

Approved 6/18/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMEN & FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, May 27, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

FinComm: Al DeVito, Ann Nelson, Brian Athearn, Sharon Estrella, Nancy Rogers

Reserve Fund Transfer: Jen told the FinComm that she was not going to have enough money to get through the end of the year in legal services. She asked if they would prefer a reserve fund transfer request at that moment, which would require her to estimate what she would need, or would they prefer she wait until the end of the year and ask for only what she needed? The Board asked why the budget had gone over. Jen said there were some expenses she hadn't anticipated including the Roger's Path lawsuit actually going to court, there had been a number of citizen inquiries around election time, the Cote foreclosure, and other things. She explained that she had a good idea of the cost of day to day operations for legal services, and built in a contingency above that, but it was simply impossible to know what else might come up, as the examples showed. The FinComm was in general agreement that they would rather wait until there as a fixed number.

Appointment: *B. Athearn motioned to appoint Greg Orcott to the Finance Committee until the next election. A. DeVito seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous from both the Finance Committee and the Board of Selectmen in favor.*

School Budget: A lengthy discussion about the school budget presentation took place. Overall concerns were that the budget was not presented in a fashion that anyone could understand and that the Superintendent's budget was not a separate item for discussion/vote. The final part of the discussion was relating to whether the budget should be shown as allotted to Chilmark and West Tisbury or because there is no support for dissolving the district it should remain together. No decisions were made.