

**Approved 6/16/10**  
**TOWN OF WEST TISBURY**  
**SELECTMENS MEETING**  
**Wednesday, June 2, 2010, 4:30 p.m. – 6:12 p.m.**

**Present:** Selectmen Richard Knabel, Skipper Manter, Cindy Mitchell, Jen Rand

**Guests:** Al DeVito, Bob Wasserman, Norm Perry, Brian Smith, Glenn Hearn, Andrew Nanaa, Hasty Runner, Joe Gervais, Brian Athearn, David Merry, Prudy Burt, Maria McFarland, Pierce Kiby, J. Hickey, B&B Day, S. Silk, B. Potts

**Minutes:** *C. Mitchell motioned to approve the minutes of 5/19/10. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**MVC Appointments:** The Board spoke with Brian Smith and Joe Gervais regarding their interest in the MVC. Brian said he had four children ranging in age from 2 months to 20 years and he would like them to experience the island the way we do now. He said he has worked with the VTA in the past and is on the Personnel Board and wishes to stay there. Joe said he was a business owner with experience in front of the MVC. He said he would like to see the MVC be more committed to jobs creation. Both candidates said they were familiar with the Island Plan. The Board took the appointment under advisement for a week.

**Police Chief Search Committee Charge:** Richard drafted a charge for the Committee as follows:

- 1) Advertise for qualified candidates indicating a strong internal candidate.
- 2) Establish criteria for screening process.
- 3) Screen applications and interview strongest candidates.
- 4) Recommend three strongest candidates to BOS.
- 5) Complete work by September 15, 2010.

*C. Mitchell motioned to approve as written. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK and CM in favor, SM abstained.*

**Police Chief Search Committee:** Skipper abstained from the discussion. The Board interviewed the 9 individuals who had submitted letters of interest for this committee.

Bob Wasserman said he conducted Police Chief searches for a living. He was on the committee that selected Beth Toomey. He said he thought there should be a public forum to hear from citizens what they would like in a chief.

Glenn Hearn said he had been through the hiring process in town for the Accountant and Executive Secretary and thought it went well. He has time to commit to the process. He said he had no preconceived notions as to who the candidate should be, but thought Beth Toomey set a good example.

Hasty Runner said she wanted to participate because she hadn't done anything for the town in a while. She has no preconceived notions for who the person should be. She felt the qualities the new chief should be thoughtful, experienced, even handed, approachable, have good leadership skills. She said she doesn't have experience doing this, but runs a business and knows how to work with the public.

Brian Athearn said he felt the new chief should be like George Manter, he said he cares deeply about the town and wanted to be part of such an important decision. The qualities they should possess are someone that can keep the town safe, responsible, good leader, calm and assertive.

Norm Perry said he has plenty of experience in hiring, in CT his was elected Police Commissioner, where he then had to hire a chief. He said they used an “assessment center” process where the chief was asked to “play a role” in a few different situations they might encounter. He said he also was an Airport Commissioner, and in that role had to hire a manager and assistant. He felt the new chief should show leadership, integrity, knowledge and he had no preconceived notions of who should get the job.

Pierce Kirby said he had never been involved in a town committee. He agreed with Brian Athearn that the chief should be just like George Manter, they should be committed to service and getting to know people in town he felt there was both a subjective and objective piece to the job. He said the objective is a person who understands the job, and the subjective is a person geared toward understanding the people in town.

David Merry said he had no preconceived notion of who should get the job, he agreed there should be a public forum to hear what the people want in the new chief.

Al DeVito said he felt the schedule was ambitious and it needed someone who understood the difference between small and large organizations. He has experience with the hiring process, he has the time and energy and he has no prejudice for who should get the job. He felt both Chiefs Manter and Toomey did a good job for the town. He felt Beth set a good example working well with others and was fiscally restrained.

Jennifer Gardener said she had been asked to submit a letter of interest. She said she was a parent of teenagers, and an EMT she found Chief Toomey to be very accessible, and thought that was important as well as being kind, helpful and professional. She was not predisposed to anyone getting the job.

Most when asked felt the committee should be either five or seven members.

**Nelson 61A/61B:** *S. Manter motioned to sign a document stating the sale of the Nelson property on Littlefield way didn't trigger the Town's right of first refusal. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Conservation Commission Access to Counsel:** Prudy Burt said they had raised the possibility of an appeal when the ConComm had been in to speak to the BOS about the revetment case. They now understood the case would be appeals, but they had not yet been served. Maria had spoken to Ron, who will not act on the case, but will refer it to another attorney, but he did say the Town did not need to take any action until the appeal had been served. Maria said she had gathered all the information the lawyer would need once the case moves forward. There is no way to predict the cost.

*S. Manter motioned to authorize access to counsel. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Open Cape:** Jen said she had been to a meeting hosted by Open Cape to talk about their proposed project with microwave transmitters for internet in West Tisbury. She said she could only speak to the practical side of the conversation as the technical was better explained by someone else, perhaps Kathy Logue or Bruce Stone who were also at the meeting. The group is a non-profit who plans to locate two transmitters, one at the WT School and one on the fire tower in the forest. The one on the tower would replace the WHOI antennae there now, and the one on the school would be quite small and unable to be seen from the ground. The school was chosen because it was identified as a

shelter site, not because it is a school. The internet will not be free, as the federal government, who provided the grant, would not allow it to be free, but it will be delivered at a reduced cost. The sites were chosen with no input from the town, representatives from Open Cape said they had solicited input from all the towns and the school but had heard nothing back. Jen said if the town got a letter it either went to the wrong person, or was not written in a way to make it clear a response or input was requested. She said she does not remember any such communication. Jen will ask Bruce or Kathy to come in and explain the technical aspects of what they are doing.

**LCB Parking:** The Parks and Rec Committee met with Dan Rossi and said they are comfortable with the proposed changes to parking at LCB. It will include four new parking spots and the addition of some parking signs.

*C. Mitchell motioned to approve the parking plan at Lambert's Cove beach. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was RK & CM in favor, SM abstained.*

**Committee Appointments:** Jen provided a list of individuals who wished to be reappointed to their respective committees. (list is attached to minutes) She said she still had some people left that she had not yet been able to reach.

*S. Manter motioned to appoint the individuals on the list for the terms listed with the exception of the Police Department appointee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

*C. Mitchell motioned to appoint Garrison Viera to the Police Department for a three year term. R. Knabel seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor SM abstained.*

### **Police Station Site & Planning Committee Charge:**

#### **Charge to the Police Department Site & Planning Committee**

- 1) Review and expand upon the Space Needs Committee report on PD needs with a planning window of 20 years. Update if necessary. Recommend space requirements to the BOS.
- 2) Review possible sites for an updated/new police station including:
  - a. existing site/
  - b. Public Safety Building site
  - c. other sites
- 3) Recommend a site to the BOS
- 4) Provide progress Reports regularly to the BOS
- 5) Conduct public meetings as necessary
- 6) Work with consultants as necessary
- 7) Committee work to be complete by December 31, 2010

*S. Manter motioned to approve the charge to the WTPD Site & Planning Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**Shellfish Committee Size & Appointments:** Jen said the Shellfish Committee had met and discussed the three people interested in being appointed to the committee. They said that they would be happy to increase the size of the committee to seven, and if the BOS didn't want to do that then

any of the three would be good choices. Cindy said she would be okay with increasing the size to seven. Skipper said he would like to keep it at five, as that is the committee size he prefers and he is worried about their ability to consistently get a quorum.

*C. Mitchell motioned to increase the size of the Shellfish Committee to seven. S. Manter seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was CM & RK in favor, SM opposed.*

*S. Manter motioned to appoint Ginny Jones, John Hoy and David Merry to the Shellfish Committee. C. Mitchell seconded the motion. The vote on the motion was unanimous in favor.*

**STM Warrant:** Jen said she had spoke to Pat Gregory about the warrant. Michael will speak to the first two articles about the disposal of the Bailey Park lots for affordable housing, Cindy will speak to the article about the new position, Richard or Jen will speak about the Affordable Housing Trust bylaw, and Kathy will speak about OPEB. Skipper said he would vote against the article for the new position. He said he is in favor of the position, but not the funding mechanism. He didn't like budgeting to begin a person at step 8, and he didn't think a STM was the place to raise more tax dollars for a non-emergency.

**Mill Pond RFP:** Cindy asked that the Mill Pond Committee be asked to come to the BOS to discuss their RFP prior to it being advertised. Jen said she would ask them, she had not been operating on the assumption they needed the BOS's sign off on the RFP as they had been given permission to move forward. Richard said the BOS should sign off on all RFP's. Skipper issued a reminder that anyone working on drafting this RFP could not then be hired to do any of the work.