

**Approved 6/11/08**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, May 28, 2008, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Bruce Stone, Maria McFarland, Prudy Burt, Alison McAvoy, Al DeVito, C. Riggs, B & B Day, B. Potts, J. Shea, J. Ames

**Street Closure:** Alison McAvoy asked the Board for permission to close Old Courthouse Road for filming a movie on June 1 and June 9 from 7:0 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. She said it would be open for local traffic and emergencies. Skipper put forward a few conditions; he said if they did they must notify the neighbors at least 48 hours in advance. He also said the Fire, Police and Tri-Town ambulance should be notified ahead of time and the WTPD needs to be consulted about the need for a police detail. Finally, he said no car should be held up for more than 5 minutes.

*D. Powers motioned to allow the road closure with the above mentioned conditions. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM abstained.*

**Farmers Market:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the event permit for the farmer's market. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Special Municipal Employee:** *D. Powers motioned to classify Eric Wodlinger and Rackemen, Sawyer & Brewster as Special Municipal Employees. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Appointments:** *The Board made the following appointments made, seconded and voted as noted.*

**BOARD OF APPEALS** *Moved D. Powers, Seconded R. Knabel - Unanimous*

Eric Whitman **5 years – expires 2013**

Tony Higgins **4 years – expires 2012**

Nancy Cole, Associate **3 years – expires 2011**

Larry Schubert, Associate **2 years – expires 2010**

**AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE** *Moved R. Knabel, Seconded D. Powers - Unanimous*

Glenn Hearn **1 year – expires 2009**

**CEMETERY SUPERINTENDENT** *Moved D. Powers, Seconded R. Knabel - Unanimous*

John S. Alley, Glenn Hearn, Assistant **1 year – expires 2009**

**CONSERVATION COMMISSION** *Moved R. Knabel, Seconded D. Powers - Unanimous*

**3 years – expires 2011**

Judith Crawford, Tara Whiting, Peter Rodegast

**2 years – expires 2010**

Dan Pace

**1 year – expires 2009**

Hadden Blair, Binnie Ravitch

**MARTHA'S VINEYARD CULTURAL COUNCIL** *Moved R. Knabel, Seconded D. Powers, - Unanimous*

Leslie Baker, **2 years – expires 2010**

Shelton Bank, **3 years – expires 2011**

**HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION** *Moved D. Powers, Seconded R. Knabel - Unanimous*  
Sean Conley, Nancy Dole **Term 3 Years, Expires 2011**

**PERSONNEL BOARD** *Moved D. Powers, Seconded R. Knabel - Unanimous*  
Norman Perry, Maeve Sheehan **Term 3 Years, Expires 2011**

**POET LAUREATE** *Moved R. Knabel, Seconded D. Powers - Unanimous*  
Dan Waters **Term 1 Year, Expires 2009**

**REGIONAL TRANSIT AUTHORITY** *Moved D. Powers, Seconded R. Knabel - Unanimous*  
John Alley **Term 1 Year, Expires 2009**

Regarding cemeteries, the Board discussed the need for 3 assistants, and what were their responsibilities. Jen will ask Howard and Brian why they were appointed as assistants and if they do anything to act in that regard. If they have tasks then they will likely be reappointed. The other cemetery appointments had duties divided as follows: John Alley, as Superintendent is in charge of internments and plot sales, Glenn Hearn as Assistant is in charge of overseeing maintenance.

Regarding the Personnel Board, Richard said he thought there should be term limits. Skipper noted that the only Board that ever had term limits was the Personnel Board and they were rescinded by town meeting vote in 2003. He felt the term limits were counterproductive as people needed time to understand the requirements of the job and furthermore, it was difficult to get people to serve on these boards and by limiting the number of terms it would become even harder. Finally he noted that if the concern that there was never any turnover that Board in particular had a few new members. Dianne said she also was not in favor of term limits, particularly when the voters had so recently removed them. She agreed the Personnel Board in particular benefited from historical memory.

**PILOT Committee:** Skipper read a letter from the FinComm about a need to pursue payments from those organizations in the town that are tax exempt. Al DeVito said he thought a committee should be formed to negotiate with these groups. A member of the BOS, the FinComm and one other person, familiar with non-profits will be appointed. Richard will represent the BOS. It was suggested that Brendan O'Neil be the third person.

**Cemeteries:** Richard said he had received a call from Brian Athearn on 5/24 about the conditions of the Lambert's Cove cemetery, he said it was not mowed until later on Saturday morning, in the WT cemetery the fence is falling down and there are a lot of holes and the old section is not well maintained. Skipper said he had been having issues with this for a while. He wanted the cemeteries mowed more often and more clean-up and tending done. Jen was asked to contact Howard and direct him to mow on a more regular basis. Dianne asked Jen also to call Glenn and ask if he had a maintenance plan in place now for the cemeteries.