

Approved 7/29/09  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
Wednesday, July 15, 2009, 4:30 p.m. – 6:05 p.m.

**Present:** Selectmen Dianne Powers, Skipper Manter, Richard Knabel, Jen Rand  
**Guests:** Lance Pope, B. Potts, J. Shea

**Taxi Rates:** The Board continued the taxi rate hearing from last week, working to clarify the cost of service primarily within the town of West Tisbury. Skipper noted that according to the rate sheet used by MV Taxi, it costs \$20-30 to go from the airport to Vineyard Meadow Farms, which is essentially across the street. Lance Pope, who works for Mario's Taxi said they charge \$12, although there is nothing on the town's rate sheet to explain that rate either. Dianne suggested continuing the hearing for one more week to allow her to poll each of the three companies about their charges for in-town routes and see if there is some common ground.

*R. Knabel motioned to continue the hearing for one more week. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Minutes:** *R. Knabel motioned to accept the minutes of 7/1/09. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**School Negotiating Committee Appt.:** Dianne said that Joan Burkow was not available for this meeting but Dianne had served on the school committee with her for about 9 years. Richard said he would like to meet her, he felt it set a bad precedent to appoint someone who the board id not know or meet. Dianne said they had appointed people before without interviewing them, but she was willing to wait provided it did not hold up the meeting process. Skipper concurred.

**WTPD:** *R. Knabel motioned to appoint Ryan Maher to the WTPD for 30 days. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & DP in favor, SM abstained.*

**Taxi Regs:** The board continued discussing potential changes to the taxi regulations. They discussed again the headquarters in town, Skipper noted that if we remove that regulation he doesn't have a problem with it, but the Board needs to determine if they will limit permits. He said the town could permit everyone who comes and let the airport deal with it. Dianne said she would want to talk to the airport prior to doing that. The Board also decided to eliminate double fares for late-night (1-6) calls. The final revised draft will be given to the board for review prior to the public hearing, which is the next step.