

**Approved 3/23/11**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 9, 2011, 4:30 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Linda Hearn, Beth Kramer, Dan Waters, Dan Rossi, Harvey Garneau, Hermine Hull, Leah Smith, Glenn Hearn, Melissa Hackney, Bruce Stone, Kathy Logue, J. Hickey, P. Brannen, J. Bank, B&B Day, J. Hickey, B. Potts, Vanessa Czarnecki

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 2/23/11 with an amendment. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Library Expansion Project:** Skipper said he had asked the Trustees to come in to talk about the size and cost of the project. He noted at the outset that he is a longtime supporter of the library; he said the Library is an asset to the Community and he's not against the project. The current plan calls for a 13,300 square foot building at a cost of around \$5.7 million. He asked if the building had to be that big, or did the grant dictate the size, he also asked if no state funding were available what the Committee would ask to build. Dan Waters said the building was designed around community need, not grant requirements, although it was on the lower end of what could be funded. He added that if there were no State funding, the project would not be scheduled until 2016 and would be roughly double the size of the current building (so about 3,000 square feet smaller than what is proposed). Skipper asked about maintenance and staffing needs of the new building. Beth said that the building is already understaffed, and the new building was designed to improve sightlines so there would only be a need for one more person. She said that the new building was also being designed to be more efficient, so the cost to run it should not increase. Jen noted that the new Town Hall was also far more efficient than the old one, and solar panels were added and yet it still cost quite a bit more to operate and they should just be aware that with an increase in size will come an increase in cost. Skipper noted that the systems in these new building are more complex and cost more to maintain. He then noted that the building was quite large and would take over much of the open space in the back and he added concerns about the adequacy of the number of parking spaces. Linda said the increase in the size does not mean more people will use the building, just that there would be more room for all the people that are already using the building. Skipper said he thought the Committee should put in a basement instead of a crawl space, even though it adds to the cost it is money well spent. Skipper ended by saying he felt the building was being designed to be both a library and a community hall and he thinks as a library it is too big, and as a community hall it is too small and in the wrong place. He said he thinks the town needs a community hall, but this site is not appropriate. Cindy asked how the project design will become final. Dan said they Town would find out in June or July if they got the grant, and the design would remain in development until 2012. The hope was to have something to vote on at the 2012 town meeting.

**Alcohol at Fundraisers:** Cindy gave the Board an overview of the rules surrounding the provision of alcohol at events that sell tickets. She said that the issue had arisen in working on the purchase of the Maley property and she had worked with Town Counsel to clarify what could be done. In short, if there are tickets being sold to attend the event, no alcohol can be served but people may bring their own. If there is no cost to the event, it is fine if alcohol is served. She added that there cannot be a “recommended donation” that is used as subterfuge for charging a fee. Jen encouraged anyone planning an event that had questions to call her.

**Beer & Wine Article – Selectmen’s Amendment:** Skipper said he wanted to provide some direction to Town Counsel about a proposed amendment to the petition article that would allow the Board to issue one day licenses to non-profits to serve alcohol. He said basically, he wanted the amendment to only allow the Selectmen to continue doing what they already do, and not expand into events that allow, for example, a cash bar. Jen will convey this information to Town Counsel.

**Legal Budget Fiscal Year 2012:** Jen said she felt, in light of the legal spending for this year, that \$40,000 would possibly not be enough for next year. She asked the Board for support to change the request to \$45,000.

*C. Mitchell motioned to amend the Fiscal Year 2012 legal line from \$40,000 - \$45,000.  
S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Other:** Skipper apologized for asking Richard at the previous week’s meeting what he realized in retrospect was an inappropriate question about a meeting at his house.