

**Approved 3/30/11**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, March 16, 2011, 4:30 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Bruce Marshard, Ben & Beth Moskow, Allen Healey, Joan Jenkinson, Ed Marcy, Fred Fisher, J. Hickey, J. Ames, J. Bank, B&B Day, B. Potts, Vanessa Czarnecki

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 3/2/11 with a correction. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Fisher Dog Complaint:** Allen Healy said he had responded to a call at Fred Fisher's farm in December when Bruce & Laura Marshard's dogs had killed a chicken. This was the second time the Marshard's dogs had killed chickens at Mr. Fishers and there were other occasions when the dogs had been on the farm and harassed the flock without killing any. Fred said the dogs are not there daily, but he is afraid that they now have a killing mentality and will continue to return and kill more. He said he does not feel his chickens can be loose as a result of this. He said the dogs live about 700 feet away from the chickens. Bruce said they have only killed 3 chickens in two visits and he has paid for those birds. He noted there was 6-8 months between incidents. He said now the dogs are either outside with him or on a run in the yard. Fred noted that the dogs were walked past his farm that morning and let off the leash about 100 feet after passing the farm. Skipper noted that Laura Marshard works in the District Attorney's office, which interacts with the police department but he did not feel this posed a conflict. Ed Marcy said he knew the dogs in question and they were completely non-aggressive towards people. Alan was asked for a recommendation for the dogs. He said he was comfortable with the run as constructed, felt there should be a \$200 bond for one year and the dogs should not be allowed off-leash when outside. Skipper said he has been on the receiving end of dogs killing all manner of livestock on his farm and he agreed with Fred who said once they develop a pack killing mentality they will continue to kill. He said he felt the dogs should be euthanized.

*C. Mitchell motioned to accept the recommendation of the Assistant Animal Control Officer; the Marshards shall be required to post a \$200 bond to be refunded in one year if there are no further incidents and further the dogs shall not be off leash when outside the house. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.*

**Event Permit – Whole Health Alliance:** *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Health Fair at the Grange on 4/30/11 from noon-4:00 pm. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Bruce Stone Vacation Carry-Over:** *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Town Accountant to carry over 140 hours of vacation. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**MassPIRG Bottle Bill:** Skipper said he would rather write a letter showing our support for an expanded bottle bill versus signing the resolution. He said there are things in the resolution he did not know to be true. He also wanted to add a plea to increase the return from five cents to ten cents to try and encourage more compliance; Richard agreed that 5 cents does not encourage compliance. Cindy said she was in favor of signing the resolution as the strength of a resolution is in the number of signers.

*C. Mitchell motioned to sign the resolution in support of the expanded bottle bill. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.*

**School Building Repair Project:** Richard said that at the meeting with the Up-Island Regional School district it was decided that the Board would appoint three people to work with the School Committee to oversee the building repairs. He suggested the Board advertise for one week and move to appoint quickly after that. He thought the Board should seek out people with construction experience. Jen will be given a list of people to speak with and see if they are interested.

**Town Meeting Warrant:** *S. Manter motioned to sign the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*