

Approved 8/27/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, August 6, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: John Powers, David Merry, Lynda Costa, Chuck Cotnoir, Connie Breese, Chief Toomey, Maura Valley, Claire Walsh, Seanna Gretchen, Ron McClaren, E. Mendenhall, Bob & Barbara Day, B. Potts, J. Ames, Jim Hickey

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 7/23/08 with amendments. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Event Permit: *D. Powers motioned to approve an auction permit at the Grange on 8/19/08. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

DAS MOU: Richard explained that the towns would need to vote at town meeting to sign an Intermunicipal Agreement, while the Boards can vote to sign a Memorandum of Understanding, so that was the chosen route.

D. Powers motioned to sign the MOU between the three up-island towns regarding the Distributed Antenna System. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

DCPC: Richard said Ann Bassett had left him a message that they did not plan to proceed with adding the other two roads to the current DCPC application. Skipper asked for a copy of the Dr. Fisher Road regulations.

Sex Offender Bylaw: Kelly Wilson read a letter to the Board detailing the pain of childhood sexual abuse. She said she no longer wished to keep silent about this, and wanted to propose a bylaw which would limit Level 2 & 3 sex offender access to and residency near parks and schools. She submitted a proposal to the Board saying that she had never done anything like this before and it may need to be reworked some. Dianne said that Tisbury was proposing a similar bylaw and would like the All-Island Selectmen to meet to discuss island-wide action. Chief Toomey said she would support that, but did not want West Tisbury to wait for the other towns if they did not move on it at town meeting. Richard said he was concerned about constitutional and enforcement issues. Chief Toomey pointed out that without a bylaw the WTPD's hands were tied. She said that people think that there are already rules in place regarding where registered sex offenders can go, and there are not. She said she supported the concept. Richard said the town should focus on prevention because this won't stop every incident. Chief Toomey said the department already is working on prevention; this is just an added tool. Skipper asked a question about the specifics of the bylaw. He asked Kelly why she chose 1.5 miles as a buffer zone. She said it was because within that distance the state does not require schools to provide bus service and she wanted a safe zone for kids who have to walk to school. Bob Day said it was important for schools and churches to empower children. Joan Ames encouraged the Board to move positively on this bylaw. Skipper asked that it be put on the agenda for 8/27/08.

Shellfish Complaints: Will Whiting sent 2 letters to the Board, one with a specific shell fishing complaint, which the Board referred to the Shellfish Warden, and one about whether the Warden should hold a commercial license. The Board suggested the Shellfish Committee meet to discuss this first, and then meet with the BOS once they have discussed it.