

Approved 4/7/10
TOWN OF WEST TISBURY
SELECTMENS MEETING
Wednesday, March 24, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

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

Guests: Ray Gale, John Hoy, Mal Jones, Maria McFarland, Prudy Burt, Cindy Mitchell, Dan Rossi, Janet Bank, E. Mendenhall, B & B Day, S. Silk

The Board had a moment of silence for Tom Osmer

Minutes: *R. Knabel motioned to approve the minutes of 3/03/10. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

Acting Chief Pay Rate: *R. Knabel motioned to pay Sargeant Rossi at the rate associated with the same step one grade higher until the end of the fiscal year. (Grade 10 step 8 to Grade 11 step 8). D. Powers seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & DP in favor SM abstained.*

Shellfish Commercial Season: The Board heard a request from Ray Gale & the shellfish committee to open the commercial season from 3/29/10 – 4/28/10. Mal Jones expressed concerns that the pond is overfished and there should not be a season until the oysters come back. Johnny Hoy said he thought maybe there should be a “sanctuary” area of 4 acres or so where no fishing was allowed. Ray Gale said the fishermen were really counting on this fishing season. The Board asked the Committee to consider the concerns about overfishing as they move forward but felt it would not be overly detrimental to open the season for 5 weeks.

Jen told the Board she had spoken to Ray and he and Mal were prepared to act as the wardens through the upcoming season. She said she did not plan to advertise for the Warden until the regulations review was done as that may affect the position. She added she thought it would take some time to fill the position. Richard asked if the position should have a higher stipend. Skipper said not necessarily. Jen will advertise to fill the spot vacated by Ken Francis.

S. Manter motioned to open the commercial shellfishing season from 3/29/10-4/28/10 with all other rules regarding limits and times remaining unchanged. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Conservation Commission: Prudy Burt asked the Board to authorize a transfer of funds from the Wetlands Protection Fund to a separate fund to cover the additional expenses of the Consultant used to help the Board review the large revetment project on Tisbury Great Pond. The Board asked what amount the ConComm was asking to transfer. Prudy said she wasn't sure how much they would need, could they set a not to exceed of \$500? She noted they might be back for access to Counsel should the decision be appealed.

R. Knabel motioned to authorize the Conservation Commission to transfer \$500 from the Wetlands Protection Fund to a separate fund to cover consultant fees. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.

Vineyard Artisan's Festival: *S. Manter motioned to approve the Artisan's Festival from Memorial Day through the Holiday show in December. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was DP & RK in favor, SM abstained.*

Whole Health Alliance (MVWHA): *R. Knabel motioned to approve the MVWHA wellness festival on 5/1/10 from 1-4pm at the Grange. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

B. Stone Vacation Carry-over: *S. Manter motioned to authorize Bruce Stone to carry over 140 hours of vacation time. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*