

Approved 1/26/11
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, January 12, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:19 p.m.

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

Guests: Dan Rossi, Dianne Powers, Randy Belain, Brian Chioffi, Manny Estrella, Bruce and Jennifer Haynes, Ginny Jones, Ray Gale, Bob Potts, J. Ames, S. Silk,

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 12/15/10. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Oyster Season: *S. Manter motioned to re-open the Commercial Oyster Season 1/17/11-2/28/11 with the current regulations in place. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Shellfish Committee Boat Request: Ginny Jones told the Board that the Shellfish Committee would like to ask the voters to purchase a boat for the use of the Committee for enforcement and propagation purposes. They had gotten specifications for a boat, motor and trailer for around \$12,000 and they wanted another \$300 for associated equipment (life jackets etc) so the article would ask for \$15K. Skipper said he thought it was a good idea, they currently use their own boats and the department did own a boat for about 20 years that finally became decrepit to use. Richard asked where it would be kept. Ray said it would be on the pond in the summer and at the Fire Station the rest of the time. Manny said he actually thought having a second boat would be a good thing for the town in emergencies. There was consensus on the Board to support this request.

TriTown Ambulance Agreement: Richard said that he had spoken with a Board member in Aquinnah who wanted to discuss the agreement. He asked if the Committee had any thoughts on the agreement. Dianne said they were in a transition phase currently, TriTown is getting close to being a paid service, they need to change the way they do business in order to be certified as an Advanced Life Support (ALS) service. She said TriTown had hired a Chief, but after six months there was a mutual agreement to step down to Assistant Chief and begin the search process again for a Chief. Dan Rossi said that the agreement dictates that Police Chiefs are Board members and he thought that put them in the position of being middle men and it made more sense to have the Selectmen themselves make up the Board. Manny said he thought the three town Boards of Selectmen and Finance Committees should all meet with TriTown at one time so everyone could hear all the concerns. Jen was asked to set up a meeting with Chilmark and Aquinnah to discuss the agreement.

Fire Chief Revised Stipend: Manny Said he puts in about 1,200 hours annually including about 140 inspections. He said he requested (\$35K annually) would work out to be about \$29 hourly. Ernie said that the Personnel Board has not reviewed Manny's stipend but he thought it wasn't enough. He also said he thought the inspections should be built into the stipend. Jen said last year that was about \$6K. Skipper said he felt the job was complex and time consuming and he thought the stipend should be \$39K or \$40 and no additional reimbursement for inspections. The rest of the Board agreed.