

Approved 4/6/11
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 23, 2011, 4:30 p.m. – 5:05 p.m.

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

Guests: E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey, J. Ames, B&B Day, B. Potts, P. Brannen

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 3/9/11 (2 sets) with a correction. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & CM in favor, RK abstained.*

C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 3/15/11. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Farmer's Market: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Farmer's Market at the Grange Saturdays 6/11-10/8/11 and Wednesdays 6/22-8/31/11 from 9:00 am-noon. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

MV Boys & Girls Club Tour of the Vineyard: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Tour of the Vineyard 4/30/11. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Finance Committee School Budget Recommendation for Town Meeting: Skipper said he wanted the Board to discuss supporting the Finance Committee's recommendation of a level funded assessment for the town meeting. He thought the two Boards should be united in their request to lower the budget in the hopes of sending a message about the high per-pupil costs. Cindy said she was in agreement that some sort of message should be sent, but felt the Finance Committee's recommendation was too arbitrary. She wanted to try and determine a budget reduction that was based on something, for example a percentage reduction in expenses or a reduction in the per pupil costs. Skipper concurred, and explained the decision the Finance Committee made was based on the fact that the budget was going to the printer and no one could have taken the budget and computed the Town's assessment that night. Jen suggested that the Board determine what changes to the budget they want to make, and then have the assessment calculations ready for town meeting as an amendment. She was asked to contact the Finance Committee and see if they are willing to discuss this at their next meeting. Richard asked Skipper for confirmation that if one town voted down the budget then the statutory formula was triggered. Skipper said yes.

Postal Address Policy Complaint: The Board read a letter from Ann Fielder asking for help from the Selectmen in changing the policy at the post office of returning mail sent to a street address in West Tisbury as opposed to the street address but Vineyard Haven, where street delivery originates. She said that it creates confusion for people contacting her business when her address indicates she is in Vineyard Haven. Jen will speak with the Postmistress regarding who to contact about changing postal policy.

Other: Skipper said he spoke with Bruce Marshard about the dog restrictions and clarified that the dogs do not need to be restrained while in the car and further that the Board of Selectmen has no jurisdiction outside of West Tisbury.

He also asked that the Board plan to discuss sewerage. While it is a long way off, there are water studies showing that it may, at some point, become necessary.

Executive Session: *C. Mitchell motioned to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land acquisition and to not return to regular session. S. Manter seconded the motion. The roll call vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.*