

Approved 6/2/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, May 19, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 6:10 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand

Guests: Mario deBari, Lance Pope, Bob Woodruff, Bruce Keep, Erik Hammerlund, Phillippe Jordi, Peggy Stone, Rez Williams, Dan Rossi, B. Stone, J. Bank, J. Hickey, B&B Day, S. Silk, B. Potts

Taxi License Transfer Public Hearing: Mario deBari asked the Board to approve the sale of his license to Lance Pope. He said Lance had worked for him for three years and knew the business well. Rex Williams said he thought it was a good idea; there was no other public comment.

S. Manter motioned to approve the license transfer. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Richard closed the public hearing.

Minutes: *.S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 4/27/10 & 5/5/10 with amendment to 4/27/10, C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Island Housing Trust: Jen explained that the Board had only received from Island Housing Trust one of the two leases they were to review for 250 State Road. The other lease, for the 2 units being sold at 120% of median, did not require local (WT) preference. This corresponded with the requirements of the special permit.

S. Manter motioned to sign the lease for the units at 120% of median. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Appointment Process: Richard said he would like the appointment process to begin earlier and be done more deliberately. He said he would like the Town Administrator to contact each person individually to ask them if they wish to be reappointed. In future years, he also would like the Board to solicit letters of interest from other people for appointed positions. He said the currently system send a message that appointments are for life. Skipper said he is uncomfortable making a seated committee member feel they have to fight for the seat they have volunteered for and served on. Cindy said the League of Women Voters runs an ad every year listing elected positions; the Board could do the same for all the appointed spots. The ad could note if the position has an incumbent that wishes to be reappointed. Rez asked what the selection criteria would be. Richard said the Board would interview the people and then make a decision. Michael said he felt that process was unfair to the current member. Barbara Day said there could be term limits for each position unless there was no one else interested in the spot. Skipper noted that many of the Board do complicated work that takes time to learn and continuity is useful. He added he would not like the process to change out of respect for the current volunteers. Jen suggested the Board could do something like Edgartown does where they have a page in the town report that a person can mail in indicating committees they would be interested in serving on, then if someone didn't really want to be reappointed they would know there would be someone interested in filling their seat. Jen will call all the individuals up for reappointment this year to ask if they wish to continue.

Mill Pond Committee: Bob Woodruff said the Committee met and voted to recommend the BOS appoint Kent. He also noted they might benefit from a member from the Garden Club as they are a direct abutter. Skipper said that while 5 is his ideal committee size Kent has done a lot for the town and with 6 the committee would have to work harder to get a consensus, which is not necessarily a bad thing. Richard said he thought 7 was a better number and we should advertise for the last member. Skipper asked if both spots should be advertised for consistency with appointment policy. Richard said no, the committee had asked to appoint Kent so he didn't think it was inconsistent.

C. Mitchell motioned to expand the committee to 7 members. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Kent Healy to the Mill Pond Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Lamberts Cove Beach Parking: Dan Rossi said he had met at the beach with Janet Bank and Richard to look at the possibility of adding parking spots. He said he thought there was space for 4 cars up the hill across from the Peltz driveway but the WTPD would not make that decision, the BOS would. He did have some other suggestions, including adding a "slow pedestrian crossing" sign and having the mobile radar sign on site most days. He also said the "no parking sign" would be removed, and a beach sticker parking sign added at the new spots and across from Cottles. Bruce Keep said he was not happy that this meeting took place without any notice to the Parks & Rec. committee, which is in charge of the beach. Richard apologized and said he would take responsibility for that. Bruce said also that he thought the suggestions were fine but he wanted the committee to have a vote. Dan said he would be happy to go to a meeting and talk to the Committee. Richard said at that meeting he would like the Committee to discuss sticker enforcement. Skipper suggested the BOS not vote on the new parking plan until the Parks & Rec Committee met.

Garden Club Plant Sale: *S. Manter motioned to approve the Garden Club Plant Sale on 5/29/10 & 5/30/10 from 10-2:00. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Vineyard Power Event: *S. Manter motioned to approve the Vineyard Power Event on 6/10 from 7-8:30 pm. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Old County/State Road Intersection: Jen explained where the process was to date with the state. Skipper said he had reviewed the proposals from the MVC and thought only 3 or 4 were practical. Of those, he liked 3 better. Cindy asked if the Board could have the MVC in to explain what they did. The Board will hold a meeting just for that subject; an ad will go in the paper.

Police Building Study Committee: The Board discussed if the Committee should be five or seven members. They did not make a final determination, but asked Jen to schedule all interested to come to next week's meeting.

Cultural Council Appointment: *S. Manter motioned to appoint Marta Camargo to the Cultural Council to fill Ann Maley's unexpired term until 2012. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*