

Approved 5/30/07
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, May 9, 2007, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: TJ Hegarty, John Powers, Eric Lowe, Don Hatch, David Merry, Chris Cini, C. Riggs, Barbara Day, Bob Day, E. Mendenhall, R. Knabel, R. Rohr, B. Potts, J. Ames

Minutes: *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 4/25/07. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.*

Mosquito Control: TJ Hegarty, Rodent Control for the County spoke to the Board about the possibility of spraying for mosquitoes on the island. He said Edgartown initiated the request. The product they were looking at is called Methoprene, which is a growth inhibitor. He said the State has concerns about both West Nile and EEE. There will be a meeting on 5/31/07 at 9:00 a.m. at the County Building.

Emergency Management: Chris Cini asked that the Board authorize the creation of a special revenue account to manage grant money. Bruce said it would be appropriate to create that fund. The Board had no issue with it. Glenn thanked Chris for his review of the emergency management document.

MVRRD: Don Hatch said the District wanted to add 11 acres to the transfer station. The property they were negotiating for sits to the south of the current property. They were considering future expansion, possibly bringing in the other island towns and adding a composting piece. This would be debt added to the assessment. Right now the site is close to maxed out at 23 acres due to setback requirements. Skipper asked how the debt would be allocated should the other towns join the district. Don said that would all need to be worked out.

S. Manter motioned to add the Refuse District Article to the Special Town Meeting warrant provided the language was in place by 5/15/07 at noon. Dianne Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Appointments: The Board of Selectmen made their annual appointments, list is attached.

STM Date: *S. Manter motioned to change the date of the STM to 6/5/07 at 7:00 p.m. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.*

Warrant: The Board discussed the article about the school budget. Bruce said if we did "raise and appropriate" it would raise the tax levy by an additional 1% (approx) over the voted budget at the ATM. Skipper said he would like to see a matching amount taken from free cash to put toward the tax levy to maintain an equal percentage increase.

S. Manter motioned to add an article to the Special Town Meeting warrant to move \$116,460 from free cash to reduce the tax levy.. Dianne Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Insurance Plans: Kathy Logue said the Board needed to make a decision about the Indemnity Plan, and if the town was going to either eliminate that plan, offer people an incentive to switch, or keep it. Kathy wanted to give people plenty of time to consider their alternatives and also allow her to work to put other benefits in place if the Board did eliminate the plan such as a flexible spending plan. If the

town does set up the flexible spending plan, it will cost a small amount, but will provide a pre-tax medical expense account.

S. Manter motioned to eliminate the Master Medical Plan effective 7/1/08. Dianne Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Event Permit: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Friends of Family Planning. Dianne Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.*

Other: Jen said someone had come into the office to ask the town to help get the utility company to finish their work and clean up the dangling wires on Music Street. Jen will call NStar. Jen was also asked to call Rich Olsen about a sign for Panhandle Road.

Glenn said the Town of Edgartown was sending a letter to Cong. Delahunt regarding a offshore renewable energy zone and their desire to participate. He felt WT should do the same.

S. Manter motioned to send a letter indicating WT support for Cong. Delahunt's initiative. Dianne Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.

Glenn said he had spoken to Rich Olsen about the highway department using the Old Courthouse Road Bldg. for equipment storage. He thought the Parks Department could move their operations to the shed at the school if the town put power to the shed. Jen will ask the Parks department to come to a meeting.