

**Approved 12/30/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 10, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Ernie Mendenhall, C. Riggs, J. Hickey, B. Potts, B& B Day, J. Shea

**Minutes:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 11/19/08 with a correction. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Skipper thanked everyone for helping with the holiday party and coming out to spend a fun evening. He noted how much work went into the organization and praised Cindy Mitchell and the Hearn's for all their work over the last years.

**Shellfish Committee:** Tom Osmer's said the committee had voted to open the commercial season from 12/15/08 through 12/31/08. The weekly limit was dropped from 2 bushels to one; all other rules remain the same. He noted that the market was poor, but the committee wanted local shellfish available for the holidays.

*R. Knabel motioned to approve the recommendations of the shell fish committee for a season opening 12/15/08-12/31/08, with a bushel/week limit. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Old Library Lease:** Skipper said he thought that the town would have no need for the building once the renovations were complete, as the point was to have all town employees under one roof. Richard said he wanted to be sure we had no need for the building before we gave up the lease. Jen said the lease was renewed annually in May, so we would have seven months to make up our minds, although she was quite sure we could cancel the lease sooner if needed. Skipper agreed to add the lease expense back into the budget but wanted to be clear he thought all the town hall employees should be under one roof.

**Janik Munof:** Ms. Munof presented her idea of a mobile food cart to operate in West Tisbury. She said she hadn't fleshed out the idea much because she didn't want to spend a lot of time until she knew if it could be permitted. The Board was not sure it would be allowed by zoning, but expressed their feeling that it could not be parked on town property. Skipper also said even if it was allowed by zoning he was not sure it was in keeping with the character of the town, so he wasn't sure he would vote to permit it in any case. Janik said she was having a hard time finding a town that would allow them.

**Trench Permit & Inspections:** Ernie said the law was new, but it required towns appoint someone to permit trenches and do inspections. Initially the law was to go into effect in January, but it may be pushed off to March to allow the state to develop guidelines. He said he would like to try and keep the fee low, perhaps \$40-50.

*D. Powers motioned to appoint Ernie Mendenhall to do trench permitting and inspections. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Energy Committee:** The Board noted the resignation of Richard Knabel, Phil Larsen and Art Nelson from the Energy Committee. They expressed their thanks for the time spent on the committee.

*D. Powers motioned to appoint Shelton Bank, Nancy Cole, Warren Hollinshead, Sue Hruby, & Sander Shapiro to the Energy Committee until the next annual appointment period. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**DAS:** Richard said there had been 2 responses to the RFP, the committee had chosen American Tower (the other being Crown Castle). He said they were willing to proceed immediately with no cell companies signed on. He said that if all goes well the system could be in place by mid-2009. They also are offering a revenue stream to the towns.

*R. Knabel motioned to support the committee's recommendation to enter in to contract negotiations with American Tower. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Public Restrooms:** Jen explained to the Board that she and Kathy Logue had looked at the plans for town hall and possibly found a way to make the restrooms available to the public all the time. She asked for permission to have them spend money to determine if this would be possible. The Board thought it was a good idea.