

Approved 1/16/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, December 19, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Glenn R. Hearn, Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers, Jen Rand

Guests: Al DeVito, Brian Athearn, Ann Nelson, Brian McGroarty, Kevin Cunningham, Rob McCarron, Prudy Burt, Nick Bayer, Bruce Stone, Andy Boass, Maria McFarland, E. Mendenhall, J. Shea, R. Knabel, B. Potts

Minutes: *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of December 5, 2007. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & GH in favor, SM abstained.*

Paper Ballots: Glenn said he preferred to have the vote tied to a request from a number of voters versus a money amount. Al DeVito agreed, as did everyone else. Skipper said he thought having 20 voters was too low when the total number of voters at a meeting could be 200-300 people. Richard Knabel said the voters could amend the number at town meeting if they thought it was too low.

S. Manter motioned to put the paper ballot article on the warrant. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Maxton Technologies: Kevin Cunningham told the Board he was interested in possibly siting a cell tower in town. He wondered if the town would be interested in pursuing that. He was thinking about a flagpole on the town hall lot, he wasn't sure it was doable because of potential construction complaints. Dianne asked what the benefit to the town would be. Kevin said the town would get about \$4 or 5K a month for about 20 years. The flagpole would be about 100' tall, maybe as low as 70' with an equipment shed that was about 300 square feet. Skipper said he didn't think he could ever support a 100' tower in town, but he would be willing to put it to the voters. Glenn said it would be great if there were something that could be mounted on top of the building and then the equipment could be in the basement. Kevin said that could be worked into the plans for the new building.

Bayer CR: Rob McCarron told the board the property was 20 acres abutting Sepiessa, the Conservation Commission had reviewed and voted to recommend. He said there is a building envelope that would not be subject to the CR. He said the family has the right to cut some trees, and can create one building lot. The Land Bank will hold the CR

S. Manter motioned to approve the CR. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

MVC Appointment: *S. Manter motioned to reappoint Jim Powell to be the towns representative on the MVC. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Budgets: Jen went through her budgets with the Board. They made a few changes, which will be incorporated. She said she thought Richie Olsen should have an increase to his stipend as he hadn't had one in years, she also told them Richie would like to buy a wood chipper. They agreed with the increase in his stipend to \$5,500 and would like more information on the chipper.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the budgets as amended. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Plowing Complaint: Mr. Boass, who lives on Music Street complained that the town plows kept wiping out his table where he sells honey, and his and his neighbor's mailbox also kept getting knocked down and he felt the people plowing were doing it intentionally. The board felt it was unlikely it was intentional but Glenn will carry Mr. Boass' concerns to Rich Olsen.

Paths Completion Time Extension: *S. Manter motioned to extend the contract with Lynch until 4/30/08. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Tri-Town Agreement: *S. Manter motioned to sign the Tri-town agreement with changes. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*