

Approved 8/12/09
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, July 29, 2009, 4:30 p.m. – 5:25 p.m.

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

Guests: Mal Jones, Marsha Wynsryg, Sandy Shapiro, E. Mendenhall, B. Potts, J. Shea, J. Hickey

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to accept the minutes of 7/15/09. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

TH Lights: Mal Jones said he had attended the THRC meeting to ask them to reconsider using bollard lights for the parking lot, suggesting high street light types instead. This would result in better lighting, with fewer total lights. The Board said they felt the decision should be made by the Committee not by the Board of Selectmen.

Green Communities Grant Assistance Program: Sandy said the town can apply for a grant to provide planning assistance to towns trying to qualify for green communities grant funding. Dianne asked if the Energy Committee thought the town should apply. Sandy said he couldn't predict if the town would wish to apply for grant money, but they might. He noted the criteria to qualify was quite stringent so he felt it was a political decision. Richard noted that most of the criteria would fall within the responsibility of the Planning Board and would be difficult to complete in one year. Sandy said the State seemed to be okay with the town making the attempt to meet the criteria. Skipper said because the application deadline was so short he thought we should apply, we can always withdraw later.

S. Manter motioned to apply for the Green Communities Planning Assistance Program and to send information to the Planning Board. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Event Permit: Marsha Wynsryg said she wished to sell African Crafts at the Grange every other Tuesday to raise money for orphans in Zambia. Skipper noted he was concerned about the expansion of non-conforming use at the Grange.

S. Manter motioned to approve the African Crafts sale every other Tuesday at the Grange. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Taxi Rates: Dianne said she had looked at the rates charged by the three companies in town and used those to determine a proposed fare schedule. Skipper said he thought the vomit charge should be removed; it was the cost of doing business if you drive a cab. The Board asked Jen to add the phrase "No increase in fares during overnight runs" and "excessive luggage not more than \$10 per fare". Skipper said that during the regulation discussion the town should consider limiting the number of fares a taxi can carry thus limiting the number of stops. Ernie suggested refusing to license companies unless they use meters.

R. Knabel motioned to adopt the fares as modified effective August 1, 2009. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

School Repairs: Dianne said Richard Scanlan, Peter Marzbanian and Bob Lane had met at the school to look at the damage to the windows. Scanlan requested the shop drawings and Bob Lane will be in the process of going out to bid. Richard said we need to establish responsibility, Dianne said that may be difficult 14 years later.