

**Approved 6/24/09**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 3, 2009, 4:30 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Rich Olsen, Gary Davidson, Benoit Baldwin, Russell Smith, E. Mendenhall, B&B Day, J. Ames, J. Hickey, B. Potts, J. Shea

**Minutes:** *R. Knabel motioned to accept the minutes of 5/20/09. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**North Rd:** Rich Olsen said he was planning to pave North Road the week of the 15<sup>th</sup>, which would require the road to be closed for about 3 days. The closure will be advertised in the newspapers and the police department has been notified. Skipper also suggested letting John Keene know so they could plan ahead with their big trucks. Richard said that if Monday and Friday could be avoided that would probably be preferable. Richie also said that he needed to work towards funding to pave Lambert's Cove Road which has some problems, especially near Seth's Pond. That job would likely cost around \$800K. Skipper said that the town had a maintenance plan five years ago, and they did the first set of roads with the understanding they would then bond for the next roads, which hasn't happened and should.

**MSPCA Update:** Russell Smith told the Board that the shelter had opened on May 1<sup>st</sup>, with a one year free lease on the building. There is an advisory committee comprised of 5 people who have developed policies & procedures. They have a manager at the shelter and need to hire an assistant. He said the shelter has received about \$36K in donations, and have had many people donate their time to sprucing up the building. There is still more to be done like replacing the windows. Skipper asked what the plan was for the long term, would the shelter be a private facility of municipal. Russell said he envisioned a cooperative effort of public/private. Skipper said he would prefer not to add people to the public payroll.

Russell added that the courthouse roof was being repaired in the week ahead and there was work planned to repair the parking lot at Eastville Beach.

**WTPD Appointment:** *R. Knabel motioned to appoint Robert Cusak to the WTPD as a summer special police officer. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & DP in favor, SM abstained.*

**DAS:** Richard said he was spending a lot of time on this subject and he needed to know where the Board stood on moving forward. If the Board did not have an interest in pursuing this project forward he would like to state that and be done with it. Skipper asked what the role of the BOS was; Richard said the Board would enter into the contract with ATC. Skipper said he thought the coverage was adequate in town and we didn't need this. Richard said the amount of coverage we have is a non-issue as other carriers that don't have good coverage have the right to do so, and those who do have coverage wouldn't sign on to DAS anyways. Dianne said she wanted to wait to make a decision until she saw the final proposal on the 22<sup>nd</sup> showing new areas served.