

Approved 12/3/08
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, November 19, 2008, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: K. Healy, Suzie Wasserman, Dan Waters, Beth Kramer, C. Riggs, J. Hickey, B. Potts

Minutes: *D. Powers motioned to approve the minutes of 11/05/08 with a correction. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Library Parking Lot: Kent Healy told the Board that the parking lot was in remarkably good condition. He said there were about 16 small potholes which could be fixed with some dense mix. He said to put down surfacing it would be about 100 cubic yards of material. He noted that there was an area that could not be surfaced because of the septic leaching field. He said the simplest thing to do would be to store dense mix on site and have the Highway Department go through on a regular basis to fill holes. Dianne said it shouldn't be too hard for Jesse to make it part of his routine. Skipper asked Jen to talk to Joyce and Beth to find a place to store the mix. (*note: hwy dept. determined not practical to keep on site due to freezing.*) Richard said the permeable surface isn't truly permeable so the extra cost may not be worth it. The consensus of the Board was to try this for a year and see how it goes.

Kent also updated the Board on the Mill Pond application to the CPC, it was not a fundable project.

Capital Plan Budget Article: Jen presented to the Board the option of creating one article for all capital expenses. She said the benefit would be that the voters would see the bottom line for all expenses, and further they would understand that there is a five year plan, the capital expenses were not meant to be exclusive to each other. The important thing would be voter education to understand that the article could be amended to eliminate one item for example, so all capital expenses did not have to pass. Skipper expressed his concern that the entire capital budget might fail based on a bunch of different voters disliking different items and voting no, with the final outcome being a majority no vote. The Board gave an ok to proceed.

Cemetery: Skipper said he was concerned about the submittal to the CPC for funds to work on the cemetery records. He noted that it had not been approved by the Board. Dianne concurred, but said she felt it was a project worth submitting.

D. Powers motioned to support the submittal to the CPC for the cemetery records. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Fire Station Bus Stop: Skipper said he was concerned that there was no shelter, bench, toilet or anything for bus riders at station 1. Richard said that John Alley had indicated the busses could use the Grange this winter. Dianne said that would require new maps, which was unlikely. Skipper asked Jen to contact Angie Grant and John Alley.

Magid 61B: Jen explained that there was a piece of property that recently sold on Red Pony Road that was subject to the restrictions of MGL Ch. 61B, which gives the town the right of first refusal. That right had not been granted, so she wanted to know if the Board wished to waive their rights after the fact. The Board determined they would waive those rights.

Budgets: Jen went through some of her budgets with the Board. Skipper asked if they wanted to approve them that night, because there were fairly straightforward. Richard said he thought the

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Finance Committee should approve them first. Dianne said she thought the process was to approve them for submittal to the Finance Committee and then, if there was a need to amend them after meeting together that could happen.

D. Powers motioned to approve budgets 123, 151, 196, 185, 424. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Library Presentation: Dan Water gave a presentation as to the needs for the Library expansion and the desire to expand toward the road not out the back. He said the Library wished the BOS to purchase the Welles Property to assist in that endeavor.