

Approved 3/23/11
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
CPC/SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 5:30 p.m. – 6:20 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jennifer Rand, CPC Sean Conley, Glenn Hearn, Leslie Eaton, Susan Phelps, Dale Julier, Jonathan Revere, Peter Brannen, Jim Hickey

Maley Property Purchase using CPA Funds: Cindy explained to the Committee where the discussions were regarding the Maley property. She said that the possible purchase price was not public but could be more than the unexpended fund balance of \$653,020. She asked the Committee how much of that balance would be available to the Selectmen for this purchase. She did say she didn't feel the BOS would push hard to make this purchase, it was more an effort to give the voters a chance to buy it if they felt it was important to own it. The BOS wanted this purchase to have little effect on the tax rate. Glenn said he wouldn't support using all of the unexpended funds for this project, he said the CPC has been committed to the use of much of the money for affordable housing purposes. Sean said he was unclear of the benefit to the town with this purchase. Cindy said the Gallery could close if there was a private buyer. Dale asked about the timeframe, she said she might like to see some fundraising efforts in conjunction with the CPA funding request. The Selectmen said that the closing would probably be scheduled for fall, but there would be no time to start a fundraising effort. Glenn said he did ask the Land Bank if they might be interested in this property and they said no. Cindy then asked to talk about using just Open Space funding and possibly some unrestricted funds. After further discussion the CPC said they thought they would be willing to use all of the Open Space funds for this year plus 2012 and add in some unrestricted funds to get to about \$350,000. They added they felt they really needed to follow their usual procedures, which would require an application with a total cost of the project in order to fully commit to a vote. A meeting was scheduled for 3/15/11 in the morning to vote on a formal proposal from the Selectmen.