

Approved 3/10/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, February 24, 2010, 4:30 p.m. - 5:27 p.m.

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

Guests: Kent Healey, Prody Burt, Erik Hamrnarlund, E. Mendenhall, J. Hickey, B. Potts, S. Silk

Minutes: *R Knabel motioned to approve the minutes if 2 /3/10. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Mill Pond Hydrology: Kent gave the Board information about the hydrology of the Mill Pond. He explained that the Mill Brook comes under Scotchman's Bridge Lane and splits, with about 10% of the flow being diverted through a canal to the Parsonage Pond and the rest down to the Mill Pond. It then goes out of the Mill Pond with some going to the Fire Pond and some to Tisbury Great Pond.

NStar Temporary Overhead Line: NStar asked for permission to install an overhead line for 90 days at pole 2/66S on State Road for repeater service. Ernie noted the town bylaw that does not allow new overhead lines. The Board said they felt that implied permanent lines.

R Knabel motioned to authorize NStar to install an overhead line at pole 2/665 for 90 days. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Access to Counsel: Ernie said he had missed a deadline for following up on Trip Barnes Certificate of Occupancy and as a result the case had been dismissed. He said he would be in court again to try and get the ruling overturned but if it was not he would need Counsel's assistance because he would have to start the process again.

S. Manter motioned to authorize the Building Inspector access to counsel R Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Building Inspection Article: Jen said she had gotten a quote from a company that has done inspections here on the island for Island Elderly Housing. The quote had a price with and without the school included. With the school the total was a little over \$18,000. The difference was only about \$3,000 as there were economies of scale if the school was included. She felt it for the difference in price the school should be included. There also was an add-on of a computer database which was an additional \$10,000 but would allow for planning and tracking of maintenance.

S. Manter motioned to ask for \$28,500 at town meeting for building inspections and a database to track the needed work. R Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

WTPD Feasibility Study: The Board discussed whether they should advertise for this committee now, as there was a lot of work to do and they should get started as soon as possible. Richard said it should wait until there is a new chief, the building won't be built for at least 4 years so there was no hurry. Skipper said it will take time to gather the information and look at what has been done. Dianne noted that the Capital Improvement Committee had been asking for 2 years for this committee to be appointed, she thought that the new chief could be given the information and start

participating upon their appointment. Richard said he thought Skipper should recuse himself because he was on the Police Department. Both Skipper and Dianne disagreed as the conversation was about a building and did not impact Skipper personally in any way. They decided to determine committee size later.

S. Manter motioned to proceed with advertising for the Police Department Building Study Committee. D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was SM & DP in favor RK against.

THRC Resignation and Committee Size Reduction: R Knabel motioned to accept Bruce McNelly's letter of resignation with thanks for his work. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

R Knabel motioned to reduce the size of the Committee to 5 members. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

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