

Approved 2/3/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING

Wednesday, January 13, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 4:54 p.m.

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

Guests: Prudy Burt, Ginny Jones, Glenn Hearn, Tucker Hubbell, Karen Corriveau, Joan Ames, Dan Rossi, Chief Toomey, Brian Cioffi, B. Potts, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey

NStar Public Hearing: Karen Corriveau said that NStar planned to swap out wires on Indian Hill and the new wire was heavier so three new midspan poles were needed.

S. Manter motioned to close the public hearing. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

S. Manter motioned to approve the request for three new poles on South Indian Hill road as shown on plan #748. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & DP in favor, SM abstained.

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 12/30/09, S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

The Board had a moment of silence for Catherine DeVito.

Chief Toomey Retirement: The Board read a letter from Chief Toomey indicating she was planning to retire in the spring. She said she would assist the Board in making the transition as smooth as possible. The Board accepted her retirement letter with regret. Dianne said she would work with the Chief on the details.

Snow Budget: *S. Manter motioned to overspend the snow budget. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

250 State Rd./RRK Involvement: The Board read a letter from town council indicating he sat on the board of the bank which holds the mortgage on 250 State Rd. He has been asked for a legal opinion from the Planning Board and wanted a letter from the Board that they saw no conflict. Skipper said he was completely certain that Ron's integrity would not be an issue but he was concerned with all the drama associated with the affordable housing project lately that there is absolutely no question of conflict. Richard concurred with that sentiment; Dianne said she had no problem with Ron working for the town in this capacity.

R. Knabel motioned to ask Ron to recuse himself on this project. S. Manter seconded the vote. The vote on the motion was SM & RK in favor DP opposed.

DAS: Richard gave the Board an update about DAS. He said that ATC doesn't think they need ZBA approval, which the ZBA is seeking a legal opinion on. The only thing under the BOS' control is if they participate in the contract. Tucker said that one opinion was that some of the poles would fall under ZBA jurisdiction, some under Mass highway and some under the BOS, he said it would be interesting to find out if the BOS can cede their jurisdiction to the ZBA so all poles are heard together. Ginny noted that the airport receives a payment monthly for the cell tower on their property.