

**Approved 5/14/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, April 30, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers, Richard Knabel, Jen Rand

**Guests:** M. Colaneri, Jim Aley, Ebba Hierta, Marc Hanover, Lance Pope, Holly Stephenson, Morgan Reitzas, Dick Casiani, Paddy Moore, Ryan Fisher, Chris Dacunto, Nick Bayer, Tad Crawford John Early, Benwah Baldwin, C. Riggs, B. Potts, J. Shea

**Taxi Hearing:** Skipper read a letter from Morgan Reitzas saying he had been in business for five years. He said he would like to have someone stationed in West Tisbury, perhaps one at the airport and one in the center of town. Jen noted the regs. don't allow solicitations within 100 feet of a shuttle bus stop. A number of current Taxi owners stated there was no need for a new license, Morgan already had a license at the airport and the only reason he was asking for a West Tisbury license was to have more cabs at the airport. The other owners said this would put a strain on their business. Skipper noted the way the airport granted their licenses had nothing to do with the Board of Selectmen. Dianne said she was intrigued by the possibility of having a taxi stand in town, but wasn't sure she saw a need for more at the airport, but she wasn't sure she saw the harm either. Skipper said he didn't see that it made sense financially for the applicant, but that was not his to decide. He also said there had been talk in the past of having a taxi stand at either Lambert's Cove beach or in town. He did believe there was a detriment to the residents of West Tisbury in this application.

*R. Knabel motioned to approve the license as applied for. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Minutes:** *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 4/9/08. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & SM in favor, RK abstained.*

**County Charter Study Commission:** Paddy Moore explained how the process had worked during the study of the County Government. She said they would be taking votes on a variety of issues including the form of government and the type of management. Tad Crawford presented some administrative recommendations including changes to the appointment process and improving accountability. John Early said the Commission had worked very hard on this study; he supported the Administrative recommendations presented by Tad and he supported the County Manager form of management versus the Board Chairman model. Skipper said he also did not support the Board Chairman model. He said he would have liked to see a new charter entirely, he also said he thought the County budget should come before the voters, and not just be an assessment to the towns. Dianne Powers said the Commission had done a wonderful job with a complex issue, she agreed with the Manager form of government and the residency requirement.

**SSA Update:** Marc was asked about the possible need for assistance with getting trailers over in August for the town hall renovation. Marc said that wouldn't be a problem. Skipper told Marc that a citizen had written a letter of concern regarding only having one boat tied on the Island at night. Marc said the new schedule was working quite well; Jen will get a copy of the letter to Marc. Skipper also said he was concerned about the Steamship's expenses continuing to rise, he said it may reach a point when they have to run fewer trips. Additionally, they are still overstaffed. Marc said he agreed with the staffing concern, they are trying to deal with it but the unions are very difficult. He said they have met with success in limiting staffing now on one of the Nantucket boats, which is progress.

**Affordable Housing Covenants:** Michael Colaneri said the two home owners were refinancing and the covenants were rewritten to protect the town against what happened with the Cote home.

*R. Knabel motioned to sign the Brown and Plante covenants. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Station 1 Roof Bid:** *D. Powers motioned to award the roof repair to Frizzell Roofing. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Ebba Hierta:** Ebba said she was surprised to see an ad in the paper for representatives to the Bike Path Committee when she had proposed a different committee. She wanted to know if the BOS had decided to do this instead of her committee. Skipper said at the ATM he felt the issue was not if we should have a path, but what kind of path should it be. So the Board had discussed revitalizing the Bike Path Committee and asking them to look specifically at the issue of whether there should be a bike path along Old County Road. Ebba said she disagreed that the town wanted this path and the committee she proposed would plan what was needed and where. Moreover she said no one calls them bike paths anymore, they are multi-use paths. Richard said he was in favor of disbanding the Bike Path Committee entirely and perhaps disbanding the Paths Committee as they seem to have no project to work on and forming this new committee. Ebba said the Paths Committee still had \$77K and had indicated they could spend the money on half a path if they wanted to, she thought the money should be remanded. Dianne said she was unsure what control they had over CPA funds and no matter, it would still require a vote at town meeting. She said the Board was looking at all committees and she thought they should add Ebba's idea into the mix. Skipper said each member of the Board should look at what Ebba was proposing and think about how that would work as a new committee.

*R. Knabel motioned to instruct the Path Committee to not spend any more Money on the Old County Road project until instructed by the BOS. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**DAS:** Skipper said the Board needed to decide who would represent the town in the meetings about the DAS system. Richard said we haven't spent any money on this yet, but the RFP has not yet been seen by any of the Selectmen. David Maxson was supposed to review the RFP and had not yet seen it either. Dianne said that she had an update in February saying that until the Intermunicipal Agreement was written the RFP would not be advertised. Richard volunteered to be the person who attended the meetings.

*D. Powers motioned to appoint R. Knabel to represent WT at the DAS meetings. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Busses on Music Street:** *D. Powers motioned to send a follow-up letter to Island transport requesting another meeting. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Artwork in Town Hall:** *R. Knabel motioned to authorize Jen to work with Oak Bluffs or another agency to find a place to hang the town's artwork during the reconstruction. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Resignation from Paths Committee:** *D. Powers motioned to accept Diana Manter's resignation from the Paths Committee. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

A letter of thanks will be sent.