

Approve 2/20/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 6, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers, Jen Rand

Guests: Rick Karney, Tom Osmer, Al DeVito, J. Shea, Barbara Day, J. Ames, B. Potts, E. Mendenhall, C. Riggs

Minutes: Under Advisement until there is a quorum

Citizen Ballot Question Proposal: Al DeVito said he would like the Board to consider putting a non-binding question on the ballot suggesting a change of Town Meeting date to a Saturday morning. Al said he was concerned that only young people come to the meeting, and if the meeting didn't run after dark the older voters might be better represented. Skipper said if the question went on the ballot it should specify the first Saturday to keep the meeting before the elections. He said that a few weeks prior a citizen had asked for the Board to put a different article on the ballot and was told to put it on by petition (the fear being that it would set a precedent and the Board would be inundated). In this instance Skipper felt that if there was overwhelming support for the article by town board or committees (as it directly affects them) he would be willing to submit the article. Dianne agreed. Jen will poll boards and committees and it will be discussed next week.

Shellfish Committee: Rick Karney said the mussel experiment was going well. He would like the town to consider permitting a lease area, which could then be subleased to fishermen. He said the process can be cumbersome, so he would be willing to do the work. The permit would be for an area less the 25 acres, and it would not interfere with navigation, but might pose some interference with lobstering in that area. A public hearing would be required.

D. Powers motioned to authorize Rick Karney to begin the permitting process for an aquaculture zone off Cedar Tree Neck. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Library CD Antitrust Settlement: *D. Powers motioned to accept the settlement for the State's music antitrust case. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Stone & Rand Annual Reviews: *D. Powers motioned to approve the annual reviews for Bruce Stone and Jennifer Rand. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Stone & Rand Vacation Carry-over: *D. Powers motioned to approve the vacation carry-over of 105 hours for Bruce Stone and 52 hours for Jennifer Rand. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

School Wastewater Article for ATM: Jen said the Superintendent's office had sent a letter saying they had withdrawn their vote for the wastewater project, and planned to revote it to coincide with the town's annual town meeting. Jen will hold a place on the warrant for that article.

County Articles: Skipper said he had spoken with Bruce Stone and they had developed some questions about the Counties articles that should be answered prior to placing them on the warrant. He asked permission to pursue this with the County. Dianne said she thought that would be fine.