meet Fannie Mae's new guidelines of allowing a "Cure period" of 90 days versus the old allowance of 120 days. The Affordable Housing Committee voted to authorize this change.

S. Manter motioned to sign the amended covenant and subordination. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Mutual Aid Letters: *S. Manter motioned to send thank you letters to Towns and individuals who assisted at the Christmas Day fire. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Community Preservation Act (CPA): Skipper said it had been five years since the town passed the CPA and he thought the voters should have the opportunity to decide if they wish to continue the tax. The State no longer matches 100%, it is now around 40%. The Board said they would present two articles to the voters, one to ask if they wanted to continue the CPA and one to see what percentage they should assess.

Winterizing the Highway Building Bathroom: Skipper said he thought the Board should look into the cost of winterizing the highway building bathroom. Currently Jesse

has to go elsewhere for access to facilities in the winter. The Board agreed to look into this.

Financial Management Team (FMT): Cindy said she thought the FMT should meet monthly regardless of pressing financial matters. Jen said the team did not meet regularly because while the DOR recommends these teams they tend to be geared towards larger communities with less ability to easily communicate. In West Tisbury 4 of the 5 team members sit next to each other so many informal discussions take place daily negating the need to meet. Cindy said she still thought it important. Jen said she would make it happen.