

Approved 8/6/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, July 23, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Chief Toomey, Bruce Keep, Marshall Segall, John Alley, Tony Nevin, Bob & Maggie Schwartz, Kent Healey, Andrew Naana, E. Mendenhall, Bob & Barbara Day, C. Riggs, B. Potts, J. Ames

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 7/09/08. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Lamberts Cove Beach Parking: Chief Toomey referenced a letter she had written to the Board in November regarding parking fines at Lambert's Cove Beach. She had intended after approval of her recommendations to have signs erected prior to the beach season. That didn't happen due to a very busy June in the WTPD so they went up after the beach season had begun. Richard said he had met at the site with Chief Toomey and Sergeant Rossi and he felt there was a gap in communication. He said he had called Ron Rappaport and asked what the procedure was for creating new no parking areas and Ron said the BOS held the only authority to create no parking zones. The Board of Selectmen did had never voted for a no parking zone in this area of Lambert's Cove Beach. Dianne said she would have been under the impression the Chief of Police was in charge of public safety but she wouldn't disagree with Town Counsel. Chief Toomey said she thought she had been charged to create this zone, but she was fine if it was the responsibility of the BOS. Richard said he wanted the signs removed; there was not enough parking as it was. He added that he wanted the Chief to do whatever was necessary to enhance public safety whether it was cones, police details or the stationary radar. A variety of people in the audience stood up to speak against the no parking zone. John Alley noted that their used to be a no parking zone on the corner. Bob Schwartz asked about having beach staff park across the street and leave prime spots for visitors. Chief Toomey said she was not comfortable directing staff to park in an unsafe area, cones might be better to slow people down. She said a crosswalk would not be safe because of the corner. Dianne clarified that for now the signs would come down, cones would go up the radar would be used sporadically and in the fall everyone would meet to develop a permanent plan. A woman in the audience said she felt cones were too ugly so the town should find another solution. Dianne brought up the possibility of running a shuttle from somewhere else, in the past they weren't that popular but with rising gas prices it might be used more. Bruce Keep said if the VTA ran on a schedule that could get staff home he would ask them to arrive by bus. John Alley offered to help with the VTA schedule.

R. Knabel motioned to remove no parking signs at LCB, implement traffic control as needed and work with parks & rec. to develop a comprehensive plan. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP&RK in favor, SM abstained.

Pier Permit: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize a temporary pier permit at Map 35 Lot 1. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP&RK in favor, SM abstained.*

Mill Pond Dam: *D. Powers motioned to apply to the Conservation Commission to replace weir boards and hand pull weeds in the Mill Pond. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Mill Pond Committee: The Board had drafted some ideas for the goals of the new Mill Pond Committee. All felt it was important to study not only the pond but upstream as well. Dianne added downstream effects to the study area also.

D. Powers motioned to accept the objectives drafted by Richard with the inclusion of the downstream effects and the committee should be no more than 7 members. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Stoney Hill Road Tax Title: *D. Powers motioned to sign the "S" petitions for the Stoney Hill lots to record the tax title taking. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*