

Approved 6/9/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, May 26, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:41 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand
Guests: Phillipe Jordi, Joanne Scott, Susan Wasserman, Beth Toomey, Ray Gale, Jeffrey Lynch, Benoit Baldwin, Dan Rossi, E. Mendenhall, J. Ames, J. Bank, J. Hickey, B&B Day, S. Silk, B. Potts

Minutes: *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 5/12/10 with amendments. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Phillipe Jordi re: Local Preference: Cindy asked Phillipe to explain how the local option was preserved at resale of an affordable home. Phillipe said the Trust had the right of first refusal, so they can buy it and then work with the town to resell it. Cindy also asked if the owners of the house were required to sell if they were no longer income eligible. Phillipe said no, but the house, if sold would need to be sold to someone that was income eligible.

Charge for the WTPD Planning Committee: Richard had prepared a draft charge for the committee. Cindy and Skipper suggested changes including being sure to look at all possible sites, and identifying basic space needs within the building, if not laying out the design. Regarding the sites, Richard said he would like to project a priority for the Public Safety Building or current building before looking elsewhere, as the Public Safety Building was designed with this in mind. It was decided that listing them first would identify that priority. Beth Toomey noted that if the Board looked back at the planning for that building, the PD was not considered all alone, but was more of an add-on at the end of the process. Skipper asked if the committee should develop a cost estimate. Cindy said no. Regarding the internal layout, Skipper felt it would be useful to have a general idea where things would go, Dan Rossi agreed, Cindy and Richard did not. A final draft of the charge for the committee will be voted next week.

WTPD Site and Planning Committee: The Board interviewed those who submitted letters of interest for the Committee. Dan Rossi said he felt his role would be a person who was familiar with the needs of the department, he said he can envision what the department doesn't currently have and needs, and is open to the location. Beth Toomey said she had worked in four different departments and had off-island experience. Joanne Scott withdrew her letter of interest stating changing circumstances. Susan Wasserman said she was confident in the process to bring this forward; she thought the Committee should use the model of the Town Hall project as it was done so well. She said also she would contribute the community perspective. The Board discussed the two individuals who had not been able to attend the meeting (Norm Perry, & John Christensen) It was agreed that both were fine qualified candidates.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Dan Rossi, Beth Toomey, Norm Perry, Susan Wasserman and John Christensen to the WTPD Site and Planning Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous in favor.

Susan Wasserman will convene the first meeting.

Shellfish Warden: The Board spoke with Jeff Lynch regarding his interest in the position. He said he was the Assistant Warden in Chilmark, has been on the pond for a few years and feels comfortable with the program in place to restock the pond. Skipper asked if he would be comfortable with the enforcement aspect of the job. Jeff said he keeps signing up for the state training, but it keeps getting cancelled, but in general he felt comfortable talking to people if there are issues.

The Board also discussed the issue of if the Warden should be a member of the committee; they decided the warden should not be a member.

S. Manter motioned to appoint Jeffrey Lynch as the Shellfish Warden. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Old County/State Rd. letter to Mass. Hwy.: Jen said that Skipper and Dan Rossi had spoken about the idea of putting flexible dividers down the center of State Road to cause traffic to slow to make a more deliberate turn onto Old County. The State had been contacted and said they would need a letter from the BOS before they looked at it.

S. Manter motioned to send a letter to the State asking them to implement a temporary fix until the intersection redesign is complete. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.