

Approved 5/13/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, April 15, 2009, 4:30 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Skipper Manter, Dianne Powers, Richard Knabel, Jen Rand
Guests: Ernie Mendenhall, Ginny Jones, J. Ames, B. Potts

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 4/1/09 with an amendment. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Personnel Board Appointments: Richard said he was not prepared to appoint anyone at this time; he wanted to readvertise and try for a larger pool of candidates. He did not think the Board should appoint unless there were more candidates than spots available. The other two members of the Board did not agree with him. Skipper asked how he felt the process itself worked. Richard said he thought the BOS could have asked more questions. Dianne said she thought Norm Perry had run a very good interview, knew the things he needed to know better than the BOS and she had no further questions. Richard also said he didn't think the BOS should rubberstamp the recommended appointees. Skipper said he didn't think of this as a rubberstamp.

D. Powers motioned to appoint Brian Smith to fill the spot made available by Nancy Abbott and Jennifer Haynes to fill the spot made available John Durfee. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & SM in favor, RK abstained.

D. Powers motioned to keep the term lengths the same for now to allow for staggered renewals. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & SM in favor, RK abstained.

Town Accountant Vacation Carry-Over. *R. Knabel motioned to authorize Bruce Stone to carry over 119 hours of vacation time. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Artisan's Festival: *R. Knabel motioned to authorize the Artisan's Festival at the Grange on 5/23&24 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.; Sundays June 14-October 4th, Thursdays July 2-August 27th 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; October 11th & December 12 10-4 and at the Agricultural Hall Sept. 4th 5:00 pm – 8:30 pm, Sept 5&6 10-5 and November 27&28 10-4. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Spaghetti Dinner Fund Raiser: Jen said the fundraiser folks wished to serve wine and she wasn't sure if that was a problem. Skipper said he didn't think it was appropriate for a school fundraiser to provide alcohol, but that could be addressed at the school committee. Jen was asked to find out if the wine would be sold or given away (it cannot be sold) but to tell the proponent the event itself would be no problem.

Antiques Sale: *D. Powers motioned to approve the antiques sale at the Grange on May 29&30, June 19 & 26, July 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and August 7, 14, 21, 28, September 4 & 11, October 9, and November 27 & 28, 2009. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

DAS: Jen explained that she had spoken to the Department of Public Utilities regarding the BOS's power to deny the application for poles in the ROW. She said the attorney she spoke to was unclear if the poles could be denied. The DPU did say, however, that it was unusual for NStar to deny access to their poles. The attorney recommended that the town ask for proof of the denial and reasons behind it. Richard said that ATC had indicated they would go back to stub poles and whip antennae but he didn't

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think that a denial would mean that nothing would be built. He said if the town said no they could appeal and then we would have the system but no agreement in place to receive any money. He said also that he had communicated his displeasure at the way the hearing ran last time. Skipper said the town should get a letter from NStar explaining the denial. He also said the town should hold a public meeting closer to summer to allow seasonal residents to attend also. Dianne thanked Richard for sticking with the DAS committee.

VTA Bus Parking: Skipper asked the Board to authorize him to meet with John Alley to mark out the bus parking area on Music Street. The Board concurred.