

Approved 1/7/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, December 17, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Al DeVito, Bea Phear, Kent Healy, Glenn Hearn, Ernie Mendenhall, C. Riggs, J. Hickey, B. Potts, Barbara Day, J. Shea

Minutes: *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 12/03/08 with a correction. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Joint Meetings with Finance Committee: Al said the Finance Committee had voted to meet weekly in January & February to go through the town budgets. He said they would not be able to meet on Wednesdays with the Board of Selectmen because one member cannot meet on Wednesdays. The Board said they would have some weeks where the BOS meeting would be cancelled and they would meet with the FinComm and some weeks they would go to the FinComm and hold their regular meeting. The Board also discussed the warrant submittal deadline, and proposed offering an amendment at town meeting to make it earlier than the end of February.

Public Restrooms: Bea Phear said she had a proposal for making the town hall restrooms accessible without exterior changes to the building. It would allow access into the foyer, but the rest of the building could be locked. The locks for the exterior door could be set on a timer to allow for after-hours access without leaving the building open all night. She added that on a personal note she would think the town should partner with the Preservation Trust and Garcias to build a freestanding restroom facility behind Alley's. Kent said he was not sure that could be done without a holding tank. Skipper asked if the Board agreed with the use of the Town Hall building as presented, try it for a year and see how it works. The Board agreed. Ernie said he was concerned that the increased use meets plumbing code. Bea said the architects had no problems with the plan.

GIS: Jen said the County was organizing a group license for GIS with ESRI, there are non participating agencies/towns, which will limit the cost. The County will charge a small management fee to handle the billing etc, and they donated a server. Skipper said he didn't think it was appropriate for the County to charge a management fee, that would be an additional assessment to the towns. Dianne said she felt it was not unreasonable.

R. Knabel motioned to enter into the agreement for the ESRI license with the County and other agencies. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & DP in favor, SM against.

Town Hall Sidewalk Project: Glenn Hearn said the sidewalk project in front of town hall that he had proposed to the CPA was eligible for funding provided it was brick. The fence would be located on the town's property, the sidewalk in the State road layout. Bea said the THRC had not taken a position on the idea as the landscaping plan was not yet complete. She mentioned the drainage issue in the area slated for the walk. Richard said he thought extending the sidewalk, in brick, from the edge of the church down to Alley's parking lot. Glenn said it was too late to change what he was applying for. Dianne asked what the estimated cost for the project was, and what would happen if the bids came in higher. Glenn said he was estimating \$45K and if the bids were higher he would need to get extra money from somewhere else or the project would not go forward.

Cemetery Repairs: Glenn said he wanted to use \$10K from the Trust Fund to repair and straighten headstones. He would like to have a warrant article at the Annual Town meeting for that purpose. Currently, he said, there is about \$33K in that account. (**Note: The account Glenn is referring to is not the Trust Fund but the Special Revenue Account from the sale of cemetery lots**)

Tree Work: Jen said Jeremiah had received the bids and Mark Clements was the low bidder and within budget. Work should begin soon.