

**Approved 12/23/09**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 9, 2009, 4:10 p.m. – 4:55 p.m.**

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

**Guests:** Prudy Burt, Maria McFarland, Ginny Jones, S. Silk, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey

**Minutes:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 11/4/09, S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & SM in favor, DP abstained.*

*S. Manter motioned to approve the minutes of 11/18/09, R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Access to Council:** *S. Manter motioned to authorize the Conservation Commission access to council for clarification of the definition of new construction relative to the Wetlands Regulations. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Shellfish License Suspension:** Jen said the Shellfish Committee had met on Saturday and voted to suspend Devan Greene's license for one week for fishing over time. Skipper asked if Devan knew that the BOS had to ratify this vote, Jen said she didn't think so because the Committee didn't know on Saturday. Skipper asked that the notice that was sent to Devan offer him an appeals process with the BOS.

*R. Knabel motioned to suspend Devan Greene's license for one week. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Shellfish Limits:** *S. Manter voted to authorize a change to the commercial shellfish limit from "one heaping orange basket" to "two legal limit totes struck level". R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Shellfish Guest Regulation:** *R. Knabel motioned to approve the Shellfish Committees regulation to allow guests on the fishing boats provided they do not handle the fishing gear. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Commercial Shellfish Permits:** *S. Manter motioned to approve commercial shellfish licenses for Even Hammond, Lily Finnigan-Allen and Angela Jones. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Mill Pond Committee Appt.:** *S. Manter motioned to appoint Rez Williams to the Mill Pond Committee. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Noise Bylaw:** Nicholas Puner submitted a letter asking the Selectmen to strengthen the noise bylaw. He said the bylaw is basically a permit to make noise from 6:30 – 10:00 and as a result allows properties to have continuous and constant noise during the day when people would like to be outside enjoying their property. Skipper noted he wasn't sure the current bylaw could be amended versus creating a new one. Mr. Puner will draft a bylaw for the BOS to review, either they will sponsor and put on the warrant of Mr. Puner has the option of submitting by petition.