

**Approved 6/27/07**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 6, 2007, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Linda Coutinho, Manny Estrella, Chuck Hodgkinson, Bea Phear, Cindy Mitchell, B. Stone, C. Riggs, E. Mendenhall, R. Knabel, R. Rohr, S. Vaughn, B. Potts

**Minutes:** *S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 5/16/07. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.*

**NStar Hearing:** *S. Manter motioned to authorize NStar to run a cable under Old County Road at #674. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Fire Department:** Manny said he had reimbursed his volunteers for time spent in training and he would like to be reimbursed also. He said that the training was required by the State in order to qualify for grants. Skipper said he didn't want Manny to take offense, but he felt the training was part of the job, and he shouldn't be paid extra for the training. Manny said he had not included all the training session he attended, and added he had asked for an increase in his budgeted stipend but the Finance Committee asked him to cut the request in half. Diane said she saw Skipper's point, but was willing to authorize it for one time only, but moving forward it should be built into the stipend. Skipper concurred.

*D. Powers motioned to approve a payment of \$900 to Chief Estrella on a one-time basis to cover his time spent at training. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Manny then told the BOS that the State was taking back their brushbreaker, that has been housed in and manned by West Tisbury for a number of years. He was very concerned about the loss of that truck, and found a replacement surplus truck that had just arrived. He said the truck was in very good condition, but it was a 1976, so he didn't know how long it would last. He said the larger issue is the lack of State manpower and equipment to fight a fire in the forest. He felt the Island BOS should band together, perhaps with the airport to attempt to get the state to deal with that issue.

**Assessor Update:** Cindy Mitchell told the BOS the Board of Assessors had received a records request from Foley & Hoag that, while it didn't mention Mr. Graham was presumably in preparation for his court case. The scope of the request, on the surface is enormous – it seems to be asking for every record for every property in town for the last three years, which may mean the Assessors will have to hire someone to help fulfill the request. She said the Board's lawyer was still working to clarify the request. This will likely result in the need for additional fund for the Board, because the fees paid by the requesting attorney will cover the costs associated the go into the general fund, not directly to the Assessors. On a separate note, the Board settled one of their 4 pending cases.

**TH Renovation Committee:** Bea Phear said the THRC had advertised to hire an Owner's Project Manager and once that person was on board the Committee would want to quickly hire an architect. In order to do that, the BOS must adopt generic designer selection criteria for the town to use during any building project.

*S. Manter motioned to adopt the designer selection criteria developed by the THRC. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous.*

**MVRHS Funding Formula Committee:** *S. Manter motioned to appoint D. Powers to the committee. G. Hearn seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Seasonal Pier Permits:** *S. Manter motioned to approve seasonal pier permits on Map 35, Lot 1; Map 35 Lot 1.1; Map 35 Lot 1.2; map 35, Lot 1.13; Map 32, Lot 126. D. Powers seconded the motion. The votes were Map 35 Lot 1 – unanimous, Map 35 Lots 1.1, 1.2 & 1.13 GH & DP in favor, SM abstained and map 32 Lot 126 SM & DP in favor, GH abstained.*