

Approved 7/3/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 4:30 p.m. – 6:32 p.m.

Present: Selectmen Dianne Powers, Skipper Manter, Richard Knabel, Jen Rand
Guests: Gary Davidson, Benoit Baldwin, Kathy Logue, Bruce Stone, Janet Bank, Ginny Jones, Prudy Burt, Morgan Reitzas, Chief Toomey, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey, B. Potts, J. Shea

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to accept the minutes of 5/27/09 with a request to ad the time the meeting adjourned. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Change to Pay Schedule: Bruce said the change would also be to bills, and instead of paying twice a month the checks would be processed every other week. Richard asked if the employees had any issues with the change. Bruce said they had sent a notice out to employees and had talked to some and no one seems to have a problem with it. Skipper asked if there would be added costs associated with the change. Kathy said no. Skipper also said we should double check the contract for the Chief to make sure it does not specify a different pay schedule.

Taxi Regulations: The Board went through the taxi regulations to identify areas of concern or confusion. Richard noted that the words permit and license are used interchangeably throughout the document which is confusing. He also felt some of the language was subjective (such as the cleanliness of the cab). He said the Board should try and figure out what they are trying to regulate, which should be the safety and convenience of the public. Chief Toomey said the taxi companies existed before the regulations, when the town determined they needed regulations the MVC wrote regulations which the town adapted for its use. She said that at the time to two existing companies did not have offices in WT and were “grandfathered” from creation of an office in town. Skipper noted that the regulations require that anyone wishing to be granted a new license in town must prove need, which is difficult to do. Chief Toomey said there are standards used to help with that – she will work with Jen to see what those standards are. Ginny Jones said drug and Alcohol testing should be mandatory. Jen will work to incorporate comments into another draft for the board to review on July 1st.

CPC Restriction: *S. Manter motioned to sign the agreement with the CPC to restrict the use of funds for green energy to new construction. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Access to Counsel: *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Building Department access to counsel. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

House Donation – Storage: Jen asked for a final answer from the Board about allowing the bank-donated house to be stored on a town lot on Bailey Park Rd. The Board said provided there was an agreement in place to remove the house and the town would not be liable for anything to do with the house, and the agreement had a sunset clause they were okay with it. Jen will ask for an agreement to be drafted for review by counsel.