

Approved 10/13/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:37 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Pam Thors-Adm. Asst.

Guests: Kathy Logue-Treasurer, John Christensen-Emergency Mgr., S. Silk, B. Potts, J. Revere

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 9/01/10 and 9/02/10 with amendments C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Tax Interest Amnesty –K. Logue: Kathy suggested that the Selectmen may want to put an article on the next Town Meeting Warrant which would allow her to grant amnesty for interest on overdue taxes for properties in tax title. The amnesty would allow 50 % of interest, after statutory fees, to be forgiven, provided that the balance of principal and interest were to be paid in full. She said that there are 25+ properties whose owners may take advantage of this opportunity. Kathy noted that when the process was undertaken in 2004, tens of thousands of dollars in back taxes were recouped. She advised the Board that this opportunity expires on 6/30/2011.

S. Manter made a motion that this article be put on the next Town Meeting Warrant. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Building Assessment: The Board discussed whether to include the W.T. school in the contract with EMG, the company that will provide building assessments for the town.

S. Manter made a motion to include the school, which raises the price from \$15,000 to \$17,500, provided the school is encouraged to pay the additional \$2,500. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Emergency Management Update: John Christensen spoke about the meeting of the Island Emergency Assoc. He explained that the association is made up of personnel from many different island agencies and noted that setting guidelines to establish protocol for future emergencies may be challenging due to the number of people involved. He said that the county wide message sent out the day before the hurricane, although erroneous, did reach the phones of all enrolled in the Code Red Alert System. So, although the message caused confusion, the system proved effective. He said that the process is new and with goodwill problems will be resolved. He noted that after the storm, enrollment increased by 300. Skipper said that this was a positive sign. There was discussion regarding the authority and responsibility for successfully setting guidelines and Cindy said that cooperation would be key. Richard said that this should be on the agenda of the All Island Selectmen. He will bring it up at the meeting on Sept. 23rd.

Diane Powers – Resignation: Diane Powers' letter ending her appointment as Tritown Ambulance Representative was read.

S. Manter made a motion to accept, with regret, her resignation. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Department of Conservation & Recreation: The notice of Public Meeting and Site Visit was read. DCR will meet on Sept. 18, 2010 to at the State Forest headquarters on Barnes Rd, Edg. to discuss dead Red Pine removal.

Meeting adjourned at 5:37 PM