

Approved 4/8/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: K. Healey, Maggie Schwartz, Ginny Jones, Glenn Hearn, Bea Phear, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey, J. Shea, B. Potts

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 3/11/09. D. Powers seconded the motion with an amendment. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Mill Pond: Kent said he only intended to weed the face of the dam to allow for inspection of the dam. When asked if he would apply for a NOI to weed the front half of the dam he said he had no interest in doing that. The Board put out a public plea for anyone interested in undertaking the task.

Mass Highway Application: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize Kent to submit an application to Mass Highway for permission to pave the apron of the driveway entering town hall. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Town Hall Sidewalk Project: Skipper said he was concerned about the pavement extended from the sidewalk to the street. Bea said the THRC had voted to let Scanlan deal with the area between Town Hall and the street, both grading for drainage and paving the aprons. She said they had no problem with the sidewalk, but the rest should not be paved as it will interfere with drainage. Glenn said he was willing to do whatever the THRC Committee wanted. Diane said it might be prudent to have a town board have oversight over the project, Skipper suggested the THRC but Bea said they didn't want to deal with the sidewalk. Skipper then suggested the Paths by the Road Committee. Skipper also noted that the amount requested should drop if the pavement was no longer part of the project. Skipper also said he was not in favor of the fence and he thought pavement versus brick for the sidewalk were equally historic and would be less expensive.

DAS Access to Counsel: Richard said that the town's utility bylaw seems to bar overhead lines but the DAS Committee wants a legal opinion to solidify that. Richard also told the Board he had been to the 11 proposed sites in town and two seem problematic to him, one for aesthetic reasons and one because it is right at the intersection of County and State, which is due for reconstruction.

D. Powers motioned to authorize access to counsel to determine if overhead lines are allowed in town. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

MSPCA: Skipper said that the County had offered to take the lead during the shelter transition to whatever form it finally takes. The MSPCA has said it will give the building to the island for shelter purposes. The MVC has said they may have funds available to assist. Dianne said she would support the counties involvement in this. Skipper said he would like a 90 day trial, perhaps staffed by volunteers to see how it works. He does not want to rush into hiring an employee. The other two members did not agree to the 90 trial.

D. Powers motioned to support the County's involvement in running the shelter. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Chilmark Shellfish Grant Application: *R. Knabel motioned to send a letter supporting the application for the eelgrass restoration project. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*