

Approved 4/15/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

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

Guests: Pat Gregory, Sandy Shapiro, Janet Bank, Kathy Logue, J. Ames, J. Hickey, J. Shea, B. Potts

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 3/18/09. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Warrant: Pat said he thought the meeting might go two nights, he said he would make the call at 10:00 p.m. that night whether he thought the voters would be able to finish in one night. If it would not be done it one night the meeting would end at 10:30. They then discussed who would give reports from committee and who would be addressing each article as it came up on the warrant. Richard asked Pat if the articles could be randomly presented like they do in Tisbury. Pat said they could, but he would not be in favor of it. He said that he has only once taken an article out of order, and thought the meeting ran smoother without the lottery system. It would not stop people from leaving if they were only there to hear one matter. Dianne agreed. Skipper noted also that an article can be reconsidered right up until the meeting is adjourned so it was not in anyone's interest to leave early. Richard then asked if why BOS had to sit on stage versus the front row. Pat said it was traditional and was done in most other towns.

Health Benefits: Kathy said the Cape Cod Municipal Health Group wanted to apply for a grant to provide incentives for people to attend the health fair. The grant would allow them to have a drawing for a bike or a kayak if someone attends a 15 minute discussion about one of a few topics. Kathy also discussed a plan that would offer eye care to employees at no cost to the town. Skipper said he thought it was great to offer more choice to the employees. Finally she mentioned that there were a couple low cost health care plans that offer less coverage she would like to offer to employees with the understanding that the town would not move in the direction of only offering these plans. The folks on the fire department that pay full cost for their plans were likely to see a benefit as were potentially young people with few expected health care issues. Skipper thanked Kathy for her hard work on behalf of the employees.

R. Knabel motioned to support the grant application by the Municipal Health Group. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

R. Knabel motioned to authorize Kathy Logue to offer an eye plan to employees at no cost to the town. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

D. Powers motioned to authorize Kathy Logue to offer the rate saver plans to town employees. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Energy Committee: Sander Shapiro said he would like the BOS to appoint Tim Twombly to the Board to fill the spot sadly opened by Shelton's death. He also noted that there was no one representing the town at the Cape Light Compact. Skipper suggested the Energy Committee choose someone from their group. Sanders also noted that the committee felt the town should have a buildings manager that would oversee the town's properties and assist in making the buildings as energy efficient as possible. Skipper agreed that the Board should begin to study this issue after town meeting.

R. Knabel motioned to appoint Tim Twombly to the Energy Committee. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

DAS: Richard said that Town Counsel had confirmed that the town's Utility Bylaw did not allow overhead wires where they don't currently exist.

Town Report: Jen said there was a chance that the town report would not be ready for town meeting. She explained that the delay was a combination of factors both internal and external but that she took full responsibility for the delay. She was told to find a solution even if it added to the total cost of the report. Skipper expressed his displeasure with the fact the reports would be late and said that next year a plan would have to be put into place to assure this wouldn't happen. The other members of the Board were equally disappointed and agreed that there needed to be a better plan in place next year.