

Approved 11/19/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 5, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Lynn Ludwig, Denise Murphy, Glenn Hearn, Kelly Wilson, Kent Healey, Beth Kramer, Ginny Jones, Linda Hearn, K. Logue, B. Stone, E. Mendenhall, C. Riggs, B & B Day, J. Ames, J. Shea, J. Hickey

Minutes: *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 10/8/08. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 10/15/08. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & SM in favor DP abstained.

Sex Offender Bylaw: Kelly Wilson said she was withdrawing her request to the Board of Selectmen to create a Sex Offender Bylaw. She said she will pursue other options.

TH Bond Sales: Lynn Ludwig of Unibank gave the Board a brief history of the bonds sales, the original plan had been to sell in early October, but when it came clear that the market was so unstable that noone would buy them, the sale was postponed until the end of the month. This resulted in 7 bids with Eastern Bank winning with a rate of 2 ½ percent.

D. Powers motioned and R. Knabel seconded the following:

Voted: *to approve the sale of a \$4,000,000 2.50 percent General Obligation Bond Anticipation Note of the town dated November 13, 2008, and payable October 15, 2009, to Eastern Bank at par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$13,353.77.*

Further Voted: *that in connection with the marketing and sale of the Note, the preparation and distribution of a Notice of Sale and Preliminary Official Statement dated October 23, 2008, and a final Official Statement dated October 30, 2008, each in such form as may be approved by the Town Treasurer, be and hereby are ratified, confirmed, approved and adopted.*

Further Voted: *that the Town Treasurer and the Board of Selectmen be, and hereby are, authorized to execute and deliver a material events disclosure undertaking in compliance with SEC Rule 15c2-12 in such form as may be approved by bond counsel to the Town, which undertaking shall be incorporated by reference in the Note for the benefit of the holders of the Note from time to time.*

Further Voted: *that each member of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Clerk and the Town Treasurer be and hereby are, authorized to take any and all such actions, and execute and deliver such certificates, receipts or other documents as may be determined by them, or any of them, to be necessary or convenient to carry into effect the provisions of the foregoing votes.*

The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

CPA Application: Skipper said the Board had just been informed that Glenn Hearn had submitted an application for a CPA project on behalf of the BOS without telling them and he wanted to know why he had done that. Glenn said he had four ideas for projects and he wanted to meet the deadline for submittal and he didn't come to the BOS first because he wasn't sure the project was even eligible for funding. Skipper said it just isn't okay to submit an application on behalf of the BOS or any other Board without approval from that Board. Glenn said maybe it should come from the Highway Department instead. Skipper said he didn't think the Board should be involved right now without further information. Richard said he would want to see plans and how much it would cost. Skipper said the project should be submitted by Glenn as a citizen. Kathy noted that if the Board was going to sponsor it the CIPC would need to approve it also. Bea said Glenn had mentioned the project to her, she said there was not yet a landscaping plan, and when that was developed the THRC would consider whether this should be part of the plan. Dianne said the Board should ask the CPC to add a place for a signature from the Chair of the sponsoring Board so that there was some accountability for a project.

R. Knabel motioned to inform the CPC that this application for CPA funding was not being submitted by the Board of Selectmen or any department under their control. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Library Parking Lot: Linda Hearn said the Board of the Library was concerned about the safety in the parking lot and wanted the Board to submit a warrant article to the CIPC to pave the remainder of the parking lot with the permeable surface currently in use in the circle by the book drop-off. She noted that it should already be scheduled on the capital list, because the plan was always to finish the lot if the test area held up. Skipper said he didn't think the surface was very permeable due to the amount of sand that gets driven up onto it. He also noted the concerns of the family that donated the property about the amount of pave surface. Ginny said that while she didn't speak directly for the family she thought they would find it acceptable. She added that lighting in the lot was also a problem. Dianne asked that this be put on the BOS agenda with a plan for what we would do, how it would be maintained and what the cost estimate for those items would be. Jen will speak with Rich Olsen.

Budgets: Jen noted that town departments and boards had received their budget letters and were working on pulling their budgets together. Skipper asked if the regional bodies had been sent a similar letter. Jen said no, the Board said they should be held to the same standard.

R. Knabel motioned to send the Town's budget letter to regional bodies, the County and the VTA. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Executive Session: Skipper said the Board had planned to meet in executive session about a land purchase, but he didn't know why the conversation could not be held in public provided the financial aspects were not revealed. The other two members agreed with holding the conversation in public session. Skipper then added that while the meeting would take place in public session the Board would not be taking comments from the public, it was only for discussion between the Board members.

Welles Property: Skipper outlined for the audience the background of the discussion, that the Board had met about this property before, initially voted to make an offer, then changed course when it they realized it was three hundred years old. The Board was unsure they wanted responsibility to tear down or not an historic property. The decision was made to revisit the issue in January. When the Library raised the issue of public bathrooms and the overuse of their building for such purpose the Board decided to revisit the issue sooner. Dianne said she would like to have Town Counsel make an offer and then work to create a plan for the use of the property. Skipper said the plan could include a bus stop, visitor center staffed by volunteers and public restrooms. Jen will call the family that directly abuts the property and let them know what the Board is doing.

R. Knabel motioned to authorize Town Counsel to make an offer on the Town's behalf to the Welles family. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.